

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Esposito called the August 11, 2020, 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, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito

Absent: Przychodni

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Mayor Esposito 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 28, 2020

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Vlach.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Bob Shanahan said the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is now listed under the discoverdupage.com website along other historical museums in DuPage County.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: August 11, 2020 In The Amount Of \$110,600.61

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2. Ordinance No. 20-30: An Ordinance Amending The Subchapter Entitled “Alcoholic Liquor Control” Of Chapter 111 Entitled “Food And Beverages” Of Title XI Entitled “Business Regulations” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, As Amended.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 11, 2020 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Ordinance No. 20-29: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156 Entitled “The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace” Of Title XV Entitled “Land Usage” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, (Multiple Text Amendments).

Acting Mayor Esposito noted there was an oversight from the last Council meeting and the Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan recommended amending Section 3 paragraph 4 pertaining to the requirements for an eight (8) foot fence. Acting Mayor Esposito noted this section states, “After August 2020, a solid fence or wall eight (8) feet in height shall be required for all newly constructed buildings, for all buildings constructing an addition.” Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan recommends the following language be added, “and for all existing buildings when a new business occupies such building or a portion thereof.” Acting Mayor Esposito explained when a new business comes in for example to JRC Plaza, the business will be required to upgrade from six (6) feet to eight (8) feet, which would could possibly cause different fencing heights. Alderman Greco asked for further clarification on this. Acting Mayor Esposito explained existing businesses will be grandfathered and new businesses will be removed from this and will not be required to upgrade to an eight (8) foot fence. Alderman Greco said he would like to require businesses to upgrade to an eight (8) feet fence, when the fence undergoes a major repair or replacement. Alderman Greco recommended at a minimum if a business removes a fence they must comply with the new eight (8) feet fence.

The Council decided to table this ordinance until the next meeting.

**Motion to table Ordinance 20-29: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156 Entitled “The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace” Of Title XV Entitled “Land Usage “Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, (Multiple Text Amendments) was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.**

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

**Nays: None**

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**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 Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**X. ACTING MAYOR ESPOSITO**

Acting Mayor Esposito indicated about 74 homes are still without power due the storm last night. ComEd is servicing the area and expects to have power back on by Saturday, August 15, 2020. The Oakbrook Terrace Eats vouchers were distributed to about 208 households on August 4, 2020. Some residents still need to pick up their vouchers. Acting Mayor Esposito noted the program was very well received. The City is in Phase 4.5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The City's Census participation rate is about 54.3%. Census participation rates in Ward Three (3) remain low and a letter will be distributed to Versailles residents reminding them to complete the 2020 census. Acting Mayor Esposito noted with the recent civil unrest, the Police Department is on watch.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Presentation From The Hotel Commission.

Don Hill, of the Hilton properties and Chair of the Hotel Commission, thanked the City Council for their continued support. Hill discussed how the hotels are coping during this COVID-19 pandemic. Hill noted the hotels are experiencing reduced staffing levels. Alderman Rada asked if any hotels closed during the pandemic. Hill replied only two (2) hotels in DuPage County, namely the Hilton Garden Inn in Oakbrook Terrace and the Westin in Lombard, have not reopened yet. Hill reported the second quarter hotel statistics through June 2020 as detailed below.

Hotel Category	Percentage Change from June 2019
Occupancy	-67.0%
Average Daily Rate	-28.1%
Revenue Per Available Room	-76.3%

Hill stated it will be difficult to forecast hotel business over the coming months. However, Hill noted the Hotel Commission will be planning for the next 12 months so they are prepared for when the tourism industry recovers. Hill indicated the Frida Kahlo exhibit at

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the College of DuPage was postponed until next year. This will be a very positive event for the City's hotels.

Hill plans on getting the Hotel Commission back as a team next week to discuss future challenges and make plans that have a positive impact on travel in 2021. Hill noted significant funds were not spent last year because the Frida Kahlo exhibit was canceled. Hill requested consideration from the City Council to carry-over some of the unspent funds from the last fiscal year into the new fiscal year. Hill noted the Hotel Commission will not be wasteful with the spending. Hill said he hopes to report back to the City Council with a plan based upon the Hotel Commission recommendations.

Acting Mayor Esposito said he wants the hotels to succeed and added that he appreciates everything Hill does for the City. Acting Mayor Esposito noted these are challenging times for the City as well. Alderman Greco expressed concern over spending money on hotel marketing such as Triple AAA right now. Alderman Greco suggested slowing down a little bit and saving money for the following year. Hill agreed Triple AAA members may not be the audience right now and he probably will not be doing anything with Triple AAA until the end of 2020. Acting Mayor Esposito asked if \$100,000 is spent on marketing will it turn the tourism industry around because people are afraid to travel. Acting Mayor Esposito asked Hill to put his best effort forward in his upcoming proposal to the City.

2. An Ordinance For An Intergovernmental Agreement COVID-19 Reimbursement Program With DuPage County.

City Administrator Marrero noted the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). Through this Act, DuPage County received about \$161 million in federal funds. DuPage County will be sharing \$43 million of the CARES Act funding with DuPage County municipalities on a per-capita-basis. The proposed intergovernmental agreement provides reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The City may receive about \$51.84 per capita for a total of \$150,000 based upon on an approximate population of 2,900. The City's reimbursement request will be based on Treasury guidelines. DuPage County hired a third party to review all the municipal reimbursement requests to ensure compliance with the Treasury guidance. Alderman Greco asked if he could review the City's COVID-19 related expenses that will be submitted to DuPage County.

The Council concurred to approve this during the reconvened meeting.

3. Salaries Of Officers And Employees.

Acting Mayor Esposito referenced the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet with a proposed change under City Code Section 32.004 paragraph (A) (2) stating that "should the Mayor serve as Liquor Commissioner, the Mayor shall receive additionally a salary of \$10,000 annually." Acting Mayor Esposito explained all the existing mayors whether they

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were full-time or part-time, they were still in charge of the liquor commission. Alderman Greco asked why this was being brought forward. Acting Mayor Esposito replied because the way the ordinance is written now, it is only for a full-time Mayor.

Alderman Barbari asked if the \$11,000 salary was for a part-time or full-time mayor. Acting Mayor Esposito noted it is \$10,000 for the liquor commissioner. Alderman Barbari noted the mayor's salary will be part-time from now on. Discussion ensued regarding a full-time or part-time mayor. City Attorney Ramello clarified the mayor's salary will be a flat \$11,000. Alderman Greco said he thought we were only changing the liquor commissioner. City Attorney Ramello explained the change is for both. Acting Mayor Esposito said the current ordinance includes \$11,000 salary for a part-time mayor. Alderman Barbari asked if a future mayor's full-time salary will be \$11,000 or \$60,000. City Attorney Ramello replied \$11,000.

Alderman Greco asked if every time there is a new mayor if the Council has to vote on the salary. City Attorney Ramello replied the Mayor's salary cannot be changed during the current term, it can only be changed for the next election cycle. Alderman Greco asked why this on the agenda. City Attorney Ramello replied because the City is contemplating not having a full-time mayor in the future. Alderman Greco said he has not contemplated this. Alderman Rada and Alderman Barbari indicated they have contemplated not having a full-time mayor in the future. Alderman Rada said the City has a wonderful staff and the Mayor should serve as the CEO. Alderman Barbari said for a population of 2,900 you do not need a full-time mayor and there are larger cities with part-time mayors. Alderman Vlach noted the former mayor recommended the change to a full-time mayor and added the preceding mayor to that was part-time.

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

4. Forbearance Agreement-Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.

Acting Mayor Esposito referenced proposed Ordinance No. 20-32, Forbearance Agreement with Hawthorne Race Course, included in the agenda packet. City Attorney Ramello said sports wagering will shortly come to Oakbrook Terrace at the Off-Track Betting facility. The City's current Zoning Code only allows for off-track betting at the facility. Hawthorne felt more comfortable with proceeding with sports wagering if the Zoning Ordinance was amended to allow sports wagering. Hawthorne will need to apply for an amendment to the Zoning Code for a special use to allow sports wagering. Hawthorne would like to offer sports wagering on August 18, 2020. City Attorney Ramello explained the forbearance agreement gives Hawthorne 90 days to hold their public hearing and receive City Council approval without delaying them until they receive actual approval.

The Council concurred to approve this during the reconvened meeting.

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**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada thanked Acting Mayor Esposito for doing an exemplary job during trying times. Alderman Rada said he along with Berkshire Homeowners Association President Mary Fitzgerald delivered the restaurant vouchers to Berkshire residents. The vouchers were very appreciated by residents. Alderman Rada commented the recently published budget video was brilliant. Alderman Vlach updated the Council on how the coronavirus vaccines will be rolled out. Alderman Vlach recommended Home Depot receive a due amount of police protection with the recent thefts at the store. Alderman Barbari thanked the City for the restaurant vouchers. Alderman Greco echoed Alderman Rada's comments and commended Acting Mayor Esposito for his efforts. Alderman Greco said last year, the City offered the student banner design program, but suggested that since schools will be remote this year, maybe students could design something electronically.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO**

None.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to recess to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.**

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

**Nays: None**

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**Motion passed.**

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Closed Session Pursuant To Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.

*See separate minutes.*

**XIX. 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, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 20-31: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The City And The County Of DuPage For Participation In The DuPage County Local Government COVID-19 Reimbursement Program.

**Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 20-31: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The City And The County Of DuPage For Participation In The DuPage County Local Government COVID-19 Reimbursement Program was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

2. Ordinance No. 20-32: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Forbearance Agreement By And Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.

**Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 20-32: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Forbearance Agreement By And Between The City Of Oakbrook**

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**Terrace And Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach at 8:47PM.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary