

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ragucci called the August 13, 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, Police Chief C. Calvello, 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 July 23, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: August 13, 2019 In The Amount Of \$148,861.08.

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Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 13, 2019 was made by Alderman Esposito 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 Greco.

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

Mayor Ragucci said newly hired Police Officer Michael Bulava started this week. Mayor Ragucci stated Officer Bulava is a nice addition to the Police Department and comes to the City with 10 years of prior experience.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Letter Of Recommendation – 1S224 Summit Avenue (Loyola Medicine).

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a request at 1S224 Summit Avenue to approve a variation to allow a monument sign totaling 197 square feet, instead of the allowable 180 square feet. The proposed monument sign will match the size of the monument sign at 1S260 Summit Avenue. However, the proposed monument sign at 1S224 Summit will include signage for building tenants that are not part of Loyola. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

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

2. Discussion On Subdivision Safety.

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Mayor Ragucci stated there are safety concerns with the way people are driving and there are many new families with young children now living in the subdivision. Mayor Ragucci said the speed signs and police monitoring is good, but is not enough. Mayor Ragucci said as long as he is the Mayor we need to do something. Alderman Barbari suggested the use of speed bumps throughout the subdivision. Alderman Esposito said he agrees with the Mayor's concerns and sees motorists not following the stop signs. Alderman Esposito said he is not in favor of speed bumps. Alderman Esposito suggested starting with the police officers issuing warnings and then writing tickets for repeated offenders. Alderman Vlach agreed with Alderman Esposito's suggestion. Alderman Vlach also stated that he was not in favor of sidewalks. Alderman Greco said he agrees with the Mayor's concerns. Alderman Greco said he is not a fan of sidewalks either, but would be open to them if the residents wanted them. Alderman Greco suggested that the police department ramp up issuing warnings and tickets.

Alderman Rada inquired as to how many non-residents are cutting-through the subdivision. Alderman Esposito said along MacArthur people cut-through to Costco and along Monterey and Hodges people cut through to the mall. Alderman Rada asked if the City could cut-off access to some roads. Mayor Ragucci said there are options because it is the City's subdivision and the City could cut-off access from Costco at 22nd and MacArthur. City Attorney Ramello said the City could install one way signs. City Attorney Ramello said Rosemont has a police officer dedicated to checking people in and out of this residential gated community. Mayor Ragucci said the estimated cost for a gated community would be \$262,000 per year in security costs alone. City Attorney Ramello said other options include: traffic circles or dividers to cut-off residential streets from major streets. City Attorney Ramello said there are ways to reduce access to the subdivision that are less obtrusive to residents. Mayor Ragucci suggested having Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) perform an engineering study and recommend how to reduce cut-through traffic through the subdivision. Alderman Vlach said residents should be ticketed for now following the rules of the road.

Alderman Esposito suggested a 30 day traffic study to gauge how many people are cutting-through the subdivision to get to the mall and the office buildings. Police Chief Calvello indicated people cut-through the subdivision based upon their GPS directions. Police Chief Calvello suggested only allowing left and right turns out of the subdivision at MacArthur and 22nd Street and no longer allowing vehicles to drive straight into Costco.

Mayor Ragucci said something has to be done and the first step is for CBBEL to perform a study and provide options to alleviate the traffic cutting-through the town. Police Chief Calvello said he can dedicate an officer to issue traffic citations and warnings. Mayor Ragucci said this is a good start, but still a temporary solution because officers may be pulled into other tasks. Alderman Barbari suggested parking empty squad cars throughout the subdivision overnight.

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City Administrator Marrero noted the next *Terrace Leaves* will state that police officers will be issuing traffic tickets throughout the subdivision. City Administrator Marrero said even though the Council does not appear to be in favor of sidewalks, there are grants available for when you can show that all the subdivision streets lead to a school. With this grant there would be very little cost; with the City possibly only be responsible for the engineering fees.

The Council concurred to have CBBEL perform a study and provide some options at reducing traffic throughout the subdivision.

3. State Legislation Increasing Number Of Video Gaming Terminals Per Establishment.

Mayor Ragucci noted the State now allows six (6) gaming terminals per licensed location. City Administrator Marrero said the City currently has 15 licensed gaming locations with 75 terminals. Mayor Ragucci asked how other towns are handling this change and asked if the City can authorize all the gaming establishments to have six (6) machines rather than each individually requesting an additional terminal. City Attorney Ramello said if the Council decides to allow six (6) terminals; than each business must submit an application to the Liquor Commissioner requesting an additional terminal license.

The Council concurred to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance allowing up to six (6) machines at each licensed location for the next consent agenda.

