

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 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

Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the February 27, 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Beckwith

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Interim Finance Director S. Griffin, 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 February 13, 2024:

Motion to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Berkshire Resident Mr. David Brown spoke in front of the City Council regarding government transparency. Mr. Brown asked if the whole agenda packet could be made available to the public and published on the city’s website. He asked if the agenda packet could be made available earlier due to the vast amount of content to be voted on, and for city council to have healthy dialog in debate of their views on specific issues related to agenda items.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: February 27, 2024, In the Amount Of \$224,515.51
2. Treasurer’s Report: January 2024
3. Personnel & Payroll Report: January 2024

4. Ordinance No. 24–08: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Chapter 92 Entitled “Animal Control” Of Title IX Entitled “General Regulations” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 24–09: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Purchase Order For Flock Safety Falcon Cameras For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of February 27, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Beckwith

Motioned 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach.

Nays: None

Absent: Beckwith

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council that Green Signs was updating the billboard sign on IL. Rte. 83 with newer panels and updated technology.
2. Mayor Esposito advised City Council that the Arianna’s Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for March 16th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Presentation By District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente Regarding Updates, News, And Success Of The School District:

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente spoke to the City Council regarding recent District 88 happenings that included the topics of; an update on their strategic plan, identifying school and educational priorities,

connecting with students, and focusing on career and college preparation. She commented on how they are maintaining a graduation rate of over 90%, transparency throughout the school district they serve, offering internships and apprenticeships, and providing additional extracurricular and athletic opportunities for the students.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about the school district's strategic plan and how long the process was. Alderman Barbari asked how many high schools are within the district. Alderman Greco stated he has a child at Willowbrook High School and enjoys the alerts that are dispersed to the parents. Alderman Rada said he was impressed by the diversity at the school.

2. **Amending 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:**

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the amended ordinance needing approval due to a numerical clerical error. He stated that if everyone concurs, it will be voted on at the reconvened meeting.

No questions from the City Council.

3. **Discussion Of Uncle Bub's BBQ Proposal For The July 4th Resident Picnic:**

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo regarding the proposed quote from Uncle Bub's BBQ for the July 4th resident picnic. Mayor Esposito stated the quote for this year's picnic came in at \$18,585 and advised City Council that once the tip is added to the total, the final cost would exceed our \$20,000 purchasing threshold.

Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel stated the quoted increase is due to rising food costs and that she ordered the same menu items and quantities as last year. She also shared that she contacted Mission BBQ for a quote, but they advised they would be closed for the holiday and would be unable to cater the event.

Alderman Barbari asked if we had a final count for the number of residents who have attended previous 4th of July events. Alderwoman Fitzgerald wondered if there was a local restaurant that would be interested in hosting the event.

4. **Draft Ordinance Correcting A Scrivener's Error, Abating Certain Tax Levies And Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Certificate Of Reduction Of Taxes Heretofore Levied For The Payment Of Bonds**

For The General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace:

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Interim Finance Director Griffen concerning a scrivener’s error that was discovered pertaining to the executed ordinance for the general obligation Bond Series 2012B.

City Attorney Ramello explained that the ordinance contained a typographical error that needed to be addressed and corrected. He stated that DuPage County had caught the error and brought it to the attention of Interim Finance Director Griffin.

No questions asked, and the item is moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated that the City of Naperville and Palos had implemented the PulsePoint program and hoped the City of Oakbrook Terrace could consider implementing the same program.

Alderman Vlach thanked everyone for the well wishes while recovering from gallbladder surgery.

Alderman Rada brought forth a resolution from Glen Ellyn in support of their community’s anti-racism efforts and would like to adopt the same for the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Alderman Rada also stated that during the Governor’s State of Illinois address he proposed eliminating the 1% grocery sales tax.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz provided information on the Governor’s proposed elimination of the 1% Grocery Sales tax in the upcoming State of Illinois 2025 Budget and the impact that the loss of these tax revenues would have on local municipalities. He then gave an overview of the January police calls for service and arrest statistics along with giving an update on the status of the city’s Comprehensive and Strategic Plans.

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 24-07: An Ordinance Establishing An Amnesty Program To Encourage Payment Of Past Due Civil Penalties And Late Fees For Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System Violations:

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 24 – 07: An Ordinance Establishing An Amnesty Program To Encourage Payment Of Past Due Civil Penalties And Late Fees For Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System Violations was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

2. Approval of Amended City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024:

Motion to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as amended, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada at 7:53 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 March 12, 2024

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