

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the November 08, 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito
Absent: Rada

Also in attendance were Interim City Administrator A. Raffel, Finance Director M. Hoffman, Community Development Director M. Headley, Public Services 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 October 25, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022, Regular City Council was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Mr. Bruce Almeroth spoke in front of the City Council regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. He stated that the Town Hall meeting held on November 5th and the walkthrough with Mr. Jack Pizzo was informative and provided the feedback that residents needed to hear. Mr. Almeroth stated he was pleased with the City following through on its word.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: November 8, 2022, In the Amount Of \$904,159.98
2. Approval of Payout #2 to Semper Fi Landscaping Inc. for the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project
3. Ordinance 22-33: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Debt Collection Services Agreement By And Between A.R.M. & Associates, Inc. And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
4. Resolution 22-13: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Agreement Between the City Of Oakbrook Terrace and Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., for Fireworks Displays for the City's 2023-2025 Fourth Of July Celebrations

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5. Resolution 22-14: A Resolution Approving An Employment Retirement And Release Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Amy Marrero

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for November 8, 2022, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Esposito asked for a removal of Consent Agenda number 1 to discuss the Payment of City Bills; November 8, 2022, In The Amount of \$904,159.98.

Motion to remove Consent Agenda item 1. Payment of City Bills: November 8, 2022, In the amount of \$904,159.98, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

Mayor Esposito stated it would be a quick discussion, the bill pay is a typo, and the correct amount should be \$934,962.08. Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to approve the amended Payment of the City Bills dated November 8, 2022, in the amount of \$934,962.08.

Motion to approve the amended Payment of the City Bills: November 8, 2022, in the Amount of \$934,962.08 was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

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 Barbari and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that Veterans Day would be held this year on Friday, November 11th at 11:00 AM. He stated that the event would be held this year at the Villa Park VFW located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Mayor Esposito explained that the ceremony would be a joint effort with the Village of Villa Park and the VFW Post 2801 to honor our Veterans.

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Mayor Esposito thanked the residents who attended Saturday's, Town Hall. He stated that this was the second Town Hall meeting regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project. Mayor Esposito felt the discussion was good, an excellent review of the phase plan, the progress made with the set timelines, and the presentation from landscape architect Jack Pizzo. Mayor Esposito stated that his presentation provided good information on how the project looks today and what it could look like in the future. Mayor Esposito said it was all good feedback. He stated there were 30-40 trees marked the following Monday to save. He explained that they would have to be reviewed by DuPage County if we received our certification. Mayor Esposito stated there is more work to be completed and may have another Town Hall meeting closer to spring. At that Town Hall meeting, he explained that the discussion should include a mitigation plan for replanting and how the project should look.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

5. Letter of Recommendation – 1S522 Stillwell Road

Alderman Beckwith recused himself from the room during the discussion of the Letter of Recommendation – 1S522 Stillwell Road.

Mayor Esposito stated he was going to shuffle the order around tonight. He called upon the Letter of Recommendation of 1S522 Stillwell Rd. Mayor Esposito asked the Council to review the letter of recommendation from Community Director Headley and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the variance request to increase the maximum size for a detached garage from 800 square feet to 960 square feet. He explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the motion 4 to 1. Community Development Director Headley provided a brief background of the request and other requests that had been approved before. Mayor Esposito stated that with residents wanting to invest in their homes and increase their value, we should be in support of them. He said he would rather see a larger garage than some vehicles parked in the driveways, including construction equipment and boats. Mayor Esposito feels it would be aesthetically pleasing and is in favor of the request. Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated she visited the property to understand the project and is in favor. Alderman Barbari gave his approval. Alderman Greco said he is in favor of residents improving their properties, having the ability to store items like boats and jet skis, and is in favor of the project. Mayor Esposito wished the residents good luck with the project.

Council concurs and will be placed on the following consent agenda.

1. Presentation By The City's Hotel Convention And Visitor's Bureau Commission

City Hotel Convention and Visitor's Bureau Commission Chairperson Vincent Ziga presented the City Council with a brief overview of the approved 2023 Hotel Convention and Visitor's Bureau Commission budget. Chairperson Ziga stated that the commission put in many hours on the budget to make sure it creates more interest in the city area and more revenue. The Commission wanted to generate more revenue for the area, attractions, restaurants, and hotels and felt the best way was to create a partnership with Expedia to promote the hotels and amenities. Chairperson. Ziga stated that Expedia provides data analytics, creates search tags, and optimizes hotel pages. Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if the Hotel Commission could report the data analytics back to the City Council. Chairperson Ziga stated yes. Mayor Esposito started to keep promoting and reinventing the wheel.

No further action is needed; discussion only.

2. 2022-2023 Bulk Rock Salt Contract

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Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo that Public Services Director Ward prepared regarding the 2022-2023 Rock Salt Contract. Public Services Director Ward explained that rock salt is becoming very expensive these days and that purchasing the rock salt through the consortium for the State of Illinois helps the cost. He explained that the cost of the salt came in at \$80.49 per ton, up from the previous year. Public Services Director Ward stated that last year, we had 21 snow events that caused a salt shortage, which is why the prices went up. He noted that the prices rose to \$80.49 a ton, which is 28% higher than last year, and we do not have any inventory from last year. Mayor Esposito stated that the prices quoted remind him of the costs presented in 2014 and 2015. Public Services Director Ward noted that in years past, he could lock in prices for 2-3 years, but that changed a couple of years ago. Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked what was budgeted for the purchase of rock salt. Public Services Director Ward stated he would have to check the information and let her know. Alderman Babari asked how many tons we could order at a time, 400. Public Services Director Ward said roughly yes. Alderman Beckwith asked if he knew of any shipping or supply issues this year. Public Services Director Ward stated he had not heard anything as of yet.

Council concurs and will be placed on the following consent agenda.

3. Presentation by Foster & Foster for the Actuarial Valuation for FY 2022

Mayor Esposito asked Jason Franklin from Foster and Foster to present the 2022 Actuarial and Police Pension Fund Report. Mr. Franklin provided a brief evaluation of the pension fund and the recommendation for the contribution outlined on Page 5 of the books handed out to the City Council members. Mr. Franklin recommended a slight increase from last year. Mr. Franklin stated that the returns for 2022 were poor. Mr. Franklin also pointed out that some legislation was passed to consolidate pension plans into one. He said that after adopting the new assumptions, there would be a slight increase in unfunded liability from 11.5 million to 11.6 million, which creates a \$17,000 decrease in liability. Mr. Franklin stated that the funding ratio went from 59.7% to 62% this year. Alderwoman Fitzgerald said she appreciated the recommendation, providing options and not telling the City Council what the norm is. Alderman Barbari stated the City had funded the Police Pension well, but when the state consolidates and other municipalities underfund, does that affect us? Mr. Franklin said, in theory, no. Alderman Beckwith asked about the total payments and how they go up every year, and the importance of budgeting for the long term. Further discussion ensued.

4. 2022 Property Tax Levy Determination/Police Pension Municipal Compliance Report

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the Property Tax levy determination, police pension, and municipal compliance reports that are placed in the packet along with the interdepartmental memo created by Finance Director Matt Hoffman. Finance Director Hoffman described the adoption of the tax levy estimate and the property tax process, followed by a 20-day review period during which the City Council will reconvene and pass the property tax levy and the bond funds. He stated that due to the increase in interest rates, the CPI is hovering just north of 7% and the

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5. Draft Resolution Designating The City Council Meeting Schedule For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance setting the 2023 calendar year per the Opens Meeting Act. He explained that this ordinance would provide the public notice of the schedule of regular meetings, dates, times, and locations. City Attorney Ramello stated that this is required per the

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Open Meetings Act to be completed annually. Alderman Greco asked if this means the City Council would not have to cancel the last meeting in December. City Attorney Ramello stated yes. Alderman Beckwith pointed out the Holiday Closing schedule and that Christmas Day observed should be on the 25th of December and not December 26th. Mayor Esposito stated that would be corrected by the next City Council meeting.

Council concurs and will be placed on the following consent agenda.

6. Draft Resolution Appointing Freedom Of Information Act Officers for the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2023

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the ordinance to appoint new Freedom of Information due to the City Administrator Amy Marrero. He explained that Amy Raffel and Jodie Esposito have completed the necessary training and can promptly fulfill the request. City Attorney Ramello stated that this is a standard procedure and is an excellent practice to have two officers in case one is on vacation or out sick. No questions asked.

Council concurs and will be placed on the following consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Beckwith stated he attended the Town Hall meeting on November 5th and enjoyed the walkthrough. Alderman Beckwith wanted to thank everyone who attended the meeting, and some residents are waiting to hear what DuPage County says about the project. Alderman Beckwith hopes communication continues and thanks everyone for a good presentation. Alderman Greco described the weather that everyone incurred during the Town Hall walkthrough, expressed his gratitude to residents attending, and is happy with how the project is going. Alderman Greco asked about the mailbox in the lobby and if Santa will be responding to letters. Interim City Administrator Raffel explained that staff might be working on letters to send back to the resident kids. Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated she had one comment, and that Berkshire had a community gathering for a dinner and everyone expressed their thanks to Director Ward for installing the speed signs. Alderwoman Fitzgerald said the signs create greater awareness.

XIII. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XIV. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR RAFFEL

None

XV. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

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XVI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to the Executive Closed Session Pursuant To Section 2 (c) (1) Discussion Of The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal Of Employees Of The Public Body was made by Alderman Greco seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal Of Employees Of The Public Body.

XIX. RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Rada

Motion passed.

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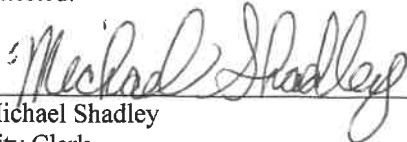
Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:45 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk