

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the September 14, 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 24, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Mayor William Kallas discussed the Someone Special event hosted in the past by the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club. Kallas said he would like to see the event be hosted again. Mayor Esposito indicated the City supports this event and thanked Kallas for his comments.

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VII. SWEARING-IN OF NEW SERGEANT – JEFF BRYANT

Mayor Esposito administered the oath of office to newly promoted Sergeant Bryant. Mayor Esposito congratulated Sergeant on his well-deserved promotion.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: September 14, 2021, In The Amount Of \$159,962.87.
2. Ordinance No. 21-26: An Ordinance To Approve A Certain Public Utility Easement Agreement And To Approve Certain Plats Of Easement For The Installation Of A Water Main Within The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.
3. Ordinance No. 21-27: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter *Alcoholic Liquor Control*, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Gigi’s Café – 1S055 Summit Avenue).

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for September 14, 2021, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.

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

Motion passed.

IX. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

X. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

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

Motion passed.

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XI. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito thanked Dr. Chung, Superintendent of Salt Creek School District 45, for recognizing the City's contribution towards the new Stella May Swartz School playground at the Back-to-School Family event. Mayor Esposito also thanked Alderman Beckwith for keeping the City informed about this event. Mayor Esposito asked residents to remove valuables and keep their car doors locked.

XII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

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

Mayor Esposito referenced the proposal from the Northern Illinois University (NIU) Center for Governmental Studies for the strategic and comprehensive plan updates. Mayor Esposito introduced Mim Evans from the NIU Center for Governmental Studies and asked her to discuss the proposal and answer any questions.

Evans noted three (3) items are key to this project.

1. Coordinate the strategic and comprehensive plan updates so these documents are mutually supportive and easier to implement.
2. Both the strategic and comprehensive plan documents should be high quality stand-alone documents.
3. Prepare both plans in a cost-effective manner.

Evans went on to discuss the project scope's three (3) pillars.

1. Strong stakeholder involvement including the Council, senior staff, residents, and businesses.
2. High quality information built into the plan.
3. The drafting of innovative and useful final documents.

Evans noted what sets NIU Center for Governmental Studies apart from other consultants is that public service is part of their charter. Mayor Esposito noted the strategic and comprehensive plan updates are well past due and he looks forward to working with NIU on this.

Alderman Fitzgerald inquired about the process with the estimated eight (8) to nine (9) month timeline. Evans replied at the very beginning of the process, NIU will hold a kick-off meeting with staff. In general, the Council will hold about three (3) to four (4) meetings regarding the strategic plan over the course of several months. NIU will begin gathering information for the project. NIU will meet with businesses and residents and report their findings to the Council. NIU will be looking at the economic and demographic outlook for the City. After gathering all of this information, NIU will compile the information which

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will help determine goals and objectives. Another meeting will take place that will help to prioritize the goals and objectives and how to best implement these.

Evans noted while the strategic planning process takes place, the comprehensive plan update is moving along too. The information gathered for the strategic plan process will help with the beginning stages of the comprehensive plan. Evans noted once the goals and objectives are determined they can be shared with the Planning and Zoning Commission for the development of the comprehensive plan. Evans noted it is helpful for the goals and objectives to be finished and these will be shared with the Planning and Zoning Commission for the comprehensive plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold several meetings to review the comprehensive plan.

Alderman Fitzgerald inquired how long will the plan go until. Evans responded the Council will determine this timeframe, but typically the plan will go about 10 years out. Alderman Barbari suggested the plans incorporate a downtown type use for the east side of Summit Avenue where eight (8) parcels are currently up for sale. Alderman Greco suggested during the strategic and comprehensive plan meetings that the Council discuss items first and then discuss these items again at another meeting so all comments may be incorporated.

City Administrator Marrero noted City Attorney Ramello drafted an agreement with the NIU Center for Governmental Studies and now the City is awaiting NIU's legal review.

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

2. Approval Of FY 2023 Budget Action Calendar

City Administrator Marrero said the FY 2023 Budget Action Calendar is similar to past timelines. City Administrator Marrero noted the March 2, 2022 and March 9, 2022 budget meeting dates. City Administrator Marrero asked if the Council wished to hold two (2) budget meetings because during the last year's budget meetings the Council suggested only holding one (1) workshop. The Council concurred to hold two (2) budget meetings in March 2022. The Council also suggested having the same timeframe for both meetings.

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

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada thanked the Police Department for patrolling Meyers Road with the recent speeding complaints. Alderman Vlach suggested the next *Terrace Leaves* include pet regulations including leash requirements. Alderman Beckwith thanked the City for donating to the new park at Stella May Swartz School. Alderman Barbari said he did not like the new flooring at Dorothy Drennon Park. Alderman Barbari also suggested the asphalt contractors are leaving a mess on City streets. Alderman Barbari noted several homes do not have the address posted.

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XIV. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello confirmed the Lawrence Gress lawsuit has been officially dismissed.

XV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XVI. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

None.

XVII. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 7:58PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary