

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 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 July 11, 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, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: None

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the 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 June 27, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bruce Almeroth from 1S270 Buttercup Lane provided an update on resident Mr. Bob Shanahan, that he is home resting and doing well after his surgery. Mr. Almeroth stated there had been many staff changes and wanted to let City Council know they did a good job finding qualified people to represent them and the residents. He said everyone in town should be proud of the City for the July 4th celebration. Mr. Almeroth wanted to thank Mayor Esposito, City Administrator Ritz, and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for their hard work on July 4th. He said they always handle issues quickly and correctly when he has a question or needs assistance.

Mr. David Brown thanked the City of Oakbrook Terrace for providing holiday decorations to the Berkshire Community, a speed control device, and traffic signage. Mr. Brown conveyed Berkshire residents' concerns about rising homeowners' association (HOA) fees. Mr. Brown pointed out that the City services other residents with snowplowing, tree trimming, and resurfacing. He hopes the City Council would look into assisting the Berkshire Community with the increasing cost of their HOA fees. Mayor Esposito stated that the City Council would discuss this topic during the Committee of the Whole Consideration.

Mr. Bobby Patel from 17W615 Butterfield Road asked City Council for the Tijuana Flats video gaming license status. Mayor Esposito said he should call City Administrator Ritz in the morning and provide an update.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 11, 2023, In the Amount Of \$214,665.62

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call was taken:

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None
Absent: 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 Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito gave a big thank you to Kari Bruce and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for planning and running the July 4th parade. He also thanked the Alderman, our police department, local businesses, and residents participating in the parade.
2. Mayor Esposito thanked Staff, Public Works, the Police Department, and the Alderman that helped with the July 4th Resident Picnic. He thanked Uncle Bub’s Catering for their outstanding job with the food and their serving staff. Mayor Esposito stated that we added singer Sam Savage to provide entertainment during the picnic and felt he did a fantastic job and was well received by the residents.
3. Mayor Esposito thanked Pyrotechnical for the display of fireworks this year. Mayor Esposito felt there were a lot more fireworks than in previous years. He stated he heard a lot of cheers and compliments from the crowd.
4. Mayor Esposito thanked the event's sponsors, which helped offset the cost of this event.
5. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that the Summer Concert Friday, July 14th is R Gang and Anchors Away.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Presentation By The DCVB On Behalf Of The City’s Hotel Convention And Visitor’s Bureau Commission

DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Beth Marchetti discussed the preliminary budget of the Hotel Commission. She provided a brief overview of how the Hotel Commission utilizes the funds to enhance its presence within the hotel market. Ms. Marchetti also talked about the DuPage Sports Commission and their successes in bringing sports tournaments to the area that help the hotels, businesses, and municipalities within the area.

2. Discussion Of Berkshire Condominium Association Services

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the expense breakdown for the Berkshire Homeowners Association (HOA) prepared by Mr. David Brown. He stated that the Berkshire HOA requests the City Council to consider assisting with the cost. Mayor Esposito explained that some costs would include snow removal and salting, lighting maintenance, parkway trimming, street maintenance, and resurfacing.

Mr. David Brown stated that the local municipality would typically provide the services they are requesting. Mr. Brown noted that the Berkshire HOA did approach the City Council before looking for assistance with snowplowing and salting of streets. An offer for Public Services to plow and salt the private community was extended but could not come to fruition due to the roads' inability to accommodate the Public Services vehicles. Mr. Brown proposes using their vendors to service the Berkshire Community but getting reimbursement from the City of Oakbrook Terrace. He stated that a Capital Reserve Study was completed, and the conclusion was that in 25 years, the Berkshire Community would have to resurface the streets. At a 3% inflation rate, it will cost them around \$1.2 million. Mr. Brown stated that the community must reserve \$50,000 annually to cover the cost. He asked if the City would consider budgeting a set amount of funds to help with the monthly HOA fees.

Alderman Greco asked if this is the solution to offset the cost of the Aqua water bills, why they want to remain a private community, and if the HOA would want to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City. Alderman Beckwith confirmed the HOA monthly fees, and savings if the City helped with the cost, identified other HOAs within the City limits, and suggested different ways to offset the cost. Mayor Esposito recommended setting up a meeting with City Attorney Ramello, City Administrator Ritz, and himself to discuss expenses and possible agreement.

3. 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the recommendation from Christopher Burke regarding the bids for the 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project and the bid tabulations. He explained that six (6) bids were reviewed for the project, and Performance Construction is recommended to be awarded the contract. Mayor Esposito stated that Christopher Burke Engineer Dan Lynch is present to answer any questions.

Mr. Lynch gave an overview of the project, the design timeline, and being awarded a 50/50 grant from DuPage County. He stated that Performance Construction was the lowest bidder, asked for references, and was given a strong recommendation by other municipalities. Mr. Lynch described the location of the project, why this area was selected, and a basic overview of the parkway construction.

Mayor Esposito expressed concern with Performance Construction's bid price and the disparities between their line item cost and other bids submitted. Alderman Rada asked if we would be changing the diameter of the pipe and the material used to create the pipe. Alderman Beckwith asked why the delay in the project and expressed concerns about the lack of communication on this project. Alderman Greco asked if City Council could have the bid packet before so they could be better informed of proposed projects, who would be the individual person in charge of the project, and possible ways to inform the residents about the project. Alderman Barbari asked if the contractors use different materials due to the various costs. Alderwoman Fitzgerald wanted to

know if this project was due to the failure of the storm sewers and was hoping for a spreadsheet regarding the continuous cost of the project.

City Council concurred with the project and moved it to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

- 4. Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 136 Entitled “Drug And Related Offenses” Of Title XIII Entitled “General Offenses” Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance amending Chapter 136 entitled “Drug and Related Offenses.” He explained that this ordinance would ban selling unregulated products containing Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

City Attorney Ramello stated that the DuPage Mayors and Managers suggested this ordinance regarding the sale of certain items that pose a health risk to young people. He informed the City Council that the City of Naperville is looking to pass a similar ban. Alderman Greco stated that the State of Illinois is not regulating the sales and letting municipalities enforce the ban to protect young adults under 21 years old.

City Council concurred with the ordinance and moved it to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

- 5. Draft Resolution To Adopt The 2023 DuPage County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft resolution to adopt the 2023 DuPage County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Mitigation Plan. He explained that the approval of this resolution would assist the City of Oakbrook Terrace in obtaining grant funding during a natural disaster.

City Council concurred with the ordinance and moved it to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Barbari thanked Mayor Esposito and staff for the 4th of July festivities.

Alderman Greco wanted to know how long Nicor would water the sod from their project.

Alderman Beckwith thanked everyone for the July 4th festivities.

Alderman Vlach gave the same sentiments about July 4th but would like the ice cream to return.

Alderman Rada congratulated everyone who participated in the planning and executing of the July 4th festivities. Alderman Rada gave an update regarding House Bill 2721, Citizens Utility Board, and Aqua. Alderman Rada would like to see the City adopt a standard procedure to follow when it comes to any construction projects. Alderman Rada also commented on the annexation of the Salvation Army.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz commented on the commitment of everyone regarding the July 4th festivities. City Administrator Ritz gave an update on the Strategic Plan regarding communication to the focus

groups and setting up our first meeting on July 24th. City Administrator Ritz told the City Council that we will apply for the Safe Routes to School grant to help purchase the Blinkersign Pedestrian Crosswalks.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 8:47 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk