

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the August 9, 2022, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following City 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 City Administrator A. Raffel, 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 26, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, Regular City Council was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Don Ventura thanked the City Council and Administration for their time. Mr. Ventura expressed his opposition to the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project and asked who would maintain the project once completed.

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Mrs. Susan Stephens expressed her concerns regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. She said the walking path is an asset to the City of Oakbrook Terrace and feels that the project will compromise the quality of the path. Mrs. Stephens believes there will be more creek erosion once all vegetation is cleared.

Mrs. Lisa Pesce said she had grown up in this town and played in the stream many years ago. Mrs. Pesce stated she had created a petition for residents to sign to stop the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. Mrs. Pesce provided the City Council with her frustration with the project and data on the value of trees. Mrs. Pesce and others walked the path and counted 68 mature trees already cut down, with an additional 200 trees to come down; added trees can be a sound barrier and a visibility barrier.

Mr. Paul Wojcicki stated his concerns regarding the erosion around the stream, along with the concerns that everyone echoed before he came up.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: August 9, 2022, In the Amount Of \$70,532.87.
2. Resolution 22-09: A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And The DuPage Convention And Visitor's Bureau For Professional Services To Promote Tourism And Provide Marketing And Administrative Services Related Thereto For The City For Fiscal Year 22-23
3. Resolution 22-10: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between Northern Illinois University Center For Government Studies And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Strategic Planning And Comprehensive Plan Update Serviced

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for August 9, 2022, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

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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 Barbari. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito thanked everyone for attending National Night Out and felt it was a great success. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that the Summer Concert Series is held on Fridays at Terrace View Park at 6:00 pm. This week is Sam Savage and Anchors Away. Mayor Esposito stated he had received many emails and phone calls regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. Mayor Esposito let everyone know the project has been halted until further notice. Mayor Esposito met with Christopher B. Burke Engineering representative Jedd Anderson on-site and completed a walk-through to understand the project better. Mayor Esposito asked Council to make one-on-one meetings and a walk-through. Due to the residents' concerns, there will be a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, August 20th at Dorothy Drennon Park, 701 Eisenhower Road, starting at 10:00 am. Mayor Esposito explained Jedd Anderson would be onsite that morning to discuss the project and answer any residents' questions. Mayor Esposito said that Semper Fi would continue to work at Hodges and Monterey, where they have cleared that section of the creek; otherwise, all else has been halted until after the town hall meeting. Mayor Esposito said a mailing should be sent out soon so everyone knows of the town hall meeting.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. July 4, 2022, Independence Day Celebration Report

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo that recaps July 4, 2022; This event is the largest celebration the City of Oakbrook Terrace hosts that utilizes a tremendous amount of man-hours and expenses. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel explained the City Council had budgeted \$90,000 for this event; of that, \$63,561,81 was used. The most significant expenses were from Melrose Pyrotechnics fireworks at \$26,450.00 and Uncle Bub's BBQ at \$17,115.10. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel said that City Hall staff gave out 750 wristbands for the Resident Picnic. The City of Oakbrook Terrace was given \$33,350.00 in sponsorships.

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Alderman Greco stated it was a great event. Alderman Rada asked how the City came to \$30,000 under budget. The assistant to the City Administrator said the staff was mindful of the spending this year, careful with the decoration cost, and asked for gift card donations for the resident picnic instead of buying them. Mayor Esposito reiterated that sponsorships like Flood Brothers are the most significant to offset costs. Alderman Beckwith asked for clarification on the total spending. Assistant to the City Administrator provided the necessary answers. Alderman Barbari asked if Lakeside Bank sponsored the event. Mayor Esposito said he has not heard anything but knows they did a year ago.

No further action was taken.

2. Discussion of Flood Brothers Proposal

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the letter Flood Brothers sent to the City of Oakbrook Terrace regarding refuse pick-up for residential and commercial. The latest agreement will expire on August 22, 2022 which included a five (5) year extension. Mayor Esposito stated he felt the proposal of seven (7) years, along with the pricing, is fair. Mayor Esposito said Flood Brothers have provided excellent service for the City and are always our most significant sponsor for events. Resident cost remains the same, but there will be an increase due to a new formula on the commercial side. Mr. Michael Flood spoke about the excellent partnership Flood Brothers and the City of Oakbrook Terrace continue to foster. Mr. Flood described the new model of pricing that they are proposing to the Council. At this point, residents still will not be charged for pick-up. At the same time, businesses will have a Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a minimum and maximum cap for small, medium, and large waste-generating companies. Mr. Flood stated the current rate is based on a combination of three models: the Consumer Price Index, union labor, and disposable cost. A variety of all three comes up with the annual rate increase. Mr. Flood stated that last year, they saw a rise in expenditure by 5.39%, with disposal being the highest cost. After Mr. Flood provided more information regarding possible causes of a rate increase, he stated that they are only proposing a 5% increase on the commercial side.

Alderman Barbari asked if the new agreement affects residents. Alderman Greco asked if this proposal is for a year. Alderman Vlach stated the residential service from Flood Brothers has been excellent. Alderman Beckwith asked for clarification regarding the small, medium, and large commercial sites. Mayor Esposito thanked Mr. Flood for the communication and everything Flood Brothers do for the community. The answers to their questions should be in here.

City Council agreed to the proposal and asked City Attorney to draft an agreement.

3. Discussion of Water Tower Renderings

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the renderings of the water tower and discuss which mark-up is under consideration. Mayor Esposito explained Public Service

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Director Ward worked with Mauge to create a few different paint designs for the water tower. It was said the City Council does not have to conclude tonight but pick a few that may work for our city or provide feedback on what the Council would like on the water tower. Mayor Esposito talked about how the water tower will brand us with the font, logo, and design.

Alderman Rada stated he does not like the colorful leaves as a design but likes the last two designs in the packet. Alderman Vlach likes the last two designs from the packet but feels we do not need the word Illinois on the water tower. Alderman Beckwith thinks the last two designs in the packet are the best. Mayor Esposito briefly explained the five stars on the water tower now and what they represent. According to Bob Shanahan and Mike Sarallo, it was to recognize certain generals. Alderman Greco prefers to see slides 3,5, and 6 placed on the water tower. Alderman Barbari liked slide 8 with all the leaves on the water tower. Alderman Beckwith asked if Council was not pleased with these drawings, could send them back with suggestions and see how those turn out? Mayor Esposito stated that if Council was not thrilled with what is front of them, we could ask for another group of designs that would align with Oakbrook Terrace.

4. Draft Ordinance Amending The Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Re-Designating The Building And Zoning Department As the “Community Development Department.”

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to preview the redlined ordinance that would change the Building and Zoning Department to Community Development Department. City Attorney stated the name change is to keep up with other communities, to encompass all that the department does, and to align with Community Development Department Director Headley’s title. Alderman Beckwith pointed out that the website has started changing to the new title but wanted to know if the mission statement was updated. City Administrator Marrero stated our social media specialist is still working on this project.

City Council agreed to place this item on the next Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Barbari asked if there was a solution to the vacant lot and the 100-year-old house that is falling apart. Alderman Greco discussed the path and the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project, saying he understands the residents’ concerns and feels there are some communication issues. Alderman Beckwith thanked everyone for coming to the council meeting and stated the original report was from 2018, and the current council did not see the information. Alderman Beckwith also stated there needs to be more information regarding projects in the future. Alderman Vlach said the officer that patrolled Elder Lane had not been there to stop drivers who disobeyed the stop sign in a while. Alderman Rada thanked Community Development Director Headly for the reports and reported that the streets in the Berkshire neighborhood are complete. Alderman also said the DCVD hosted the bike race in

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Lombard with 84 rooms booked within the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Alderman Rada also talked about the release of ARPA funds, a recap of the bowling event in Addison, Choice DuPage, warehouses in DuPage County, and possible grants for tourism.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello will provide his reports in Executive Session.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero passed out Public Service Director Ward's report, understands this is not what the Council is looking to obtain, and has had conversations with Director Ward to provide the necessary data.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene to the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Recess to Executive Session to Discuss Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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See Separate Minutes.

XIX. RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

Alderman Vlach Beckwith

XX. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN


Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco at 8:31 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

