

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 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 September 26, 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

Alderman Greco 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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call was taken.

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

Motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023

Motion to approve the September 12, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call was taken.

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Ann Ventura from MacArthur Drive talked to the City Council regarding traffic on MacArthur Drive. She related that the cut-through traffic on MacArthur Drive has significantly increased over time. Ms. Ventura said she has appeared before the City Council in the past regarding her concerns about the traffic but feels that nothing has been done. She stated this is not only a speed issue but also a noise and pollution problem. Ms. Ventura indicated most of the traffic comes through the neighborhood to get to

Costco. She requested City Council to try and come up with solutions with this so to limit the number of vehicles cutting through and using MacArthur Drive.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: September 26, 2023, In the Amount Of \$472,022.55
2. Treasurer's Report: August 2023
3. Personnel & Payroll: August 2023
4. Ordinance No. 23-27: An Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issuance Of A Purchase Order For The Purchase Of One (1) 2023 Chevrolet Silverado For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 23-28: An Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issuance Of A Purchase Order For The Purchase Of Two (2) 2023 Ford Explorers For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of September 26, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. 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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald 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 stated he will appoint Michael Sarallo To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire June 1, 2026.
2. Mayor Esposito stated he will re-appoint Ann Ventura To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire on June 1, 2026.
3. Mayor Esposito stated he will re-appoint Patricia Freida To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire June 1, 2026.
4. Mayor Esposito gave an update on the Storm Sewer Project, stating the project is going well, and the construction crew is now working on Leahy Road. In the following weeks, the construction crews will be on Stillwell Road with a projected completion date of mid-November.
5. Mayor Esposito stated the Streambank replanting is going well, and staff is working with residents for extra coverage. The project should be completed by November.
6. Mayor Esposito wished Alderman Barbari a Happy Birthday.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Municipal Complex Irrigation System Payout - 1st and Final:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the memo and invoice provided by Public Services Director Ward. This project was proposed and approved in the city budget. No questions from the City Council.

- 2. Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project Pay Request #7 (Invoice 2023-1057) (CBBEL Project 180522):

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the invoice from Semper Fi regarding the Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project payout. He stated this project has made significant progress and is close to completion. Alderman Beckwith asked if there would be any change orders for the additional purchase of trees from the residents, and Mayor Esposito replied that since we have additional funds within the budget, he feels we should not see any change orders. No further questions from the City Council.

- 3. Draft Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of The Application For Illinois Safe Routes To School Program:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the items provided to pass a draft resolution for the Safe Routes to School grant. Mayor Esposito stated the funds for the grant would be used to purchase two blinker signs at the trail crossing to assist resident children in crossing the street safely.

City Administrator Ritz explained what documentation was needed to fulfill this grant, along with the resolution. He also stated the deadline for the application is October 1, 2023. Alderman Beckwith noted that he feels that adding the devices will assist with the speeding on the two named streets but knows it will not help with the cut-through traffic. No further questions from City Council.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated they would host their first town hall meeting with Versailles on the Lake on October 30, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Greco was excited to see the dedication and commitment to the Northern Illinois University Strategic Plan. Alderman Greco wished a Happy Birthday to Alderman Barbari.

Alderman Beckwith was pleased with the outcome of the NIU Strategic Plan meeting. Alderman Beckwith passed on a congratulations to the Planning and Zoning appointees. He also gave his condolences to the Presley family for the loss of Sean Thomas Presley.

Alderman Vlach inquired about placing additional containers out to the curbs for garbage pickup and making the additional service payments to Flood Brothers.

Alderman Rada stated they would meet with Versailles and asked City Administrator Ritz for an update on the agreement, which City Administrator Ritz replied that the drafted agreement was sent to Versailles legal for their approval. Alderman Rada said they are contacting the other parts of their ward, like Regency Place, so they can understand our city government better.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz extended birthday wishes to Alderman Barbari.

City Administrator Ritz thanked Mayor Esposito, City Council, Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel, Public Services, the Police Department, and the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club for all their hard work with the 2023 Summer Concert Series.

City Administrator Ritz informed the City Council that Ariana’s façade permit was approved.

City Administrator Ritz stated Planning and Zoning will have a public hearing regarding Bruster’s Ice Cream shop.

City Administrator Ritz stated he should have an update by next week on a possible starting date for the water tower painting project.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 23-26: An 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 (Silver Oak The Terrace, Inc., dba Tracy’s, 17W500 22nd Street):

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to discuss Ordinance No. 23-26: An 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 (Silver Oak The Terrace, Inc., dba Tracy’s, 17W500 22nd Street). Motion made by Alderman Greco and second by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Esposito then asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-26: An 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 (Silver Oak The Terrace, Inc., dba Tracy’s, 17W500 22nd Street). Motion to approve was made by Alderman Beckwith and second by Alderman Vlach. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion failed.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss and Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act an Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee of the City of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Beckwith and Aldermen Rada. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

XVIII. 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.

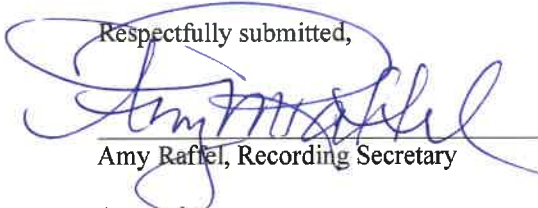
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Rada at 8:34 p.m.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

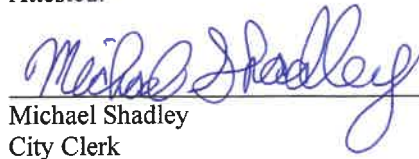
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffle, Recording Secretary

Attested:


Michael Shadley
City Clerk