4. An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois (Supplement No. 31).

City Administrator Marrero said the supplement codifies all the new ordinances and the Municipal Code book's new supplement pages will be distributed at a later date. City Administrator Marrero noted that the City's online municipal code is updated more quickly than the supplements.

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

5. Request To Renew Contract For July 4th Fireworks Display – Melrose Pyrotechnics).

Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo indicated the City has been very happy with the firework show provided by Melrose Pyrotechnics. The current contract expired with this past July 4th. The renewal includes about a \$3,400 increase in price and a three (3) year term. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo stated there could be a possible increase in firework pricing in September due to the politics in China and Chinese firework producers been reduced by 50%. Alderman Vlach asked about a possible laser show instead. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo said Melrose does not offer laser shows and typically laser shows work very well for an indoor venue, but not outdoors. A laser show would not produce the results expected by City residents.

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Alderman Greco inquired about why the contract was not taken out-to-bid. Mayor Ragucci said other firework firms have approached the City, but you get what you pay for. Alderman Greco said he likes the fireworks provided by Melrose, and maybe renew the contract this time and in the interim review other companies that provide this service and have them provide a quote. Mayor Ragucci said given that the fireworks pricing can possibly increase again; he recommended the City contract with Melrose for the next three (3) years and research other suppliers and bid this contract-out in 2022.

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

6. Cannabis Regulation And Tax Act.

Mayor Ragucci said marijuana sales will be legal on January 1, 2020 and the City can either decide to allow marijuana sales or to not allow them. Mayor Ragucci said customers will purchase the marijuana and then leave the retail location. Alderman Greco suggested if the City were to allow marijuana sales that it only be allowed in one area where it will be safe and legal. Alderman Esposito said he was not 100% opposed, but expressed concern over the location of the sales. Alderman Przychodni suggested sales should only be conducted in a free-standing building, that is least objectionable to residents and businesses. Alderman Rada expressed concern about the location of the sales and said the zoning is critical. Alderman Vlach said he does not support allowing cannabis sales in the City. Mayor Ragucci indicated the City could receive up to 5% of the revenue which is estimated at \$5 to \$10 million per location per year, equating to about \$250,000 to \$500,000 in sales taxes.

Mayor Ragucci suggested only allowing one (1) location to sell marijuana along the Roosevelt Road to 14th Street corridor. About five (5) or six (6) free standing buildings fit this criteria. Two (2) to three (3) security officers will be working at each cannabis retail location. Mayor Ragucci said the City will vet the prospective businesses who submit a request for a license. City Attorney Ramello said the City will need to amend the Zoning Code with a limitation on location and the City Code business license regulations.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan inquired if the petitioner would be required to request a special use. City Attorney Ramello replied most communities are requiring a special use and then putting in distance restrictions, which would restrict the number of cannabis retailers in the permitted district. City Attorney Ramello said a public hearing will be needed eventually. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said an ordinance will be needed detailing guidelines on how the City will be regulating the cannabis sales. City Attorney Ramello said the City's personnel policy can still retain the zero tolerance policy for cannabis. Alderman Rada asked if an all-encompassing ordinance could be drafted so that it does not have to go through the long approval process. City Attorney Ramello responded with a conditional use, a zoning hearing would still be needed and

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then it would still need to come before the City Council to approve the ordinance granting the special use permit.

Alderman Vlach said the City does not need the revenue from this. Mayor Ragucci said he understands Alderman Vlach's concerns, but the City can regulate it and if it is not working; then the business can be shut-down.

The Council concurred to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance allowing cannabis sales based upon this evening's discussion for the next agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

The Council members welcomed Alderman Przychodni back. Alderman Przychodni said it was great to be back. Alderman Esposito asked if the home security rebate program is over. City Administrator Marrero replied yes the camera security program is over. Mayor Ragucci said other options will be discussed at the next meeting. Alderman Rada thanked Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan for helping the Berkshire subdivision on disputing a proposed development.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello said he was glad to see Alderman Przychodni back and wished him good health.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

City Administrator Marrero said she was happy to see Alderman Przychodni back.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

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None.

XVIII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion To Recess To Executive Session To Discuss The Appointment, Employment Compensation, Discipline, Performance Or Dismissal Of Employee Of The Public Body was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Rada.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Appointment, Employment Compensation, Discipline, Performance Or Dismissal Of Employees Of The Public Body.

See separate minutes.

XX. RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ragucci thanked Financial Analyst Haslett and City Administrator Marrero for compiling the year-end revenue and expense report, which summarizes the City's excellent financial position.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Przychodni at 8:29PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary