

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Esposito called the February 9, 2021, 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, Beckwith, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito

Absent: Przychodni

Also, in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Assistant to the Mayor and City 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 January 26, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, 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: February 9, 2021 In The Amount Of \$144,051.41.
2. Approval of An Extension For A Monument Sign Located At 17W621-17W631 Roosevelt Road (Comar Properties) Until January 2022.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for February 9, 2021 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, 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 Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

X. ACTING MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Reminder: Fiscal Year 22 Budget Meetings At 6:00 PM On Wednesday March 3rd, 2021 And Wednesday March 10th, 2021.
2. The City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.
3. Acting Mayor Esposito thanked the Public Services staff for their snow removal efforts. Acting Mayor Esposito noted the City received many compliments from residents regarding the excellent condition of City streets after the recent snow events.
4. Acting Mayor Esposito updated the Council on the DuPage County Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination distribution efforts. Acting Mayor Esposito encouraged everyone to log onto to the DuPage County Health Department website for the latest on the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.

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XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Comcast Franchise Agreement Extension.

Acting Mayor Esposito noted the current cable television franchise agreement expires on April 26, 2021. Comcast asked for consideration to extend the agreement for an additional ten (10) years until April 2031. City Administrator Marrero noted the proposed agreement mirrors the current agreement in place with some minor changes. The franchise agreement is strictly for cable and does not include phone or internet services. The City will continue to receive 5% of gross cable fees as a franchise fee, which equates to about \$65,000 in annual revenues.

Alderman Vlach expressed concern over the cable prices charged to customers. City Administrator Marrero noted franchise fee revenues may decrease over time as more consumers are cutting the cord and switching to streaming services. Alderman Rada inquired about the involvement of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the DuPage Mayors and Managers in this agreement. City Attorney Ramello explained about 15 years ago a new cable act was adopted that required franchise agreements to be uniform. City Attorney Ramello added that most of the municipal conferences such as the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the DuPage Mayors and Managers have committee that negotiate these agreements to make them uniform so that every municipality is under the same guidelines.

Alderman Barbari inquired if AT&T can provide similar services in the City. City Administrator Marrero replied yes and noted AT&T actually installed new infrastructure this past summer in the subdivision. Acting Mayor Esposito said this is not an exclusive franchise agreement. Alderman Rada inquired about AT&T coming over the phone lines and asked if this is a different service. City Attorney Ramello noted this is a different service and said the City of Chicago imposed a streaming tax under the amusement tax ordinance. The City of Chicago was sued over the streaming tax and won. City Attorney Ramello surmised it is possible to tax the streaming services.

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

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Beckwith indicated Public Services did a great job with the snow removal efforts. Alderman Greco suggested providing a letter to residents when they sign-up and pay for the driveway snow removal program. Alderman Greco said the letter should detail the City's guidelines for the driveway snow removal program. Acting Mayor Esposito noted that information about the snow removal program is posted on the City's social media. Acting Mayor Esposito added the Public Services staff does an excellent job plowing the driveways. Alderman Vlach commended the Public Services staff on their snow removal efforts.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY R. RAMELLO

None.

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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 Rada.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith 7:22PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,
Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary