

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Alderman Esposito called the January 14, 2020, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00P.M.

City Attorney Ramello stated in the absence of the Mayor it would be appropriate for one of the Alderman to make a motion to appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting.

**Motion to appoint Alderman Esposito as the temporary chairman of tonight's meeting was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Vlach.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Council members were in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach

Absent: Rada and Mayor Ragucci

Also, in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator M. Sarallo, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Esposito led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019

**Motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Greco.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach**

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**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Bruce Almeroth disagreed with the Council's recent action to change the ordinance to remove the required construction signs in the residential district and retain the required construction signs in the business district. Almeroth indicated this action was backwards because the City should still require construction signs in the residential district so that contractors do not start construction on houses at 6:30AM in the morning.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: January 14, 2020 In The Amount Of \$971,346.92
2. Treasurer's Report: November 2019.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report: November 2019.
4. Approval of Payout Number One (1): Cerniglia Co. -2021 Midwest Road Water Main Extension Project In The Amount of \$151,249.92.
5. Approval of Payout Number Two (2): Cerniglia Co. - 2021 Midwest Road Water Main Extension Project In The Amount of \$45,964.62.
6. Approval of Payout Number One (1) And Final: Cerniglia Co. - LaQuinta Redevelopment Water Main Extension In The Amount Of \$195,209.07.
7. Ordinance No. 19-64: An Ordinance Granting An Amendment To The Final Planned Unit Development Approved In Ordinance Nos. 19-4 And 19-8 (Amending Phase Two And Phase Three), Granting Exceptions From the Requirements Of The Zoning Ordinance, And Approving Amended Phase Two and Phase Three Redevelopment Plans For 18W072 – 18W100 22<sup>nd</sup> Street In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for January 14, 2020 was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**IX. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR RAGUCCI**

None.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Presentation Of The Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

City Administrator Marrero referenced the final fiscal year 2019 audit included in the agenda packet for tonight's meeting. Kim Marshall, of BKD, thanked the Council for their continued business and said she will be highlighting the audit's key areas. Marshall noted it is great the City continues to meet the Government Finance Officers Association criteria for the Certificate of the Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. BKD issued a clean unmodified opinion which is the best opinion an entity can receive. The City complied with the new GASB 75 requirement for Other Post-Employment Benefits. Even though the City allows retirees to retain the City's insurance at their own expense, it still impacts the City's overall costs and rates. The actuary calculated the City's GASB 75 long term liability at \$949,754. The Management Discussion and Analysis details the changes in revenue streams and expenses that occurred during the fiscal year.

The City ended fiscal year 2019 with a total net position of \$27,220,468, reflecting an increase of \$3,740,637 from the prior year. The fund balance of the General Fund increased by \$1,244,543 from the prior year due to higher traffic enforcement fines. The fund balance for the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2019 was \$10,106,550 of which \$9,786,309 was unassigned and unrestricted. The City's funded portion of the police pension liability improved from 49.22% in fiscal year 2015 to 52.74% for fiscal year 2019. Alderman Esposito said the City finances are going well. Alderman Greco indicated the report was well put together and provides a good understanding of the City's financials. Alderman Barbari said great job on the audit.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

2. Letter of Recommendation, 17W621-631 Roosevelt Road-Monument Sign.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted the commercial retail property owner, Gus Danos, at the southwest corner of Roosevelt Road and Summit Avenue requested a

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variation from the Zoning Ordinance to allow a monument sign for the purpose of advertising tenants. The total area of the existing wall signs previously approved is 428 square feet and the proposed monument sign totals 133 square feet. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted in favor of the request with the condition that the monument sign be installed in front of the building three (3) feet from the property line along Roosevelt Road instead of the southwest corner. George Kourafas, the property owner's representative, stated there have been numerous concerns from tenants because their customers do not see the businesses located here. Kourafas indicated the proposed monument sign will cost about \$18,000 and will mirror the other Danos property management signs located along Midwest Road. Kourafas said the proposed sign is worth it because they do not want the tenants to miss out on business and he would like to help his tenants as much as possible.

Alderman Greco noted Gus Danos does a fantastic job with all their properties and Alderman Greco is proud to have them in the City. However, Alderman Greco feels this property is already over-signed. Alderman Greco asked what direction the sign will actually be facing. Kourafas replied the sign will be set back three (3) feet and face east-west for customers traveling along Roosevelt Road. Alderman Barbari indicated the sign should have been added 13 years ago. Alderman Esposito said he understands Alderman Greco's concerns because this is a busy intersection. Alderman Esposito noted this is a beautiful property and there is a lot of signage at the site with the previously approved variance.

Alderman Greco requested this be placed as a separate item on the next agenda. The Council concurred to place this item on the next agenda as a separate item.

3. Request to Renew Service Contract With Villa Park Library.

City Administrator Marrero referenced the proposed rider to renew the service contract with the Villa Park Library included in the agenda packet. City Administrator Marrero noted the City's fee for single family library cards will remain at \$52, while the multi-family charge will be \$43. Kandice Krettler, Deputy Director of the Villa Park Library, distributed photos of the remodeled Villa Park Library. Krettler stated the building project was completed this past fall and offers more space for quiet reading, computer usage, and study areas. The remodeling building also has new areas designated for early literacy, youth, tweens, and teens. A new larger program room was added that can accommodate up to 120 people.

Krettler updated the Council on the Villa Park library's outreach efforts in Oakbrook Terrace. Krettler noted there are currently 230 Oakbrook Terrace resident library cards. Krettler thanked the City Council for the opportunity to discuss the Library's activities. Alderman Greco said the Villa Park Library does a great job with all their events. Alderman Vlach said the library did a beautiful job with remodeling project. Alderman Esposito thanked Krettler for her presentation and said he really like the new library.

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The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

4. An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019, and Ending April 30, 2020.

City Administrator Marrero referenced the budget amendment included in the agenda packet for the new Choice Hotel water main extension. City Administrator Marrero said the cost for the new water main is estimated at about \$230,210. City Administrator Marrero noted the water main extension was not included in the original budget and the now the budget needs to be amended to account for this.

Alderman Vlach asked if the City will be able to add any other area businesses to the City's water system with this new water main. City Administrator Marrero replied she will discuss this with Public Services Director Ward and get back to the Council on this. City Administrator Marrero added it would seem sensible that other customers in the area could be added to the City's water system with this new main. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said currently the water main only services the hotel, with the possibility to add other properties in the future.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Greco asked if the Public Services staff will be restoring snow plow damage to the right-of-way areas this spring. City Administrator Marrero replied every year staff restores right-of-way areas damaged by the City's snow plowing efforts.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO**

City Administrator Marrero said the City did not order as many audit books as in the past and that all Council members are welcome to retain their books. Marrero said if you do not plan on keeping the audit book, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it to City Hall when you are done. City Administrator Marrero noted the fiscal year 2019 audit report is located on the City's website as well.

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**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Vlach at 7:39PM.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary