

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the January 11, 2022, 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 Mayor Esposito

Absent: Fitzgerald

Also, in attendance were City Administrator A. Marrero, Assistant to the Mayor and City Administrator M. Sarallo, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, and City Attorney J. Macholl.

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 December 14, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: January 11, 2022, In The Amount Of \$611,298.01.

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2. Ordinance No. 22-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156 Entitled “The Zoning Ordinances of the City of Oakbrook Terrace” of Title XV Entitled “Land Usage” of the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois (Multiple Text Amendments).
3. Ordinance No. 22-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 121 Entitled “Rental Dwellings” of Title XI Entitled “Business Regulations” and Chapter 156 Entitled “The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oakbrook Terrace” of Title XV Entitled “Land Usage” of the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding Short-Term Rentals.
4. Granting A Six (6) Month Extension For The Construction of a Monument Sign At 17W621 Roosevelt Road – Comar Properties

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for January 11, 2022, was made by Alderman Rada, and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito stated that the Employee Staff Appreciation dinner has been postponed due to the ongoing pandemic and the spread of Covid. Mayor Esposito thanked all the residents and staff that helped with the distribution of the luminary bags. Mayor Esposito also acknowledged the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for their assistance with the active shooter at Oak Brook Center Mall on December 23rd that led to the arrest of two (2) individuals, and for their assistance in an arrest of a stolen vehicle on December 31st where the driver lost control and crashed into Mid America Plaza. He also thanked Westmont PD, Villa Park PD, Oak Brook PD, and Elmhurst PD who also helped with the arrest. Mayor Esposito also stated he wished there was more appreciation for Law Enforcement.

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XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Letter of Recommendation – 17W433 Karban Road

Mayor Esposito referenced memorandum included in the agenda packet from Building and Zoning Administrator for a variation request on a 30-foot driveway and for a side rear brick paver patio. On January 4th a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss these variations but there was no direction or vote provided for City Council.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated that the petitioner is seeking approval for a driveway that has already been done to remain as is, and for patio encroachment in the required side and rear yards. This would allow an east side yard of 8.9 feet instead of the minimum required 10 feet for the construction of a patio. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan added that since the Public Hearing meeting, the petitioner withdrew the variation concerning the east side yards. If the City would approve this variation that could set a precedent as other homeowners may request approval for structures to be installed in the minimum required side yards. The last variation request is to permit a rear yard of 12 feet instead of the minimum required 25 feet for the construction of the patio. Building and Zoning Administrator also added that The City Council may choose to approve this variation in this rare circumstance where the rear yard abuts commercial property. If approved, the petitioner will have to apply for a permit for the patio and Stormwater Administrator approval due to installation of additional pavement on the property.

Alderman Beckwith inquired if they will be utilizing proverbial brick instead of concrete for the patio. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan answered, yes. Alderman Beckwith then asked Building and Zoning Administrator if she thinks this will cause additional flooding in the area. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan answered that she is unable to say because she has not received a permit for the patio or approval from Stormwater Administrator. Mayor Esposito added that after reviewing the photos provided, it's hard to say if they will have extra water with the 3-4 feet elevation in the rear. Alderman Greco expressed concern with the Planning and Zoning Commission not voting on this matter and suggested having a conversation with the Planning and Zoning Commission to clear the air. Mayor Esposito stated that it was a very unusual meeting, and the Council uses the Planning and Zoning Commission directionally for their input and agreed with having meetings with the members to reassure what their goals are, look at the objectives, and what their job is. Mayor Esposito added that he felt they did not do their job by not voting or making a motion. Alderman Beckwith added that he is more concerned with the system, how was the driveway poured too large, and what kind of precedence this will set for other. Alderman Barbari inquired if it was the contractor or engineer that made the mistake. Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan answered that she cannot speak for the owners but when she received the as-built drawings she discovered it.

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Property owner Nicole Berkshire thanked the Council for all their help and support during this project and stated that there was a miscommunication with the concrete company regarding the extra width. Nicole also added that she would like for the Council to consider the fact that there is a commercial structure in rear thus creating no undue burden and the neighbors to the east have no problem with the proposal.

Mayor Esposito added that perhaps a fine should be imposed for what has been done, the bigger issue throughout the community is being consistent and as far as the rear patio he doesn't have a problem being that it abuts commercial. Alderman Greco added that when there are homes in the City like this one, he would prefer if owners would contact the City and advise what they are proposing to do whether its allowed or not. Alderman Greco also added that when they vote for something that is against the rules, they do set a precedence, but they are here to help develop lots that are odd like this one.

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

2. Request To Renew Service Contract With Villa Park Library

Mayor Esposito referenced the memorandum included in the agenda packet for the new proposed rates for single and multi-family homes. They are proposing a rate increase of 2.3%. Kandice Krettlner from Villa Park Library discussed all the services and programs the library provides and stated that they currently have 112 Oakbrook Terrace active card holders. Kandice also added that she would like to explore the possibility of adding a second little free library in Oakbrook Terrace around the park district. The new proposed fee will be \$55 for single family homes and \$45 for multi-family homes resulting in a \$1 increase from this year's rate.

Mayor Esposito added that the Villa Park Library is a fantastic resource for the community. Alderman Greco suggested the City purchase library cards and a contest in the school to encourage more people to join the Villa Park Library. Alderman Rada added that perhaps local businesses can sponsor as well.

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

3. A Draft Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022.

City Administrator Marrero referenced the exhibits attached to the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet and stated that the total budget amendment is \$105,980.05. The General Fund will be amended in the amount of \$96,281.56 and the water fund will be amended in the amount of \$9,698.49.

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

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XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

City Council members thanked the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for their hard work with the recent events and Public Service Department for their snow removal efforts. Alderman Rada suggested addressing the traffic issue on 22nd Street and MacArthur Drive where vehicles cut through the residential area when exiting Costco. Mayor Esposito agreed and added that several traffic stops are being done in that area and it is something they should address soon either in the strategic plan or monthly process. Alderman Beckwith thanked everyone that helped with the luminary and stated he received positive feedback from the residents. Alderman Greco suggested reaching out to Safespeed for suggestions with the issue on 22nd Street and MacArthur Drive. Mayor Esposito added that the question has been asked and Safespeed is currently working on something to provide for residential areas as well.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY MACHOLL

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

None.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada at 8:04 PM.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Addy Lozano, Recording Secretary