

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the August 24, 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 August 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Bob Shanahan updated the Council on the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society. Shanahan noted the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society held an ice cream social on the same night as National Night Out and about 70 residents toured the Historical Society home. The exterior improvements including new siding should be completed this week. Mayor Esposito said the house looks great.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: August 24, 2021, In The Amount Of \$132,441.43.
2. Treasurer's Report July 2021.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report July 2021.
4. Ordinance No. 21-24: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 125 Entitled "Crime Free Housing/Chronic Nuisance Property" Of Title XI Entitled "Business Regulations" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 21-25: An Ordinance Authorizing The Disposal Of Surplus Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 24, 2021, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

**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 Vlach.

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito provided a COVID-19 update. The official 2020 Census results should be released in late September and the new City population is estimated at 2,751 residents up from 2,134 in 2010.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Presentation by NIU Center For Governmental Studies For A Strategic Plan & Comprehensive Update Plan For The City.

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Mayor Esposito referenced the proposal included in the agenda from Northern Illinois University (NIU) Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) for a strategic plan and comprehensive plan update. Mayor Esposito noted project consultant Mel Henrickson was unable to attend the meeting this evening. The current goals were adopted back in 2013 and this update is needed. Many communities are now preparing multi-year strategic plans that incorporate a broader process. Combining the comprehensive plan update and strategic plan update gives the City a cost-effective option. This process will be a more collective strategic plan and involve department heads, residents, and businesses. The estimated total cost for both updates is between \$32,500 and \$34,500.

City Administrator Marrero noted the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) now requires the City to have a strategic plan in place in order to fulfill the budget award criteria. City Administrator Marrero recommended the City proceed with the updates in order to keep receiving the GFOA financial awards. City Administrator Marrero noted from both a financial and administrative perspective these plans need to be updated. City Administrator Marrero said most of the goals from 2013 were achieved, which is quite an accomplishment for the City. City Administrator Marrero said it will be helpful to update both plans in tandem. City Administrator Marrero noted one of the biggest changes with the strategic plan process will be to incorporate feedback from residents, businesses, the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, and the Chamber. The process will identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Alderwoman Fitzgerald indicated she reviewed the Villa Park strategic plan, but she would like to see a more robust example. Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about the timeframe for the project. City Administrator Marrero replied the timing will depend on what the Council wants and who they want involved in the process.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda and requested a representative from NIU CGS attend the next meeting to further discuss how the strategic and comprehensive plan updates will proceed.

2. A Draft Ordinance To Approve A Certain Public Utility Easement Agreement And Approve Certain Plats Of Easement For The Installation Of A Water Main Within The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Mayor Esposito referenced the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet and provided some background regarding the agreement. In order for the new Sleep Inn Hotel to connect to the City's water system, the hotel owner granted the City a permanent easement to allow the extension of the water main. The former hotel located at this site was connected to the Village of Oak Brook's water system. The City offered an incentive to the hotel owner to connect to the City's water system. The estimated value of the incentive is \$305,000 which included the actual cost of installing the water main at \$140,000, as well as waiving the water connection and permitting fees. In order to install the water main, the City had to

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break-up a portion of the hotel parking lot. The hotel owner paid the contractor to repair the lot and the City will be reimbursing the owner for this cost at \$21,914.

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

3. A Draft Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses - Gigi’s Café, LLC, 1S055 Summit Avenue, Unit A, Oakbrook Terrace.

Mayor Esposito referenced the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet for increasing the number Class “A” liquor licenses by one (1) for Gigi’s Café located at 1S055 Summit Avenue. Mayor Esposito noted the City approved a Class “A” liquor license for the prior business, Winnie’s, at this location. The State of Illinois denied a gaming license for Winnie’s so this business never opened and the property has been vacant for about two (2) years. Recently, the City denied a gaming license for Prairie State Gaming at this location as well. Now the property owners are going to try and make a go of the business to with coffee, pastry, beer and wine only. The property owner has improved the property through repaving the parking lot and exterior tuckpointing. Alderman Rada inquired about video gaming at the site. Mayor Esposito confirmed there will be no State approved video gaming at this location.

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

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada said he recently met with the Lakeside Bank Vice President and they are very interested in working with the community. Alderman Rada said the vacant lot adjacent to the Berkshire subdivision is ready to be seeded. Mayor Esposito said Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan recently informed him the lot was fully graded. Alderman Vlach suggested eliminating the City’s electrical tax. City Administrator Marrero said the electrical tax currently subsidizes the Water Fund operations because it is not self-sufficient. Mayor Esposito said this tax has been in place since 1999 and many municipalities impose this tax. Mayor Esposito indicated he would have a different perspective with this if the Water Fund was self-funded. Alderman Beckwith invited the Council to attend the new Swartz School playground celebration and fundraiser on Friday, September 3, 2021 from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. Alderman Beckwith noted a sign at the playground recognizes the City’s donation towards the improvements. Alderman Greco said the Lion’s Club and the Historical Society is always looking for assistance and to keep this in mind when meeting with local businesses. Also, Alderman Greco challenged everyone to start brain-storming about the strategic plan now. Alderman Barbari suggested the City Hall should undergo some landscaping improvements. City Administrator Marrero noted Public Services Director Ward will be preparing a capital proposal in next year’s budget to beautify City Hall and Kreml Park.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

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None.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero said the professional photographer can attend either the Tuesday, September 28 or Tuesday, October 12 City Council meeting. The photography session will begin at 5PM and conclude prior to the meeting. City Administrator Marrero said she will email these dates to the City Council and she asked them to get back to her on their availability.

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, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion To Recess To Executive Session To Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal Of Employee's Of The Public Body was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal Of Employee's Of The Public Body.

See separate minutes.

XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 9:16PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary