

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
7:00 PM

City Council Board Room

Oakbrook Terrace City Council

Mayor Paul Esposito

City Clerk Michael Shadley

Ward 1

Alderman Charlie Barbari

Alderman Joseph Beckwith

Ward 2

Alderman Frank Vlach

Alderman Dennis Greco

Ward 3

Alderman Bob Rada

Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the February 14, 2023, 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 in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito
Absent: Rada

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the 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 January 24, 2023

Motion to approve the regular City Council minutes of January 24, 2023, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: February 14, 2023, In the Amount Of \$397,315.57
2. Treasurer’s Report: January 2023
3. Personnel & Payroll: January 2023
4. Motion to Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Report.

Motion to approve all items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for February 14, 2023, was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call was taken.

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

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 the 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.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito reminded City Council of the upcoming budget meetings that will take place on March 8th and March 15th in Council Chambers starting at 6:00 pm.
2. Mayor Esposito stated that City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents Day.
3. Mayor Esposito stated he will confirm at the next City Council meeting the Appointment of Jason Sluzewicz To Serve As President of The Police Pension Commission for a Term To Expire April 30, 2024
4. Mayor Esposito expressed his condolences to the Rokavec family with the passing of Bob Rokavec.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Approval Of Payout #3 To Semper Fi Landscaping Inc. For The Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo that Public Services Director Ward prepared regarding payment for the Spring Road Restoration Project. Semper Fi Landscaping completed the work as stated in the memo and shall be paid in the amount of \$102,184.00, less a 10% retainage fee, total invoice of \$91,965.60.

Public Services Director Ward reviewed the overall project with City Council and provided insight into the next steps for spring 2023 project completion. Mayor Esposito stated that a Town Hall meeting to discuss the next steps will be scheduled in April. Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) Representative Jedd Anderson was in attendance and provided insight into the next stages of the project.

Mayor Esposito asked for clarification of the original bid price of \$383,000 and some of the specifics that brought the bid total to \$411,000, which was explained by Mr. Anderson. Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if Semper Fi Landscaping Inc. would utilize heavy machinery to remove the remaining trees, which Public Services Director Ward stated that removal process information would be discussed in Change Order #2 and he recommended the use of mechanical equipment for removal.

Alderman Beckwith asked if Change Order #2 included replanting and some ballpark figures related to the costs involved. Public Services Director Ward clarified that any replanting would have to have an additional change order. Alderman Greco then asked if the project would pass any DuPage County inspections, which CBBEL representative Anderson advised with the conversations that have taken place he felt that the project should pass all DuPage County inspections after the project is completed.

Mayor Esposito stated that if City Council concurs, the Approval of Payout #3 to Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. for the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project will be placed on the following Consent Agenda.

2. Approval of Final Water Tower Rendering by Mauge:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the final water tower rendering submitted by Mauge.

Public Services Director Ward explained that City Council would need to approve the final draft rendering so the water tower painting project can be placed on the 2023 schedule. Alderman Vlach stated he disagreed with placing the logo on the water tower due to the heavy traffic flow which might cause a distraction and cause more accidents. Alderman Beckwith asked if Public Services Director Ward knew of additional costs with the chosen logo, which Public Services Director Ward stated he does not know of any at this time. City Council agreed to the final drawing.

Mayor Esposito instructed Public Services Director Ward to proceed with the approved final water tower rendering.

3. Presentation Draft Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “E” 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 (Disho Corp. d/b/a Milli’s):

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance to increase the number of Class “E” liquor licenses by one (1) for the Disho Corp. d/b/a Milli’s. Mayor Esposito stated that the owners, Mrs. Mariana Disho and Mr. Leo Disho, were in attendance and further explained that they are also owners of the 7-Eleven on 14th Street and are seeking a second business location.

Mrs. Disho spoke to City Council regarding their families’ nineteen-(19) years of doing business in the City of Oakbrook Terrace, their work ethic, their love for doing business in the city, and their reasoning behind the search for a second location. Mrs. Disho explained that new 7-Eleven franchise contracts now require a 50/50 split of video gaming profits and revenues. Mrs. Disho further related that the new contract would hurt their overall profits and make it challenging to sustain the business, and by opening a second location will help offset future revenue losses and create long-term stability for their company and family.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated that their story is compelling and presented well but wanted to know some of the revenue challenges and how the store could become more competitive to look better in the eyes of 7-11 Corporation. Mrs. Disho explained that their location is hard to increase revenue due to not having the ability to have gas pumps, but they work hard to try and increase sales by 4 to 8% every year.

Alderman Beckwith inquired about the façade drawings and asked about any updates to the building. Mrs. Disho stated that it was just a drawing and the landlord will be completing any necessary updates, but she was unsure at this time what the designs will look like.

Alderman Greco expressed his concern with the amount of video gaming within city limits and the size of the proposed site by Mr. and Mrs. Disho. Alderman Greco thanked the Disho’s for being a part of the business community for so many years and their love for the City of Oakbrook Terrace, but he has questions related to adding more gaming locations in the city and needed more time to think on this issue and to see some of the building plans for the property.

Based on City Council discussions, Mayor Esposito stated that due to some City Council indecisiveness concerning the draft ordinance, this issue would be placed on the February 24th agenda under Items Removed From The Consent Agenda for further discussion.

- 4. Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Disho Corp. D/B/A Milli's, 1S043 Summit Avenue)

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance amending the number of video gaming licenses provided in their packet.

Mayor Esposito then advised that due to the inconclusiveness of the previous draft ordinance, this item will also be placed on the February 24th agenda under Items Removed From The Consent Agenda for further discussion.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Vlach communicated that Nicor Gas has been parking in front of some residential mailboxes and hopes the Gas Main Replacement Project will end soon. Alderman Vlach wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Alderman Beckwith stated that Nicor Gas had been a pleasure to work with regarding the Gas Main Replacement Project. Alderman Beckwith commented on the Strategic Plan timeline from Northern Illinois University (NIU) and asked if Town Hall meetings would be scheduled since it was not presented on the Project Timeline illustrating the Comprehensive Planning Process. City Council was presented with an initial Project Timeline that illustrated how the Strategic and Comprehensive Planning process is being coordinated.

Alderman Barbari also stated his hopes for Nicor Gas to finish the project in a timely manner.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald expanded on the details of her Aqua water bill to the City Council with the hopes of receiving advice and assistance of possibly reducing some of the Aqua surcharges noted on her bill such as the Fire Protection fees for the residents in Berkshire, which Alderman Beckwith also agreed with having the Aqua fees and surcharges reviewed – especially related to the Fire Protection District fees. Alderman Beckwith also noted that City Council takes this matter seriously for the residents of Berkshire and that this water issue all began when the Village of Oakbrook decided to sell sections of its water system to Aqua.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald then asked if there was any way the residents of Berkshire could possibly obtain water from the City of Oakbrook Terrace, which City Attorney Ramello provided some insight and considerations that would be involved with drafting an Intergovernmental Agreement with Berkshire and the City of Oakbrook Terrace. City Attorney Ramello then informed City Council about the possible cost factors involved with such a transition as Aqua Illinois is a Private Enterprise. City Attorney Ramello advised he would review the details of the water bill and provide some direction concerning the billing items and surcharges in question.

Public Services Director Ward will provide a detailed cost analysis involved with the connection of Berkshire water services to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Mayor Esposito advised he would follow up with a statement concerning the Aqua water issue when he receives all the information that was brought up in discussion.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz passed on his condolences to the families affected by the shooting at Michigan State University (MSU).

City Administrator Ritz congratulated the Finance Team on receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None

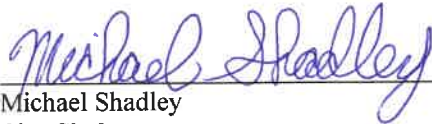
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:36 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and attested, ,



Michael Shadley
City Clerk