

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 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 August 8, 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: Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Barbari

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Public Services Director C. Ward, Community Development Director M. Headley, 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 July 25, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Barbari

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: August 8, 2023, In the Amount Of \$83,071.65
2. Resolution No. 23-06: Resolution For Maintenance Under The Illinois Highway Code
3. Ordinance No. 23-20: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Notice Of Award And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Contract For The 2023 Curb Replacement Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of August 8, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada.
Roll call was taken:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Barbari

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 Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Barbari

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito congratulated Officer Joseph Fiorentino for his 24 years of service with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department as he officially retired on August 1, 2023.
2. Mayor Esposito thanked all who attended the annual National Night Out event. He thanked Detective Sergeant Nicole DeMario, Public Services, and City Staff for another successful event which has grown in attendance every year.
3. Mayor Esposito thanked the Public Services Water Department, Tony D'Angelo, and Phillip Pullaro for assisting the Oakbrook Terrace Fire Department with the Arden of Oak Brook Apartment Fire.
4. Mayor Esposito announced the Town Hall meeting on August 19th at 10:00 am in Council Chambers for the Streambank Supplemental Landscaping Plan and replanting.
5. Mayor Esposito stated that the Summer Concert Series is going well. He noted that the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club has been doing great with their fundraising efforts. Mayor Esposito announced that the next concert is Southern Jack and Sugar Highway.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Draft Ordinance Amending The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding Exterior Surface Protective Treatments:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the proposed ordinance regarding the painting of exterior surfaces and stated that Community Development Director Headley was in attendance to answer any questions.

Community Development Director Headley gave a brief description of the acceptable colors and stains allowed on any exterior surfaces and that if approved, the draft ordinance will need to move to Planning and Zoning for a public hearing. Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if the fence that was in question last time had been painted. Alderman Greco asked for some further clarification and if the ordinance is specific for fence structures. Alderman Rada expressed his concerns about the ordinance regarding a forced choice of colors. Further discussion included the restrictive colors, Homeowners Associations, and expanding the name of paint brands to include vendors from Home Depot. Mayor Esposito stated they would move this back to the agenda for further discussion with the amendments.

2. Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project – Approval Of Pay Request #6 (Invoices 2023-1040) (CBBEL Project 180522):

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the approval of payment request number six (6) for the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project in the amount of \$34, 944.25. Mayor

Esposito stated that this includes the cost of annual maintenance to prevent the growth of invasive species and the reduction in total retainage. Mayor Esposito advised that Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd (CBBEL) representative Jedd Anderson was in attendance to answer any project questions.

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the project and what the maintenance program will include. Alderman Greco expressed his frustration with the stumps left in the streambank, which, Mr. Anderson explained that the stumps needed to stay in place to keep the streambank stabilized. Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked questions regarding the maintenance program Mr. Anderson also addressed in detail.

3. Certificate of Reduction of Taxes Heretofore Levied for The Payment of Bonds:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the memo prepared by Finance Director Hoffman explaining the certificate of reduction of taxes.

Finance Director Hoffman explained that these bonds were passed in 2012 to improve the Business District. He also stated that the Certificate of Reduction tells DuPage County to remove this bond from the list, so they do not attempt to levy any further taxes on the residents. Finance Director Hoffman stated that we abate property taxes yearly since Oakbrook Terrace has alternative revenue sources. Alderman Beckwith commented that it is excellent so the City can abate the property taxes each year.

4. 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 (Ariana's OBT Corp. d/b/a Ariana's).

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance to approve a Class "E" Liquor License for Ariana's OTB Corp. d/b/a Ariana's located at 1S055 Summit Avenue, which is the first step in the process to obtain a gaming license.

Potential owner Ibrahim (Bobby) Istanbouli presented to City Council plans to purchase and renovate the building at 1S055 Summit Avenue. Mr. Istanbouli wants to add an upscale gaming parlor and lounge serving only beer and wine. He also informed City Council that other tenants are vacating, and with the remodel, he hopes to attract better clientele. Along with the liquor license, Mr. Istanbouli is looking to obtain a gaming license allowing him to install 6 video gaming machines. Gaming Productions representatives Lidija Zubic and Sam Fakhouri presented City Council with revenue data showing the top-performing locations and how much the municipalities benefits from the gaming revenues. Alderman Greco stated that he would like to see specific drawings of the remodeling project so that City Council has some type of guarantee that Mr. Istanbouli is committed to this project, which he said looks great.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked the group when they felt the gaming market would be over-saturated. Mr. Falhoury responded that they do not have an easy answer to the question, but they have found when similar gaming lounges are near each other they perform well due to some player superstitions. Alderman Greco stated he is usually against gaming establishments, but with what is proposed, he feels the redevelopment of that area is most important. Alderman Beckwith hopes this investment will spur additional economic development in the area. Alderman Rada asked who Gaming Productions is and how they play a role with Ariana's, which was explained by Mr. Falhoury.

5. 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 (Ariana's OBT Corp. d/b/a Ariana's, 1S055 Summit Avenue).

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance to approve a gaming license to Ariana's OBT Corp. d/b/a Ariana's located at 1S055 Summit Avenue. Mayor Esposito asked Mr. Istanbouli to provide City Council with the updated plans that were discussed for review prior to the next council meeting.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Fitzgerald noted the cost of library cards for residents and rentals and wanted to know why there was a difference, which Mayor Esposito explained some of the details on library card costs. Alderman Fitzgerald also thanked Mayor Esposito, City Administrator Ritz, and City Attorney Ramello for sitting down and discussing Berkshire Homeowners Association's request for relief.

Alderman Greco acknowledged Officer Fiorentino's retirement and stated he was a great officer and will be missed.

Alderman Beckwith thanked City Administrator Ritz and staff for the recent communications, which helps keep City Council informed. Alderman Beckwith stated it was nice to see everyone at National Night Out.

Alderman Vlach stated he had noticed a police officer sitting at the end of Stillwell Road facing South and wondered if they were trying to ticket people for not making a complete stop that Mayor Esposito explained about the use of unattended patrol cars as a traffic deterrent.

Alderman Rada stated that the communication has been excellent, and if something is needed, it has been attended to. Alderman Rada thanked Community Development Director Headley for responding to a question regarding tree trimming promptly and thoroughly. Alderman Rada advised that he and Alderman Fitzgerald met with residents from Versailles on the Lakes, City Administrator Ritz, Police Chief Calvello, and Deputy Chief Clark. They listened to resident concerns and stated that our staff had the necessary data to create a narrative of safety within the community. Alderman Rada commented and was impressed by the Andy Warhol exhibit and the overall attendance numbers from the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz stated he met with Public Services Director Ward regarding the Storm Sewer Project, and we should have an update by the end of the week. He informed City Council that we applied for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Small, Rural, and Tribal Grant for body worn cameras and that we were notified that out of 600 applications that were received the City of Oakbrook Terrace is one of 260 applicants that will advance to Phase II of the project. City Administrator Ritz also stated that the City of Oakbrook Terrace was just awarded another grant by the BJA in the amount of \$42,000 in grant funding for the purchase of body worn cameras and this award is a totally separate from the grant previously mentioned. He thanked Administrative Consulting Specialists for the great job they have done with our grant applications for the city.

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

Motion passed.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 23-07: A 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 for a motion to discuss Resolution No. 23-07: A 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. Motion made by Alderman Greco and second by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Esposito stated that with the absence of two City Council members last week, he wanted to give them an opportunity to provide input with the draft resolution. Alderman Greco expressed his displeasure with the Illinois Department of Transportation and stated he could not vote yes for the resolution.

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-07: A 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. Motion made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

2. Resolution No. 23-08: A 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 for a motion to discuss Resolution No. 23-08: A 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)

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Ramello stated that Resolution 23-08 is to spend the money for the improvement of the proposed intersection, but someone will have to pay for the energy and maintenance of the intersection, and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) wants the City of Oakbrook Terrace to pay for that. City Attorney Ramello stated he has had conversations with IDOT asking why the City of Oakbrook Terrace should pay for it, and IDOT said they made a mistake. City Attorney Ramello suggested tabling this resolution until there is an update with the resolution.

Motion made to table Resolution No. 23-08: A 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) was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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.

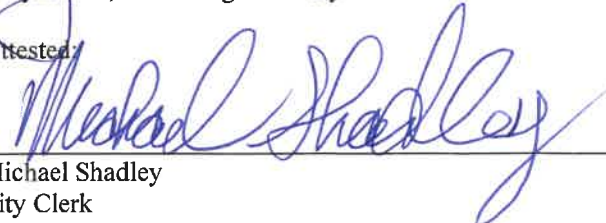
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk