

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ragucci called the July 24, 2018, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen were in attendance:

Present: Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Absent: Esposito

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

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 10, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as amended was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Greco.

Alderman Ayes: Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach

Alderman Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 24, 2018 In The Amount Of \$166,601.97.
2. Treasurer's Report June 2018.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report June 2018.
4. Resolution No. 18-16: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Salt Creek School District 48 For Access To Security Camera's.
5. Ordinance No. 18-31: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace. (Brooks OBT, Inc – Brooks Kitchen And Tap).

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda for July 24, 2018 as presented was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Swartz.

**Alderman Ayes: Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach
Alderman 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 Thomas.

**Alderman Ayes: Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach
Alderman Nays: None**

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

Mayor Ragucci invited everyone to attend the ribbon cutting at Office Depot on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 3P.M.

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XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Presentation By The Hotel Commission.

Don Hill, of the Hilton Hotel properties and Chair of the Hotel Commission, updated the Council on the 2018 Quarter Two (2) performance for the City’s hotels. Hill reported the following comparative statistics for the period of January through June.

Current Month Comparisons June 2018 vs June 2017					
Occupancy			Revenue Per Available Room		
2018	2017	% Change	2018	2017	% Change
85.4	88.1	-2.7	100.17	102.94	-2.77

Year-to-Date Comparisons June 2018 vs June 2017					
Occupancy			Revenue Per Available Room		
2018	2017	% Change	2018	2017	% Change
72.1	72.2	-0.1	75.04	74.68	0.36

The City’s 2018 year-to-date occupancy of 72.1% was the highest in all of DuPage County. McCormick Place will be hosting a large trade show after Labor Day which is a large demand generator for the area. The lobby at the Comfort Suites was recently renovated.

2. Renewal Of The Hotel Commission Marketing Agreement With The DuPage Convention And Visitor’s Bureau (DCVB).

Hill discussed the upcoming budget for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. Hill noted the Salvation Army week will be a big part of next year’s activities. Staybridge will participate in the Salvation Army week this upcoming year and possibly some restaurants as well. There has been some discussion regarding offering a trolley service during the holiday season with transport between the City’s hotels and Oak Brook Center. The proposed budget targets those time periods from November through the end of February when the hotels need to attract more business.

Alderman Swartz asked for clarification regarding the proposed trolley and if the City’s hotels would benefit from this at other times during the year. Hill responded the trolley line item is for \$12,200 and might come in slightly lower. Hill said they are hoping to offer trolley rides on Friday and Saturday beginning at the end of November through Christmas. Hill said he will discuss possibly extending the trolley service with the Hotel Commission. Alderman Swartz asked if the Hotel Commission would be better served by offering free transportation to Chicago rather than purchasing gift cards for Oak Brook Center. Hill said he will bring this up for discussion at the next Hotel

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Commission meeting and report back to the Council. Alderman Greco suggested the trolley service could work with the local restaurants as well. Alderman Przychodni asked if the weekend after Christmas would be good for the trolley service. Hill replied this is something that the Hotel Commission could look into because the hotels need more business that weekend as well.

Alderman Vlach asked about the status of the La Quinta Hotel. Mayor Ragucci indicated there is movement on the property but nothing to report. Alderman Greco asked who puts together the budget. Hill responded the Hotel Commission compiles the budget and participation levels have increased. Alderman Greco asked if the DCVB gives the Hotel Commission receipts of when invoices are paid. Hill replied no and there should be a report detailing actual monthly expenses and this could be put into motion. Alderman Greco said he would like to see further progress on better clearer reporting. Hill said he would like to include expense reporting information during his quarterly reports. Alderman Greco said he would like to see the City's hotels advertised for free on the billboard. Mayor Ragucci said the City's hotels can advertise collectively for free on the billboard, but not individually. City Attorney Ramello said community sponsored events could be advertised on the billboard. Mayor Ragucci said Alderman Esposito informed him that he supports the marketing program with the DCVB.

Mayor Ragucci said Don Hill does a great job for the City. Mayor Ragucci said the City is benefiting from the \$100,000 marketing contribution when comparing all the taxes brought in by the hotels. The Council concurred to place this item on the next consent agenda.

3. Discussion Of Adopting A Crime-Free Rental Housing Ordinance.

Mayor Ragucci said it may be time to take a look at the crime-free rental housing ordinance because it provides one more tool for residential and multi-family property owners to maintain their properties. Mayor Ragucci said it would give the City more leverage than just inspections. City Attorney Rich Ramello indicated some of the customary provisions included in the crime free ordinance are lease requirements so if a tenant is involved in the commission of a crime, then the lease is breached and the landlord can evict the tenant. Also the City could provide a training program educating landlords about criminal warning signs. The ordinance could also include nuisance provisions so action can be taken in order to abate the criminal activity.

Alderman Greco said this is a phenomenal proposal and he supports it. Alderman Vlach asked if there would be additional training needed for City staff or additional fees required. Ramello replied staff would need to become knowledgeable about the crime free housing ordinance and the rental dwellings licensing fee could be reviewed. Alderman Swartz and Alderman Vlach supported this proposal. Mayor Ragucci said he supports the program and said Alderman Esposito supports this as well. The Council concurred to have staff draft a sample crime free housing ordinance and bring it before

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the Council for further discussion.

4. July 4, 2018 Independence Day Celebration Report.

Deputy Clerk Downer said new for this year was the second band to fill in the gap before the main band starts. Also there were new table tents detailing all the July 4th sponsors. Alderman Swartz said these were perfect. Deputy Clerk Downer said there have been some issues with the ice cream melting over the past couple of years. Alderman Swartz said he would like to see City Clerk's Shadley's band appear again. Alderman Thomas expressed disappointment more residents do not show up and that only about 512 residents out of the 2,100 attended. Alderman Thomas asked about how many people attend the fireworks. Mayor Ragucci estimated about 2,500.

Alderman Greco suggested more kid friendly activities at the next year's July 4th. Alderman Greco added maybe at some point the City could give \$18,000 to the Lions Club to take care of catering the event. Alderman Greco said the Lions Club may not be willing to take this on yet, but this is how it was done years ago. Alderman Greco requested that the sponsorship letter mailed to local businesses be emailed to him. Alderman Swartz said better attendance levels may be reached if you start the picnic at 4PM instead of 3PM. Deputy Clerk Downer said the picnic in the past began at 1PM. Ragucci said it is something the City can look into. Mayor Ragucci said Deputy Clerk Downer did a great job coordinating the event.

Resident Bruce Almeroth said staff works extremely hard on July 4th and the event is always flawless for residents every year. Resident Bob Shanahan said the Lions Club used the Oakbrook Terrace Park District's concession trailer, which was a nice fundraiser. Shanahan asked if the leftover ice cream could be used for an ice cream social hosted by the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society on the same night as National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Ragucci said this would be fine and asked Shanahan to coordinate with Deputy Clerk Downer.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Swartz commented in reviewing the June 2018 Treasurer's Report he noticed that \$283,000 was received in the Traffic Light Enforcement bank account. Alderman Swartz said in the past we talked about doing something for the community with these funds. Mayor Ragucci said this plan is in the works for next year.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

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None.

XV. ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR SARALLO

None.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Alderman Ayes: Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, and Vlach

Alderman Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz at 8:23PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett
Recording Secretary