

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 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 April 9, 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, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Greco

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

1. Approval To Publish The Tentative Annual Budget To The City’s Website:

Motion to add to the April 9, 2024 agenda, Approval To Publish The Tentative Annual Budget To The City’s Website, was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Greco

Motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Budget Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024
2. Budget Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024
3. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024

Motion to approve the March 13, 2024, Budget Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2024, Budget Meeting Minutes, and March 26, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Vlach. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Greco

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Oakbrook Terrace Resident George Sirants spoke to the City Council regarding continuous flooding in the parking lot at Oakbrook Terrace East, located at 1S150 Spring Road. He stated that with the help of City Administrator Ritz, Public Services Director Ward, and Mayor Esposito, they were hopefully able to rectify the flooding situation in their parking lot. Mr. Sirants noted that they initially contacted Aqua Water Services but did not receive the assistance they sought to remedy the problem.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: April 9, 2024, in the Amount Of \$160,829.50.
2. Ordinance No. 24-12: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Publication Of A Revised Official Zoning District Map For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of April 9, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:

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

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 Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito gave his condolences to the Kallas family on the passing of former Mayor Kallas on Thursday, March 26th. He thanked the former mayor

for his positive impact on the community and for his many years of service to the city.

2. Mayor Esposito reminded the City Council that the Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held at Ditka's Restaurant on Friday, April 12th, starting at 6:00 p.m.
3. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council that the city will be hosting a document shredding event in conjunction with Illinois State Senator Suzy Glowiak on Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. with more information to follow.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. FY2025 Budget Meeting #2 Notes/Responses:

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review the interdepartmental memo created by Interim Finance Director Griffin. The memo contained the notes from the two Budget Meetings held on March 13th and 20th along with the informational responses.

Interim Finance Director Griffin stated the first item to discuss was the library fees for the Villa Park Library Card Program. Alderwoman Fitzgerald noted that the impact of a free library card on the City of Oakbrook Terrace budget would be tremendous and suggested decreasing the cost of a library card to \$20 per household. Further discussions included creating a welcome packet for residents and new businesses, and for looking into possible formatting changes and updates with the Terrace Leaves Newsletter. Interim Finance Director Griffin advised that she added costs for additional staffing and legal fees along with taking a conservative forecasting approach with the general fund revenues and expenditures.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Barbari stated that the vacant lot behind the police station is for sale, and the City of Oakbrook Terrace should look at possibly purchasing it to use for future events.

Alderman Beckwith attended a legislative meeting in which Chief Executive Officer Brad Cole from the Illinois Municipal League (IML) discussed the IML's position on the upcoming legislation proposed in the Illinois House and Senate. He stated the most significant discussion issues were the 1% grocery tax, the Local General Distributive Fund (LGDF), and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Tier 2 Pensions. Alderman Beckwith also stated a representative from the DuPage Water Commission spoke about the future 2030 water rate increase.

Alderman Rada thanked Interim Finance Director Griffin for her hard work on the proposed budget and asked if the City of Oakbrook Terrace is receiving any internet sales taxes, which was discussed by Interim Director Griffin.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz informed the City Council about the follow up to the sign ordinance talks raised at the last council meeting concerning businesses displaying feather and window signage. He brought up for discussion with City Council about future enforcement of sign ordinance violations. Administrator Ritz also advised that he spoke with Mr. Dan Lynch of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding additional traffic studies and further vehicle traffic options around the areas of MacArthur Drive and 22nd Street.

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, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Absent: Greco

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval To Publish The Tentative Annual Budget To The City's Website:

Motion to approve Old Business item to Publish The Tentative Annual Budget To The City's Website was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Greco

Motion passed.

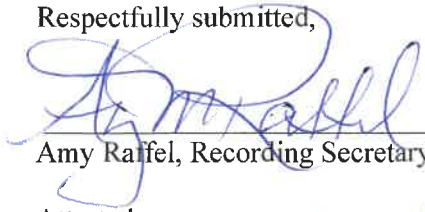
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada at 8:41 p.m.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

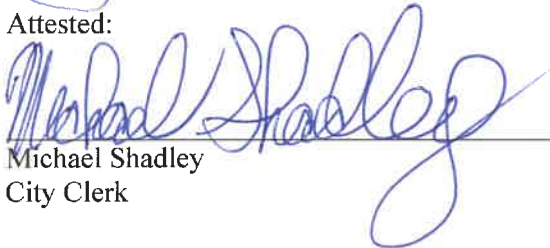
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raifel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

Next Regular City Council meeting is April 23, 2024

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