

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Esposito called the August 10, 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: None

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 27, 2021

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, 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: August 10, 2021, In The Amount Of \$97,419.08.

**Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 10, 2021, was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Presentation of Retirement Plaque to Sergeant Martin Milas.

Mayor Esposito noted the retirement plaque presentation to Sergeant Milas was rescheduled to Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Mayor Esposito thanked the Police Department and City staff for hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Mayor Esposito thanked Detective DeMario for coordinating the event. Mayor Esposito noted this was the largest turn-out for National Night Out. Mayor Esposito said he received a lot of positive feedback about the event. Mayor Esposito thanked Alderwoman Fitzgerald and Alderman Rada for inviting him to the Berkshire social event last week.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

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1. Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 125 Entitled “Crime Free Housing/Chronic Nuisance Property” Of Title XI Entitled “Business Regulations” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Mayor Esposito said the proposed ordinance included in the agenda packet includes some amendments to the City’s Crime Free Housing Code to now include business regulations as well. Mayor Esposito noted with the recent incidents at the City’s hotels these new regulations are needed. Mayor Esposito said the proposed amendments are really about the safety of the City’s residents. Mayor Esposito noted the City is not alone in facing security issues at hotels and Schaumburg recently approved new guidelines for their hotels as well. Mayor Esposito added Villa Park and Elmhurst will be executing similar plans. Mayor Esposito said the proposed ordinance will allow the Police Department to enforce complaints of nuisance activity.

City Attorney Ramello referenced the list of crimes defined as nuisance activities in the proposed ordinance. City Attorney Ramello said if a property receives two (2) or more citations in a 12-month period, then the Chief of Police has the opportunity to meet with property owner to draft a mitigation plan. If a third violation is reported, the Chief of Police may meet with property owner again to possibly delay prosecuting violations and come up with a plan to stop these nuisances from occurring on their property. If a new plan is not drafted, the property owner could be fined \$750 per violation. These citations could be prosecuted through the City’s administrative adjudication process or through the DuPage County Circuit Court system. The City could also take steps to terminate the business license.

Alderman Fitzgerald views the Schaumburg’s guidelines as a pro-active approach rather than retrospective. Alderman Fitzgerald stated Schaumburg’s rules encourages meetings with the Police Department and the hotels on the front side so everyone is aware of the expectations. Alderman Greco inquired on how the program will be applied. City Attorney Ramello replied the current Crime Free Housing ordinance applies to rentals and the proposed amendment applies to hotels, commercial properties, and restaurants. Alderman Greco said the proposed ordinance is needed. Alderman Beckwith supports the Crime Free Housing amendment because it gives the Police Department resources. Mayor Esposito asked City Attorney Ramello how a program with preventive meetings similar to Schaumburg’s approach could be implemented. City Attorney Ramello replied Schaumburg’s guidelines would require a separate City ordinance. Alderman Vlach suggested hotel staff should operate the front desk 24 hours a day. Alderman Rada asked Chief of Police Calvello his thoughts on the proposed ordinance. Chief of Police Calvello responded the proposed amendments offer the Police Department a great tool.

The City Council concurred to place this ordinance on the next consent agenda. Mayor Esposito said staff will follow-up on preparing an ordinance similar to the Schaumburg guidelines.

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2. An Ordinance Authorizing The Disposal Of Surplus Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito referenced the proposed ordinance to dispose of the 2009 Chevy Impala. This vehicle requires extensive repairs and should be declared surplus. The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

3. Discussion Of Annexation Of The Property Known As 1S410 Summit Avenue.

Mayor Esposito referenced the zoning map included in the agenda packet and said the proposed parcel for annexation is located just south of Ascension Church. Mayor Esposito noted this parcel is currently vacant and there has been some interest from developers. Mayor Esposito said this parcel should be part of the City. Alderman Greco suggested taking a look at the City's zoning map to see if other parcels should be annexed. Alderman Greco also recommended mailing a letter to the Westland homeowners to see if any of these parcels would like to annex. Mayor Esposito said Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan can review unincorporated parcels for annexation.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Council shared their appreciation for the Police Department for hosting National Night Out. Alderman Vlach expressed concern about the condition the recently annexed home located at 1S054 Buttercup Lane. Mayor Esposito noted Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan recently spoke with the homeowner and they will be submitting engineering plans in the next two (2) weeks for improvements to the property. Mayor Esposito indicated the Code Enforcement Officer will do a site visit of the property. Alderwoman Fitzgerald thanked Mayor Esposito for attending the Berkshire subdivision social event.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

City Attorney Ramello noted the Lawrence Gress class action lawsuit was dismissed against all parties and concluded at district court level.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO**

None.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, 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 at 7:49PM.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary