

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the September 13, 2022, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 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, Public Services Director C. Ward, 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 23, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, Regular City Council, as amended, was made by Alderman Vlach, and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Ann Ventura spoke to the Council regarding traffic on MacArthur Drive. Mrs. Ventura stated she is concerned about MacArthur Drive becoming a thoroughfare with non-residents coming out of Costco. She is greatly concerned when restaurants open in front of Costco, and traffic volume increases. Mrs. Ventura handed the Council pictures of traffic signs from Westmont, Villa Park, and a neighborhood in Florida as examples for Oakbrook Terrace to utilize. Mrs. Ventura hoped it would discourage some people from cutting through the

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neighborhood. She stated that most cars cutting through the neighborhood go faster than the posted speed limit sign and do not stop at the appropriate signs. Mrs. Ventura hopes the City might put up a sign on MacArthur Drive that states Residents Only. Mayor Esposito confirmed this issue that Mrs. Ventura was bringing to the Council and said we need to get a little more serious about the situation.

Ms. Donna Sarovich stated she agreed with Mrs. Ann Ventura regarding the traffic issues on MacArthur Drive. Ms. Sarovich asked for more information regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration project. She wanted to know when residents will see the proposed phase plan. Ms. Sarovich still feels that communication on the project is still lacking. Ms. Sarovich also raised the issue of political signs within the community and what language is acceptable. Mayor Esposito said he would be addressing the Spring Road Tributary Restoration project in his Mayor's Comments. City Administrator Marrero encourages everyone to go to the City's website and sign up for the E-Newsletter that is released on a weekly basis. The City Administrator stated that staff had posted updates about the project and other issues.

Mr. Paul Smurawski spoke in front of the Council regarding the traffic issues around Costco. He stated he is a believer in the red-light cameras and wants to know if we can add one at the entrance of Costco. Mr. Smurawski feels the fines individuals would receive from the camera deter them from breaking the law.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: September 13, 2022, In the Amount Of \$212,061.11
2. Ordinance No. 22-25: An Ordinance Decreasing The Number Of Class "A" Licenses By One (1), Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 11: Business Regulations; Chapter 111: Food And Beverages; Section 111.011: Number Of Licenses, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Park TRS Operating Company dba: Hilton Garden Inn Oakbrook Terrace)
3. Ordinance No. 22-26: 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 (Satchitanand Hotels, LLC dba: Hilton Garden Inn, Oakbrook Terrace)
4. Ordinance No. 22-27: An Ordinance Decreasing The Number Of Class "A" Licenses By One (1), Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 11: Business Regulations; Chapter 111: Food And Beverages; Section 111.011: Number Of Licenses, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Parks TRS Operating Company dba: Hilton Suites Oakbrook Terrace)
5. Ordinance No. 22-28: 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

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Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (OB Terrace Hospitality, LLC dba: Hilton Suites Oakbrook Terrace)

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for September 13, 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

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 Vlach and seconded by Alderman Greco. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito was pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Berkshire to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire on June 1, 2025. Mayor Esposito gave an update on the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. He stated that on September 9th, he received a five-step plan along with a change order. The change order reflects the manual removal of the buckthorn. Initially, Semper Fi used heavy equipment to remove all vegetation from the creek line. Mayor Esposito explained that the change order imposes more cost on the project, but we will not be cutting down any trees now. Mayor Esposito stated that at the next City Council meeting, discussion regarding the mitigation plan for planting trees and shrubs would be discussed. Currently, the city is taking one step at a time, slowly, so this project is completed to the satisfaction of the community and the residents. Mayor Esposito stated that the grant money is available for a year and does not see any issues going forward. Pertaining to the retaining wall at Kreml Park, Mayor Esposito mentioned he was aware about a potential removal with another tree coming down last Friday, but that no more trees are coming down at this time. Mayor Esposito

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emphasized that the trees would not come down until a particular phase of construction. This current phase is to be worked on the crumbled retaining wall, and that is it. Once phase two (2) starts, the residents, Council, and an arborist will complete a walk-through to tag possible trees that must be removed. Mayor Esposito stated that at certain times of the phases, a landscape architect would be hired for the beautification of the project. Currently, the crews will be finishing up on Hodges and Leahy Road, and their work looks excellent. Mayor Esposito stated that on Sunday, we had pouring rain, and the creek's flow was better than it had been in past years. Mayor Esposito asked the residents to be patient with the new planned processes. Mayor Esposito stated that Friday, September 16th would be the last Summer Concert Series. Mayor Esposito felt there was a great response from the community, and everyone from law enforcement, security, VFW, Lions Club, and food vendors did a fantastic job. He stated we had a few hiccups, but we are learning and getting better. Mayor Esposito said the next concert was a rain makeup with Beyond the Blond and Smolen. Mayor Esposito explained that he has worked with some good people here at Oakbrook Terrace but wanted to recognize Building and Zoning Administrator Mihaela Dragan. She worked for the city for 31 years of service; her official retirement date was June 28th. Mrs. Dragan worked with many of our residents and business throughout the years, and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Mayor Esposito told Mrs. Dragan that it had been an honor to work alongside her as an alderman and mayor.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Draft Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement For Residential And Commercial Collection, Transportation And Disposal Of General Refuse And Landscape Waste And The Collection, Transportation And Sale Of Recyclable Materials In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito asked for the Council to review the ordinance and if they had any questions regarding the contract that would expire on August 31, 2029. Mayor Esposito reminded Council that at the August 9th Council meeting, we discussed and agreed to the terms of the seven-year contract for both residential and commercial garbage pickup. Alderman Greco asked if the contract was only for removing landscape waste, and Mayor Esposito stated the agreement was for refuse pick up and landscape waste.

The Council concurred to place this under Old Business.

2. Draft Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And The County Of DuPage, Illinois, For The Storm Sewer Replacement Project.

Mayor Esposito asked the Council to review the draft resolution in the packets in front of them, including the map. He stated that the project would include removing and replacing

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various segments of severely deteriorated and failing storm sewers on Leahy and Stillwell Road. Mayor Esposito explained that the estimated cost of the project is roughly \$1,000,000.00 to \$1,115,000.00. The City of Oakbrook Terrace applied and was awarded a 50/50 grant from DuPage County to help with the cost of the project. Public Services Director Ward explained that portions of the storm sewers on Leahy and Stillwell Road are in need of repair due to the deterioration of the corrugated pipe. He explained that most of the work would be done on both sides of the street and in the right-of-way. Public Services Director Ward stated that once all the concrete pipes are installed, they should last over 100 years due to their structural integrity. He noted that the culverts would be trenched, and once that is complete, the resident's right of way would be restored. Alderman Greco asked if the restoration would include sod or seeding. Public Services Director Ward said that portion of the work had not been determined. Alderman Rada asked if we are approving the project or the acceptance of the grant. City Attorney Ramello explained that it's the agreement with DuPage County for the grant money. Alderman Rada asked if there have been issues since the deterioration of the existing features. Public Services Director Ward said yes. Alderman Beckwith asked about timelines. Public Services Director Ward stated he is targeting a start date of May 20, 2023, and wrapping up by October 31, 2023. Alderman Beckwith also asked for a copy of the project detail, and Public Services Director Ward said yes when it becomes available. Alderman Greco asked if the driveway would be affected by this project. Public Services Director Ward said yes but would be replaced after the project is completed. Alderman Barbari commended Public Service Director Ward.

The Council concurred to place this under Old Business.

3. Discussion of Water Tower Renderings

Mayor Esposito opened up for discussion regarding the updated water tower renderings from Mauge based on Council's comments from the August 23rd meeting. Mayor Esposito was unsure if the Council could come to a consensus but wanted to know everyone's input. He asked Public Services Director Ward if these were different color schemes that might make the water tower more attractive. Public Services Director Ward said yes, but the reasoning for the current color scheme is to hide any mold and bird droppings. Mayor Esposito said he likes the color combination of Elmhurst with the thin line on the top, white in the middle, and color on the bottom. Alderman Vlach wants to ensure we do not make the water tower flashy, so drivers do not take their eyes off the road. Alderman Rada says he likes the large print of the name and an added oak leaf incorporated in the O of Oakbrook Terrace. Alderman Beckwith likes the same as Alderman Rada and the rendering with the larger seals on the side. Alderman Greco also agrees but likes what Elmhurst has done with their water tower as well. Public Services Director Ward asked what type of color scheme we would display. Alderman Greco said the green line on the top and bottom and tan in the middle. Mayor Esposito added that the tower should not look like Elmhurst but something of that nature. Public Service Ward

