

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ragucci called the August 27, 2019, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Council members were in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Absent: None

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**

The Mayor 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 August 13, 2019

**Motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Esposito.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Sandy Johnson asked for consideration for the installation a solar panel speed sign along Karban. Johnson expressed concern for pedestrian safety along her street with all the speeders. Resident Edie Pajak expressed her concern about the deplorable residential home on Summit Avenue that is in disrepair. Pajak said this house does not provide a good first impression for visitors to Oakbrook Terrace. Pajak asked if anything is being done about this property. Mayor Ragucci said unfortunately this property is not within the City's jurisdiction.

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Mayor Ragucci said Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan is working with DuPage County on this and the City can look into purchasing this property. Mayor Ragucci said it is up DuPage County to enforce these issues.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: August 27, 2019 In The Amount Of \$202,834.70.
2. Treasurer's Report July 2019
3. Personnel & Payroll Report July 2019
4. Ordinance No. 19-42: An Ordinance Granting A Variation From The Requirements Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For 1S224 Summit Avenue (CMK2 Oakbrook 224, LLC/Loyola Medicine) In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 19-43: An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, As Amended, To Increase The Permissible Number Of Video Gaming Terminals Per Location.
6. Ordinance No. 19-44: An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois (Supplement No. 31)
7. Resolution No. 19-13: A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. For Fireworks Displays For The City's 2020-2022 Fourth Of July Celebrations.
8. Appointment Of Dave Clark To The Position Of Deputy Chief.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 27, 2019 was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Rada.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach  
Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

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

None.

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

**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, Rada, and Vlach  
Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**X. MAYOR RAGUCCI**

Mayor Ragucci thanked the Public Services Water staff for repairing a water main break on Sunday, August 25, 2019. Mayor Ragucci said Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) will be performing a traffic study to address the residential traffic concerns discussed at the last meeting. CBBEL will be placing traffic counters at various intersections throughout the subdivision. Mayor Ragucci said the Council is working on some options to alleviate the cut-through traffic. Once the traffic study is complete, the Council will review options to reduce traffic concerns.

Mayor Ragucci said the Macy's Furniture Store on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street will be demolished and 10 restaurants will be located here, which will increase cut-through traffic. Public Services Director Craig Ward recommended making MacArthur one way out and only allowing residents to enter into the subdivision. Mayor Ragucci said if the traffic gets really bad another possible worst case scenario solution would be to berm-off MacArthur and close it to traffic in its entirety. Mayor Ragucci suggested the City take small steps first to reduce the traffic concerns.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Letter Of Recommendation – 1S551 Marshall Road.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated the homeowner at 1S551 Marshall Road is expanding and improving the existing house and garage. A public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the applicant's request for a variation from the Zoning Ordinance to permit a canopy to extend five (5) feet into the required front yard instead of the allowable four (4) feet, and to permit a front stoop with a roof and columns to encroach in the required front yard. The proposed front entrance makes the house look more elegant and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted in favor of this request. The petitioner, Stan Lane, said he has been living at the property for the last five (5) and asked for the Council's support for the proposed improvements. Mayor Ragucci said he supported the variations and said this will be a beautiful remodel. The Council shared their support for the proposed variations.

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

2. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Financial Report.

City Administrator Marrero stated General Fund revenues for FY 2019 were up 16% over last year. Traffic enforcement fines and sales taxes increased significantly, while hotel taxes decreased about 3%. General Fund expenses were up 12% over the prior year, mainly attributable to personnel costs. The FY 2019 General Fund surplus is estimated at almost \$3 million. Since the City has been so prosperous especially coming out of FY 2019, Mayor Ragucci would like to give back to the community. City Administrator Marrero said there may be a Ring Doorbell incentive that Police Chief Calvello is

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currently working on. City Administrator Marrero said staff is looking for some direction from the City Council as to how we can give back to the community.

Alderman Greco said he supports anything that we can do to give back to the community. Alderman Esposito suggested dispersing an annual lump sum to residents. Alderman Barbari suggested placing more empty squad cars throughout the streets at night. Alderman Vlach favored a rebate program based upon the resident's home value. Alderman Rada inquired if the City could pay-off outstanding debt. City Administrator Marrero said the FY 2020 budget includes paying down some of the City's bonds, but with that said, there are still excess reserves that could be used for this program. Mayor Ragucci expects the City's revenues to continue grow to in the coming years with sports betting taxes and possibly marijuana sales taxes. Mayor Ragucci said the City's reserves are in good shape.

Mayor Ragucci suggested one option to give back would be to possibly issue gift cards (for retailers located within the City) to residents with a value of \$100 - \$150. Mayor Ragucci said this program would be a win-win because the City's retailers would benefit as well. Mayor Ragucci estimated the cost of this program would be around \$40,000 to \$60,000. Mayor Ragucci also suggested that maybe the City could pay for the installation of the Ring doorbell for all residential homes and the annual subscription fee. Alderman Greco suggested the City paying the basic cable charges for all residents or holding an annual Movie Night in the Park event. Alderman Przychodni inquired how renters could benefit from this program. Mayor Ragucci said this is something the City can look into. Alderman Esposito said the Village of Rosemont hosts weekly concerts in their entertainment district and the Village of Addison hosts the Rockin Wheels event with live music and local vendors providing food and beverages. Resident Shanahan suggested waiving the building permit fee for residents as a way to encourage development.

Alderman Greco said the gift card program is a great idea and said the City could try it for a while and see how it works. Alderman Greco inquired as to how the credit card program would be implemented. Mayor Ragucci responded similar to the residential security rebate program where residents would need to complete the application and provide proof of residency. Alderman Greco said he would like to see a formal draft of this program. Mayor Ragucci thanked staff for putting together the year-end financial report. Mayor Ragucci said the City is doing great.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Esposito expressed concern about the loose recycling materials ending up on residential lawns on windy days. Alderman Esposito suggested that residents could possibly use a liner in the recycling container. Alderman Esposito echoed resident Johnson's earlier traffic concerns and commended the Police Chief and the officers for their efforts at reducing speeders. Alderman Esposito said the Police Department have stepped up their game with pulling countless cars over, and now people are paying attention to the speed limit. Alderman Greco said the Police Department's efforts are working and added we should keep it going.

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Alderman Vlach said prior to Home Depot being located in Oakbrook Terrace, staff would purchase supplies from Schroeder's Ace Hardware. Alderman Vlach recommended purchasing goods from Home Depot because they are less expensive. City Administrator Marrero said she will inform Public Services Director Ward of this. Alderman Rada said being new to government, he inquired if the City should consider public relations to reverse some of the negative perceptions of government. Mayor Ragucci said we will try and hopefully this new program will help.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO**

City Administrator Marrero said the City is hiring a professional photographer for new City Council photos and for new City-wide photos for the updated website. The Council photos will take place at an upcoming meeting. Alderman Esposito said this was a great idea.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Esposito.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Vlach at 7:55PM.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary