

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 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 25, 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, Rada, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Greco, Vlach

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

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to call for a closed session meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss the Appointment, Employee Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee for the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Motion to add Executive Session to Discuss an Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the City of Oakbrook Terrace Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) Of the Open Meetings Act was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, and Rada

Nays: None

Absent: Greco, Vlach

Motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald, and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith Fitzgerald, and Rada

Nays: None

Absent: Greco, Vlach

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Deborah Kirkeles from Versailles on the Lakes addressed the City Council about the safety and property management issues within the apartment complex. Ms. Kirkeles stated she has lived at Versailles on the Lakes for the past five years and was a previous homeowner in Glen Ellyn for 45 years. Ms. Kirkeles discussed the changes in the neighborhood and the concerns about subsidized housing. She gave some examples of the increase in crime and what some residents are experiencing.

Ms. Kirkeles talked about the poor behavior of people and the police department being dispatched to the area nightly. Ms. Kirkeles was requesting advice and assistance regarding her concerns.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 25, 2023, In the Amount Of \$279,369.06
2. Treasurer’s Report: June 2023
3. Personnel & Payroll: June 2023
4. Ordinance No. 23-19: An 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.
5. Resolution No. 23-04: A Resolution to Adopt The 2023 DuPage County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – City Of Oakbrook Terrace.
6. Resolution No. 23-05: A Resolution Awarding and Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of July 25, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call was taken:

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

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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito thanked the local businesses, intergovernmental organizations, staff, and residents for participating in the Northern Illinois University Strategic Planning Focus Group meetings.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone about National Night Out being held on August 1st in the City Hall and Police Parking lot. The event will start at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm.
3. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council and residents of the August 19th Town Hall meeting regarding the Streambank Restoration Replanting Plan. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers starting at 10:00 am.
4. Mayor Esposito discussed the success of the police department's ghost squad cars.
5. Mayor Esposito informed City Council that the Open House for the Oakbrook Financial Education Center will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 10:00 am, located at 1815 S. Meyers Road, Suite 1000.
6. Mayor Esposito said last week's Summer Concert Series was well attended and looks forward to seeing everyone at the concert this Friday.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program FY 2024:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the proposed resolution to pass for the authorization of motor fuel tax funds to cover the cost of snow plowing, snow removal materials, additional public services, and the 2023 Curb and Gutter Project. He stated that Public Services Director Ward is in attendance to answer any questions.

Alderman Rada asked if the MFT funds come from the State of Illinois and how they are calculated. Public Services Director Ward replied that the MFT is a complicated formula and is based mainly on the population of the City. Alderman Beckwith asked if there was an increase in funds since our population has increased with the census. Public Services Director Ward advised he will seek clarification and will check with Finance Director Hoffman concerning this issue. Mayor Esposito stated this matter will be placed on the subsequent consent agenda if City Council concurs.

2. July 4, 2023, Independence Day Celebration Report:

Mayor Esposito stated that the July 4th Independence Day Celebration report is in the council packet. Mayor Esposito said that City Assistant Administrator Raffel is in attendance to review the report. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel stated that City Council passed a budget of \$92,850 for the July 4th celebration. She further explained that this year's total non-personnel expenses were \$76,585, which included a resident picnic and parade, two concerts, and the fireworks show. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel advised that additional entertainment by Sam Savage and Mr. D's Magic Show was added to this year's event. She broke down the event's bigger costs, which included the fireworks and Uncle Bub's catering. It was also stated that the City received \$25,500 in sponsorship donations along with \$1,400 of donated raffle item gifts. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel said that 750 wristbands were also handed out to the residents to attend the event.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented that this reporting on the City's events and projects is exactly what the City Council is looking for and makes for good transparency. Alderman Barbari asked for clarification on total sponsorships and how to increase the business sponsorships.

Alderman Beckwith commented that the expenses were only 84% of the budget, even with added expenses that brought us under budget. Alderman Beckwith thanked Finance Director Hoffman and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for compiling the report. Alderman Rada said the information was perfect and extended the same congratulations.

3. 2023 Curb Replacement Project:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review a letter of recommendation from Mr. Dan Lynch of Christopher B. Burke Engineering about awarding the 2023 Curb Replacement Project to Davis Concrete Construction Co. in the amount of \$198,225.00. Mayor Esposito stated that the work would occur on MacArthur Drive, Eisenhower Road, and Karban Road. Mayor Esposito stated that Public Services Director Ward is in attendance to discuss the scope of work and timing of the project. Public Services Director Ward explained that on July 19th, four (4) contractors attended the bid award for the project, and Davis Concrete won the bid. He said the project should start in late September or early October after discussions with Davis Concrete.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked how long the project would take to complete, which Public Services Director Ward advised should take 2 to 3 weeks. Alderwoman Fitzgerald also gave thanks for the information provided before the meeting. Alderman Beckwith asked for

clarification regarding the number of curbs installed, the project's pricing, and how long before every street has curbs. Public Services Director Ward stated that he hopes to have all curbs installed over the next five years and that more curbs can be installed with budget increases and utilization of MFT funds. Alderman Rada asked how the construction would impact the residents, with Public Services Director Ward stating minimal.

Resident Bob Shanahan asked if residents on a particular street who do not want curbs can opt out of the program and suggested possible installation of curbs on Elder Lane. Public Services Director Ward stated he could swap Karban Road for Elder Lane if City Council concurs.

4. Draft Resolution to Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Road Improvements To Illinois Route 56:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft resolution regarding an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Oakbrook Terrace for improvements to Illinois Route 56. He explained that IDOT had requested the city to share the cost of modernizing the signals, signal messaging, ADA improvements, and traffic surveillance. Mayor Esposito stated that with Alderman Greco and Alderman Vlach not in attendance it might be best to move this issue to Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Beckwith asked if this amendment is new because since we discovered that we are responsible for 100% of the intersections. The City Attorney clarified that this is not for the amendment but for the agreement to authorize the traffic signal preemption, with the next item on the agenda being the allocation of cost. Mayor Esposito stated that Alderman Greco and Vlach should be able to voice their opinions at the next City Council meeting. Mayor Esposito advised for this item to be moved to the Items Removed from Consent Agenda, which Alderman Beckwith asked if we could move the subsequent draft resolution as well.

5. Draft Resolution to Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Amendment To The Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For The Allocation Of Expenses For Traffic Control Devices (Illinois Route 56 & Trans Am Plaza):

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft resolution that would allocate the responsibilities for the maintenance and apportionment of energy expenses for traffic lighting for a term of ten (10) years that would end on June 30, 2031. Mayor Esposito agreed with Alderman Beckwith to add this matter to the Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada talked about the addition of a crosswalk on Meyers Road. Alderman Rada talked about the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB) and other agencies about their concerns regarding the State of Illinois paying the bonds off from Soldier's Field and only paying on the interest. He stated that everyone he has talked to feels this payment may take a lot of money out of the tourism fund, which would affect all agencies.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the issues of Versailles on the Lakes and wonders if the Police Department can look at Crime Free Housing as an option to deal with some of the repeat offenders. Alderman Beckwith also thanked Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for all her hard work, Public Services Director Ward for providing project information, and Finance Director Hoffman for his financial reports.

Alderman Barbari thanked City Administrator Ritz and Assistant to City Administrator Raffel for their communication and reports. Alderman Barbari also welcomed resident Bob Shanahan back to the meetings.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on how the Strategic Plan meeting went off beautifully and thanked everyone on the steering committee. She stated that every member contributed to the cause and felt it was the most powerful sense of team that she has experienced since being on City Council. Alderwoman Fitzgerald was thankful to be a part of the steering and strategic planning team and felt the hard work would pay off for the city in the long-term. Alderwoman Fitzgerald also commented on the Aqua issue and stated that she and Alderman Rada met with Representative Blair-Sherlock's assistant to help create a petition and letter supporting House Bill 2721.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz thanked everyone who participated in the Northern Illinois University (NIU) Strategic Planning Focus meetings. He stated that we received communications back from NIU saying how pleased they were with the energy and participation from all the groups they interacted with.

City Administrator Ritz advised that he spoke with Public Services Director Ward regarding the painting of the water tower, and we are hoping to begin the project around October; if not, it will be delayed until the spring of 2024.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss and Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act and Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of A Specific Employees of the City of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Barbari and Aldermen Beckwith.

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

Motion passed.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the City of Oakbrook Terrace

XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XX. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:58 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk