

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Esposito called the December 8, 2020, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 4:00P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Council members were in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito

Absent: None

Also, in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Assistant to the Mayor and City Administrator M. Sarallo, Public Services Director C. Ward, and Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, and City Attorney M. Holmes.

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 November 24, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: December 8, 2020 In The Amount Of \$450,151.05
2. Ordinance No. 20-47: An Ordinance Authorization the Issuance Of A Purchase Order To Currie Motors For Three Police Interceptor For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
3. Ordinance No. 20-48: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020, And Ending April 30, 2021, For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
4. Ordinance No. 20-49: An Ordinance To Provide An Economic Incentive For Business Retention Of Video Gaming In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for December 8, 2020 was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, 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 Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

X. ACTING MAYOR ESPOSITO

Acting Mayor Esposito updated the Council on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in DuPage County, which is planned for mid to late December. DuPage County is estimated to receive about 50,000 vaccines that will prioritized to health care personnel, long term care residents and staff, essential first responders, high risk patients, and then 65 and over. Acting Mayor Esposito noted there was a great turnout for the Santa parade on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Acting Mayor Esposito thanked staff for coordinating this event. The Tuesday, December 22, 2020 City Council meeting has been canceled and City Hall will be closed on December 24, December 25, and on January 1 for the holidays. Acting Mayor Esposito wished everyone a

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Acting Mayor Esposito thanked the City Council, administration, and all the first responders including Public Services for their efforts this year.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Acting Mayor Esposito referenced proposed Ordinance No. 20-50 included in the agenda packet. It is proposed that the State of Emergency be extended until February 23, 2021. Alderman Greco opposed extending the State of Emergency. The remaining Alderman concurred to approve this during the reconvened meeting.

2. Letter of Recommendation-17W240 22nd Street.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 6, 2020. The petitioner requested to amend the previously approved landscaping plan for the property located at 17W240 22nd Street. The original landscaping plan was approved back in 1988, which included a fence variation between residential and commercial uses.

The neighboring property owner at 1S727 MacArthur Drive expressed concern with the newly proposed landscape plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission asked the applicant to revise the plan with more dense and effective landscaping and the public hearing was continued. Another public hearing was held on November 17, 2020 and the petitioner presented a revised landscape plan, which included the removal of all existing landscaping. The Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the revised landscape plan presented at the November 17, 2020 meeting. The owner is considering selling the property and due to weather conditions, the landscaping cannot be installed until April 2021. Since the petitioner will not be able to complete the work prior to the sale of the property, the approval of the landscaping plan is conditional upon the petitioner posting the required bonds to guarantee completion of the landscaping work in accordance with the City's ordinances. Accordingly, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a performance bond or a letter of credit. Per the City Code the bond or letter of credit shall be posted in an amount equivalent to one and one-half times the estimated cost of completion of the exterior site work.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this revised landscaping plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission also recommended the City Attorney include in the ordinance a bond equivalent to one and one-half times the estimated cost of completion of the exterior site work in the event the property is sold before the new landscaping is installed. Steve Abdallah, the property owner's representative, stated the owner hired Green T Landscaping to perform the work and introduced Jason Chapnan, the landscape designer. The existing landscaping will be removed, and new evergreen and deciduous trees will be planted.

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Acting Mayor Esposito summarized the discussions and noted the new landscaping looks much better. The building at this location has been vacant for several years. There is now landscaping coverage along MacArthur for the residents that face the property. The landscaping completion plan is April 2021. If the building is sold prior to this date, the plan is extended for the new owners to complete.

Alderman Greco inquired about the bond. Acting Mayor Esposito noted there will be a bond or a letter of credit in the amount of \$80,000. City Attorney Holmes explained a letter of credit can be drawn without legal claim if the work is not performed, whereas with a bond you have to make a demand on the person prior to drawing on the bond. Alderman Greco inquired what happens if the landscaping is not completed by April 2021. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan replied the City can use the bond and hire a landscaper to perform the work. Alderman Rada asked who determines if the property owner is in default. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan replied this determination would be based upon code enforcement.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

3. Review of Various Property Tax Abatement Ordinances.

City Administrator Marrero referenced the proposed property tax abatement ordinances. City Administrator Marrero explained the City abates these bonds to prevent DuPage County from collecting property taxes on these outstanding issues. These bonds are paid from other revenue sources. These abatements are presented annually.

The Council concurred to approve these during the reconvened meeting.

4. Review of the Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance.

City Administrator Marrero stated the proposed property tax levy in the amount of \$1,051,890 was prepared in accordance with the determination discussions held at the November 10, 2020 meeting.

The Council concurred to approve this during the reconvened meeting.

5. 2020-2021 Bulk Rock Salt Contract.

Public Services Director Ward noted the recent bid was \$45.48 per ton of salt compared to prior year price of \$94.63, resulting in a savings of \$20,000. Public Services Director Ward noted the City has salt reserves ready for early snow falls.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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The Council members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderman Beckwith said he heard a lot of positive feedback from residents about the Santa parade and thanked staff for coordinating the event. Discussion ensued regarding the audio issues with today's zoom meeting.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY M. HOLMES

City Attorney Holmes wished everyone Happy Holidays.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

City Clerk Shadley wished everyone Happy Holidays.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero wished everyone Happy Holidays.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 20-50: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak.

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 20-50: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Rada.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: Greco**

Motion passed.

2. Ordinance No. 20-51 An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$3,695,000 Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

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Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 20-51 An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$3,695,000 Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

3. Ordinance No. 20-52: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$2,810,000 Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 20-52: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$2,810,000 Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

4. Ordinance No. 20-53: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$1,100,000 Of General Obligation Taxable Business District Bonds, Series 2012B, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 20-53: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2020 To Pay Debt Service On \$1,100,000 Of General Obligation Taxable Business District Bonds, Series 2012B, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Rada.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

5. Ordinance No. 20-54: An Ordinance For The Levying, Assessment And Collection Of Taxes In The Amount Of \$1,051,890 For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 And Ending April 30, 2021 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, DuPage County, Illinois.

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 20-54: An Ordinance For The Levying, Assessment And Collection Of Taxes In The Amount Of \$1,051,890 For The Fiscal

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Year Beginning May 1, 2020 And Ending April 30, 2021 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, DuPage County, Illinois was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada 5PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,
Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary

