

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
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

Aldерwoman Mary Fitzgerald

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the February 13, 2024, 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, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Vlach

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Police Chief C. Calvello, Sergeant M. Hylton, 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 23, 2024

Motion to approve the January 23, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: February 13, 2024, In the Amount Of \$529,557.84
2. Ordinance No. 24–05: An Ordinance Establishing An Amnesty Program To Encourage Payment Of Past Due Civil Penalties And Late Fees For Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System Violations.
3. Ordinance No. 24–06: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions of Chapter 34 Entitled “Finance” of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding The Satisfaction Of Municipal Debts.
4. Resolution No. 24–03: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number Four To The Agreement With Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. For The Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to remove Action Item/Consent Agenda Item No. 3. Ordinance No. 24–06: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions of Chapter 34 Entitled “Finance” of Title

III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding The Satisfaction Of Municipal Debts was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motioned passed.

Motion to approve Action Items/Consent Agenda No. 1, 2, and 4 of February 13, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motioned passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ordinance No. 24–06: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions of Chapter 34 Entitled “Finance” of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding The Satisfaction Of Municipal Debts.

Motion to discuss Ordinance No, 24–06: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Chapter 34 Entitled “Finance” of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding The Satisfaction Of Municipal Debts was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

Mayor Esposito stated he spoke to staff regarding the ordinance and the proposed process. He noted that we already have software and other measures to track licenses. Mayor Esposito said that the preventative matter needing to be addressed is preventing businesses with outstanding fees owed to the city from applying for their licenses.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked for clarification if we have over 500 licensed businesses within the city. Alderman Beckwith asked if we could specify the ordinance for just businesses and companies and not to include residents, which City Attorney Ramello stated “yes.”

Motion to table Ordinance No. 20–06: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions of Chapter 34 Entitled “Finance” of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Regarding The Satisfaction Of Municipal Debts was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

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 Barbari. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024, in observance of President's Day.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Presentation By The City's Hotel Convention And Visitor's Bureau Commission:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the presentation prepared by the Hotel Commission. He stated that Vice Chair of the Hotel Commission Henry Garbers and Executive Director Beth Marchette of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) are in attendance to provide an update on the performance of the Hotel Commission and new initiatives. He stated that he was pleased to be involved with the Hotel Commission and be able to further market the hotels within Oakbrook Terrace.

Executive Director Beth Marchette explained how the DCVB acts as an agency to assist the hotels and the city. Vice Chair Henry Gables introduced himself to the City Council and provided an overview of his hotel industry background. He stated that he was pleased to be involved with the Hotel Commission and to be able to market the hotels within the City of Oakbrook Terrace further. Executive Director Beth Marchette presented a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council, and provided detailed information on hotel branding, Expedia, STR Reporting, and their sales initiatives.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on the vast amount of knowledge gained from the partnership with the Hotel Commission and the DCVB. Alderman Greco stated he was excited about the presentation and the programs being implemented. Alderman Beckwith asked about the hotel grants and if they have been helpful. Alderman Rada asked for clarification on the rate ratio comparisons.

2. **Presentation By The Villa Park Library:**

Mayor Esposito welcomed Deputy Director & Head of Circulation/Outreach Services, Kandice Krettler, to discuss upcoming events, services, and news about the library.

Deputy Director & Head of Circulation/Outreach Services Kandice Krettler discussed how many residents hold library cards versus how many are active, their work with the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, the two free libraries within the city, educator bags, and their other library partnerships. Ms. Krettler also provided information regarding the summer reading programs, their outreach van, and that the Villa Park Library has joined the library consortium to further expand their services and programs.

Mayor Esposito asked for further information on what constitutes an active library card. Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated that she welcomes new homeowners in the Berkshire Community and asked if they had packets that she could utilize. Alderman Beckwith asked if the library construction is done and how residents can further utilize the library.

3. Renewal Of Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance:

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the provided interdepartmental memo regarding health/dental/vision/life insurance.

Assistant to the City Administrator gave an update on the benefit status, the increased cost of benefits with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the contract with vision and dental. She stated that other municipalities' increases have been up to 40% versus our only 4% increase.

Mayor Esposito stated he likes the consistency of having the same benefit packages. Alderman Beckwith noted that the average increase of insurance for municipalities is around 7 to 10%.

4. Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Chapter 92 Entitled "Animal Control" Of Title IX Entitled "General Regulations" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the draft ordinance prepared by City Attorney Ramello amending the code of "Animal Control." He commented on the video posted on social media of a young girl abusing a dog with the video going viral, and all the comments made on social media to remove the dog from the resident's home. Mayor Esposito expressed that the police department worked with multiple agencies to address the issue along with posting updated press releases but were still scrutinized on the social media platforms. Mayor Esposito stated an event like this has never happened before, but he became concerned for the police department and the family being trolled on social media. Mayor Esposito asked the City Attorney to write an ordinance to amend the code so that the police department had more leeway to take actions in situations of this nature in consideration of a person's legal rights.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on the incident, the different interventions that could occur, and whether this ordinance gives the police department more authority in these situations. Alderman Barbari accepts the recommendation. Alderman Beckwith asked if the police took the dog, what happens then, and how the little girl was doing.

Item moved to subsequent consent agenda.

5. Agreement Of A Five (5) Year Contract With Flock Group Inc.:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Police Chief Calvello regarding a contract extension with the Flock Group Inc.

Sergeant Michael Hylton provided a detailed discussion about the Flock camera system and pointed out how many cameras are currently in Oakbrook Terrace, where they are located, how they work, the many benefits of the cameras, and how they assist other police departments. He discussed the partnership with the Flock Group Inc. and how they work with other police departments and how this partnership is so valuable to the success of the camera program.

Alderman Greco commented on the benefits of this program. Alderman Beckwith stated the information provided by Sergeant Hylton was well presented, and he gave a history of how flock cameras started, and recommended the extension of the agreement.

Item moved to subsequent consent agenda.

6. Draft Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number One To The Agreement With Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft resolution to execute change order number one, amending the agreement with Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC. City Attorney Ramello explained why a change order was needed for the 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project. Public Works Director Ward provided additional information on the grant funding that was awarded for the project.

Alderman Beckwith thanked Public Works Director Ward for clarifying the matching grant funding and the change order correction made by City Attorney Ramello. Alderman Rada asked how checks and balances will be put in place to prevent mistakes like this from happening with future projects.

Item moved to New Business for approval.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Greco commented on the traffic study and speed report that was provided on MacArthur Drive.

Alderman Beckwith asked how the data provided was extracted and about the number of vehicles traveling on MacArthur Drive. He thanked the police department for being vigilant and responsive. Alderman Beckwith stated he attended a legislative breakfast where House Bill 4866 was discussed and how it would affect the city.

Alderman Rada stated that after a year of water service from Aqua, they have now raised their rates again, and that he met with State Senator Suzy Glowiak-Hilton to assist with

trying to regulate and monitor Aqua water services. Alderman Rada commented on the low speeds as reported on the traffic survey conducted on MacArthur Drive.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz provided an update on the Northern Illinois University Strategic Plan and provided a Strategic Planning and Goal Development Initiative draft report from NIU to City Council. He thanked everyone who participated in the focus groups and who gave their input on the city's short-and long-term goals for the project.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

- I. Resolution No. 24-04: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number One To The Agreement With Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-04: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order Number One To The Agreement With Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

- 2. Resolution No. 24-05: A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Payment Of Estimate Of Payment Number Two For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-05: A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Payment Of Estimate Of Payment Number Two For The 2023 Storm Sewer Replacement Project By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:40 p.m.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

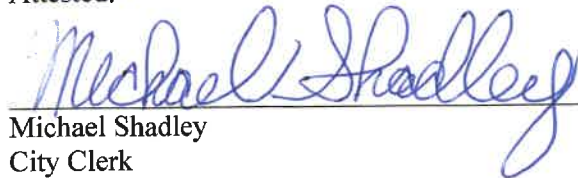
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



 Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



 Michael Shadley
 City Clerk



Next Regular City Council meeting is February 27, 2024

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