

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the February 23, 2016, 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, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci  
Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, Assistant to the Mayor and 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 February 9, 2016.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Greco.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: February 23, 2016 In The Amount Of \$85,922.72

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2. Treasurer's Report January 2016.
3. Personnel Report January 2016.
4. Ordinance No. 16-10: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Publication Of A Revised Official Zoning District Map For the City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda for February 23, 2016 as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Thomas.**

**Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, 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 Esposito and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR RAGUCCI**

None.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Presentation By The DuPage Convention And Visitor's Bureau (DCVB) And The Hotel Commission.

Don Hill, Chair of the City's Hotel Commission, discussed the 2015 hotel occupancy data. Hill reported that the 2015 occupancy percentage was the highest since 2007 at 70.6% which compared to 65.5% for DuPage County. Hill noted that the 2015 revenue per available room (revpar) was the highest since 2009 at \$71.52 compared to \$65.26 for DuPage County. Hill also indicated that occupancy increased by 4.3% over 2014, while revpar increased 7.4% over 2014.

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Hill noted the City's seven (7) hotels experienced record growth two (2) years in a row. Hill said the Triple AAA advertising revenue was flat compared to 2014. Hill added the Triple AAA business was replaced with higher room rates paid by the business traveler. Hill provided an example of the new banners that will replace the existing banners throughout the City. Esposito asked how the Commission's social media is going as well the agreement with Interfuse. Hill replied the Commission did not make the progress on this initiative and he will report back to the Council.

Beth Marchetti, DCVB Executive Director, stated all the area hotels are hurting this year because conventions were planned in other locations due to the Olympics being potentially held in Chicago this summer. Marchetti said the City's hotels are doing better than the entire Chicagoland area for the month of January 2016.

Marchetti said the DCVB does social media for the hotels and is looking for more engagement with the followers and having the hotels being responsible for posting photos. Marchetti will discuss social media at the Hotel Commission meeting tomorrow. Marchetti said the DCVB tripled the amount of business year to date for Oakbrook Terrace hotels. Marchetti said the DCVB is engaging in a Trip Advisor program; whereby the DCVB paid for Trip Advisor pages for all participating cities. Marchetti explained the City will have its own page on Trip Advisor which will have strong links for internet search optimization.

2. An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses (Hawthorne Race Course Inc d/b/a Post Time Catering).

Jeff Kras, the Chief Financial Officer for the Hawthorne Race Track, addressed the Council about his company's plans to remodel the Off-Track Betting Facility on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Kras indicated a lot of changes as well as consolidation in the industry have taken place. Kras noted his company owns six (6) other Off-Track Betting facilities within Illinois. Kras said significant plans are underway to provide a major facelift for the facility.

Kras said technology and audio visual enhancements will be take place as well as more modern type amenities. Kras said Hawthorne is hopeful to take possession of the facility within the next couple of days. Hawthorne said his request before the Council tonight is the first step before he obtains state licensing. Kras said he hopes to start the renovations next week if possible.

Vlach asked about the remodeling plans. Kras responded the initial renovations will take place on the north side of the building. Kras said there will be a complete complexion change to the facility in terms of layout and technology.

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Vlach asked how long the renovation will take place. Kras replied about two (2) weeks and the work will be performed by their own in-house staff.

The Council concurred to approve this during the reconvened meeting. Ragucci welcomed Kras and Hawthorne Race Track to the City.

3. Renewal Of Health/Dental/Life

Marrero said staff recommends the renewal of the current health insurance plan in place. Marrero noted Assurance, the City's broker, provided alternative insurance carriers with lower premiums, but these included coverage that was significantly different from the current plan. Marrero reported the City's insurance plan will increase by approximately 11.4% or \$68,000 over the current year. Marrero said the increase was based upon the five (5) large claims experienced over the past year. Marrero noted another reason why staff recommends staying with the current plan is because changing would require re-opening the police union contract and increase attorney and other fees. Marrero noted staff is comfortable and satisfied with the high deductible health savings account plan in place.

Marrero said through bundling dental, life, and vision insurance through Principal, the City's current dental premiums will decrease by about 5%.

4. An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class "A" Liquor Licenses (Jay Ambe Liquors Inc d/b/a Garden Arcade).

Ragucci said the proposed liquor license is for the video gaming café discussed at the last meeting. Greco said he believes the video gaming market is getting oversaturated in the City and for this reason he will vote against this.

The Council concurred to place this on the next agenda as a separate item off the consent.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Esposito said Specialty Café approached him about generating more businesses at the restaurant. Esposito said he will work with Marrero on this project. Vlach asked why Specialty's is not open on Saturdays. Esposito replied weekend closures are part of Specialty's corporate culture for their employees.

Greco asked if Kurt Hurst could provide quarterly updates on the status of the Oakbrook Terrace Square Shopping Center. Ragucci said he will try and have Hurst at a meeting next month.

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Vlach asked about the status of any IMET reimbursements. Marrero replied the City recovered approximately \$6,000 to date. Swartz said Berkshire recently held its homeowner's association meeting and many improvements are planned in the subdivision including: exterior repainting, new roofing, and all new fencing. Swartz also thanked the Mayor for attending the Berkshire homeowner's association meeting.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO**

Marrero said the proposed FY 2017 budget was distributed this evening and budget meetings are planned for Wednesday, March 9 at 6PM and Wednesday, March 16 at 6PM. Marrero asked the Council to get back to her if these meeting dates will work.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 16-11: 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. (Hawthorne Race Course d/b/a Post Time Catering).

**Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 16-11: 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**

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**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. (Hawthorne Race Course d/b/a Post Time Catering) was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Esposito.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz at 7:45PM.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett  
Recording Secretary