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stated he would take the suggestions to the painter again to have one more markup made. Alderman Greco said we might not reach a consensus but narrow the decision to three renderings and then take them to the public for a vote. Public Services Director stated he would work with Mauge regarding the last proposed rendering and add the discussed color scheme.

4. Draft Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Local Agency Agreement For The Jurisdictional Transfer Of A Portion Of Ardmore Avenue Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, And The York Township Road District

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance to annex a portion of Ardmore Avenue to York Township Road District. Mayor Esposito explained that in 2016 the City annexed Heritage Park, located at 1S325 Ardmore Avenue; it extended the City's boundaries to the far side of Ardmore Avenue, adjacent to Heritage Park. The York Township Highway Department recently reached out to staff and requested an ordinance to dedicate that portion of Ardmore Avenue back to the Highway Department. City Attorney Ramello stated that when you annex property into a municipality, according to the Illinois Municipal Code, the annexation always extends to the opposite side of the street. This creates a little peninsula of jurisdiction that the city controls. City Attorney Ramello continued to explain that York Township would like that jurisdiction for snow plowing, patching, and fixing sections of the road. No questions from the Council. Mayor Esposito moved this item to the next consent agenda.

5. Approval of FY 2024 Budget Action Calendar

Mayor Esposito said that every year, we approved the budget action calendar and asked Council to review the FY 2024 Budget Action Calendar that is being proposed. City Administrator Marrero stated we are in budget season again, and Council needs to know the budget meeting dates are set for March 8th and March 15th. The budget will be presented on February 20th. Alderman Beckwith asked if the budget meetings will be broken in half, more than the previous years. City Administrator Marrero said she would do her best.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Barbari is looking forward to seeing everyone Friday at the concert. Alderman Greco thanked everyone for attending the City Council meeting and congratulated Mihaela Dragan on her retirement. Alderman Greco also asked Public Services Director Ward to contact ComEd and tension up one of the powerlines that sag. Public Services Director Ward said he is in contact with ComEd and hopes to resolve the issue soon. Alderman Greco also commended the Mayor on an excellent job with the Summer Concert Series. Alderman Beckwith said there are a ton of grants the City can apply for that would enhance the path. Alderman Beckwith also asked about the flooding at the Home Depot parking lot on Sunday and if that was a city issue. Public Services Ward said no. Alderman Beckwith also inquired

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about traffic studies and traffic counts for the streets that residents are complaining about. Alderman Beckwith wondered if a company like Burns and McDonnell completed any past traffic studies or if the studies had been internal. Public Services Director Ward said it was internal. Alderman Beckwith explained that if we conducted a traffic study with Burns and McDonnell, they would also use GPS navigation. The data would be able to provide us with information on how many vehicles use MacArthur Drive as a thoroughfare that are not residents who use MacArthur to get to Costco. Alderman Vlach talked about a resident who installed a drainpipe along his driveway and the stone he laid over the drainpipe and along the driveway. Alderman Rada would like to complement our City Administrator on the department reports; they look terrific. Alderman Rada also asked about the speed sign for Berkshire. Public Services Director Ward said it just came in. Upon arrival, the team fabricated a pole to make the sign mobile.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello told Mihaela Dragan that it has been a pleasure working alongside her all these years and wishes her the best.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

None.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 22-29: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement For Residential And Commercial Collection, Transportation And Disposal Of General Refuse And Landscape Waste And The Collection, Transportation And Sale Of Recyclable Materials In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

2. Resolution No. 22-11: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City of Oakbrook Terrace And The County Of DuPage, Illinois, For The Storm Sewer Replacement Project

Motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City of Oakbrook Terrace And The County Of DuPage, Illinois, For The Storm Sewer Replacement Project of the August 23, 2022, Regular City Council, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:19 pm.


Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

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Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

