

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ragucci called the July 23, 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, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci
Absent: Przychodni

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, Code Enforcement Officer M. Collins, Housing Inspector R. Yannotti, 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 9, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Payment of City Bills: July 23, 2019 In The Amount Of \$261,928.32
2. Treasurer's Report June 2019
3. Personnel & Payroll Report June 2019
4. Ordinance No. 19-40: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152 Entitled "Stormwater Management And Flood Plain Development" Of Title XV Entitled "Land Usage" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for July 23, 2019 was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ordinance No. 19-41: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Location Licenses And the Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Entourage, LLC d/b/a Sabrina's 17W615 Butterfield Road Unit C).

Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 19-41: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Location Licenses And the Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Entourage, LLC d/b/a Sabrina's 17W615 Butterfield Road Unit C) was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Esposito.

Ayes: Barbari, Esposito, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Nays: None

Abstention: Greco and Rada

Motion passed.

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 Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Nays: None

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Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

Mayor Ragucci offered his condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Bill Cizek, who served on the Oakbrook Terrace Park District Board. Mayor Ragucci expressed concern about motorists speeding through the subdivision. At the next meeting the Council will discuss various options including sidewalks and speed bumps to help prevent accidents.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. July 4, 2019 Independence Day Celebration Report

Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo said the event would not exist without the continued support of the Mayor and Council. The Public Services Director and his staff removed the rain water from the park prior to the event so the picnic and fireworks could proceed. This is the last year for the Melrose fireworks contract and there will be a new multi-year contract presented to the Council in the coming months. There was a little less than 500 tickets received. This year's sponsorships were a slightly less than last year, but on the whole were average with prior years.

Alderman Esposito suggested making the celebration an all-day event and offering more children activities such as a jump house, balloon toss, egg toss, or relay races. Alderman Greco agreed with Alderman Esposito's suggestions to bring back more children activities and said overall it is a great event. Alderman Barbari said it was a beautiful event and asked to bring back the ducks. Alderman Vlach suggesting looking into a laser show as an alternative to the fireworks and requested that ice cream be served. Alderman Rada said staff did a great job with July 4th and also suggested more kids activities. Mayor Ragucci commended staff efforts on July 4th. Mayor Ragucci said it was a great event especially with the return of the July 4th parade. Mayor Ragucci said maybe next year the City can hire an ice cream truck and possibly work with some new vendors. Mayor Ragucci thanked all the businesses who sponsored the event. Alderman Vlach said the City should ask Home Depot for a sponsorship for the event. City Administrator Marrero said Home Depot volunteered on July 4th helping children make bird houses. Mayor Ragucci noted Home Depot will be installing some free landscaping for two (2) needy homes in the residential subdivision.

2. Code Enforcement Update

Mayor Ragucci noted the City's appearance has continued to improve due to the efforts of Code Enforcement Officer Collins and Housing Inspector Yannotti. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan referenced her memorandum included in the agenda packet and noted that Code Enforcement Officer Collins and Housing Inspector Yannotti will be

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updating the Council on the status of code enforcement inspections from May 1, 2019 to present time.

Code Enforcement Officer Collins stated the City has 44 rental housing applicants at a fee of \$250 each with almost 100% compliance. There is a new rental property that is not cooperating and a citation will be issued shortly. Since May of this year 33 certificates of occupancy have been issued for the rental program, while eight (8) homes are pending further investigation. Code Enforcement Officer Collins noted that he is currently working on driveways that need improvement along Summit Avenue and some issues with residents not keeping up with the backyards. Code Enforcement Officer Collins noted he started working on business license follow-up with businesses that have not paid their annual fees.

Alderman Esposito said Code Enforcement Officer Collins and Housing Inspector Yannotti are doing a very good job. Alderman Esposito inquired about the number of rental homes in the City. Code Enforcement Officer Collins replied the number of rental homes fluctuates from time to time because some homes were sold or were foreclosed. Alderman Esposito asked if there is anything the City can do regarding the more problematic rental homes. City Attorney Ramello said the City could place a lien on the property. Code Enforcement Officer Collins noted since the City Council approved the \$250 late fee there has been very good compliance with rental applications being submitted on-time.

Alderman Esposito expressed concern over residents leaving garbage out for the entire weekend before the early week pickup. Code Enforcement Officer Collins said he has issued tickets and requested that the owners remove the garbage from the curbside until the pickup date. Mayor Ragucci indicated sometimes Housing Inspector Yannotti performs weekend garbage inspection and issues tickets.

Alderman Greco suggested a graduated fine schedule whereby the offender initially receives a warning, then a fine, and then a higher fine. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan explained currently two (2) notices of violation are issued for the first and second time, then the third time a citation is issued and the owner is required to pay a fine. In some cases the property owners do not cooperate so based upon how much is owed, the City places a lien on the property. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said this year a \$5,200 lien was placed on a property that did not cooperate. Alderman Greco suggested revoking the rental license. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said staff is working on this but it is not that easy. Code Enforcement Officer Collins has worked with the DuPage Housing Authority. Code Enforcement Officer Collins said the City has a couple of courses including writing tickets every day and then the property can be liened after 45 days. Another option is to take the property owner to court. City Attorney Ramello said a complaint can be filed in the DuPage Circuit Court where you can request an injunction or that the premises be vacated. Alderman Greco suggested the

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City start this process with one (1) or two (2) cases. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted the legal fees would need to be absorbed by the City.

Housing Inspector Yannotti said he conducted 172 home inspections and from this 17 warnings were issued for minor violations including: peeling paint, address numbers, and inoperable vehicles. Of the warnings issued 6 residents have complied and 11 are pending follow-up. Housing Inspector Yannotti expected full compliance on all the warnings. Housing Inspector Yannotti noted the City's houses are in great shape compared to other communities.

Alderman Barbari said Code Enforcement Officer Collins and Housing Inspector Yannotti are doing a great job. Alderman Rada indicated that the Berkshire subdivision really appreciates the City's efforts with the rental housing program. Resident Bob Shanahan suggested bringing back the beautification program where residents and businesses are recognized for the exterior appearance.

3. A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Public Utility Easement Purchase Agreement And A Plat of Easement At 2021 Midwest Road By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Ragucci indicated the City has been working on this public utility easement for a while. Mayor Ragucci asked that the agreement be approved during the reconvened meeting. The Council concurred to approve the resolution during the reconvened meeting.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Esposito said he looks forward to the next meeting's discussion of options to curtail speeding in the subdivision. Alderman Esposito expressed disappointment that people do not follow traffic signs. Alderman Esposito said the City must do something. Alderman Greco asked that non-monetary contributions be added to the July 4th donation listing. Alderman Rada inquired about the temporary sign in front of Brooks Kitchen and Tap advertising video gaming. Mayor Ragucci said with new businesses the City gives them 60 days, but it is past this timeframe so the City will request the sign be removed.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO

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None.

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, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 19-12: A Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of Easements And The Execution Of A Public Utility Easement Purchase Agreement, Public Utility Easement Agreement And A Plat Of Easement By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion To Approve Resolution No. 19-12: A Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of Easements And The Execution Of A Public Utility Easement Purchase Agreement, Public Utility Easement Agreement And A Plat Of Easement By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Greco at 7:47PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary