

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the May 23, 2017, 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: Esposito, Greco, Swartz, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, Assistant to the Mayor and City Administrator M. Sarallo, 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 May 9, 2017.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Greco.

Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: May 23, 2017 In The Amount Of \$82,018.70.
2. Treasurer's Report April 2017.

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3. Personnel & Payroll Report April 2017.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda for May 23, 2017 as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz.

**Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Swartz, Thomas, 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 Thomas and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

**Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

1. Reappointment Of Jan (Jon) Donoval To The Planning & Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire On June 1, 2020.
2. Reappointment Of John Valle To The Police Commission For A Term To Expire On June 1, 2020.
3. Reappointment Of James Kleinow To The Police Pension For A Term To Expire June 1, 2019.
4. Appointment Of Steve Caslin To The Planning & Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire On June 1, 2020.
5. Appointment Of Peggy L. Walberg To The Planning & Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire On June 1, 2020.
6. Appointment Of Robert Przychodni To The City Council Ward 3 For A Term To Expire On April 30, 2021.

Mayor Ragucci stated these appointments will be placed on the next consent and if the Council had any questions please contact him. Mayor Ragucci thanked Arnold Noble and Paul Smurawski for serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Letter Of Recommendation – One & Two Mid America Plaza.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated the applicant is seeking approval for an amendment to the PUD and an amendment to ordinances amending the PUD to allow for the proposed exterior improvements to the property. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said the applicant is also requesting approval for exceptions to the previously approved PUD to permit variations from the Zoning ordinance for signage and parking.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan explained the proposed signage requires variations from the sign ordinance for the parking area sign displays from an allowable 9 feet to 14 feet. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan added the petitioner is also requesting two (2) monument signs to be situated three (3) feet from the property line, instead of the ten (10) feet currently required. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted the petitioner is requesting approval to permit ten (10) free standing signs instead of three (3).

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan said the applicant is also requesting the parking dimensions to remain as existing and the drive aisle be 19 feet instead of the minimum 22 feet. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended in favor of this request.

Kelly Curtis, Vice President of Equus Capital Partners displayed some renderings of the proposed improvements at Mid America Plaza. Curtis indicated Mid America was built back in 1985 and many of the current signage ordinances did not exist when the building was constructed. Curtis said with the redevelopment; her firm wants to ensure the PUD aligns up to the City's ordinances and in cases where the PUD does not align, then an explanation is provided.

Curtis indicated the request for the three (3) feet minimum on the two (2) monument signs is because if they were placed at the ten (10) feet required, motorists would not be able to see the signs. Curtis noted there are several landscaping upgrades to enhance the property and an outdoor seating area will be added. Curtis said there will be a new sign to allow more identification along Route 83 indicating Mid America Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace. Curtis commented this sign will be in conformance with the City's sign ordinance. Curtis noted new stainless steel entryways will also be added.

Mayor Ragucci asked if there will still be room for a fire lane. Curtis replied yes that the improvements will not interfere with the fire lane. Curtis reported that

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one of the requested signs will be attached to the light pole and direct people to the parking garage. Curtis said none of Ditka's signage will change. Mayor Ragucci said when the new signage goes in make sure they state Oakbrook Terrace. Curtis replied that is the plan is and it also helps from an identification standpoint. Alderman Greco said he loves bringing the landscaping forward and he is really welcoming this feature, which will be an improvement. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

2. An Ordinance To Decrease The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses In The City (Post Time Catering).

Mayor Ragucci said when the Hawthorne Off-Track Betting facility initially opened up, the owner took out a license and then he sublet the restaurant, so now this Class "A" license needs to be removed. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Esposito recommended with all the rain recently experienced, that the end of the driveways and aprons be surveyed for standing water. Mayor Ragucci said this is something we can look into. Alderman Greco said the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department participated in the "Cop on the Top" fundraiser last Friday. Alderman Greco congratulated the Police Department on raising thousands of dollars for a great charity.

Alderman Thomas asked how the City monitors the speed on the speed trailer. Mayor Ragucci replied the trailer monitors the speed at the time. Mayor Ragucci said the unit is an older trailer and would need to be upgraded to record the vehicle speeds. Mayor Ragucci stated this is something we can look into. Mayor Ragucci said the speed trailer serves as a deterrent and will be placed around town every two (2) weeks.

Alderman Vlach said the City-wide Garage Sale will take place the second week in June and asked that the Police Department be reminded of this event in order to monitor the area. Mayor Ragucci indicated the Garage Sale information will be placed on the digital sign. Alderman Swartz said he recently learned that his library card has reciprocal lending privileges with other nearby libraries. Alderman Swartz stated he is very happy with this additional service.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

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None.

XV. ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR & CITY ADMINISTRATOR SARALLO

None.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Esposito at 7:18PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett
Recording Secretary