

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 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 23, 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, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: None

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Interim Finance Director S. Griffin, 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 April 09, 2024

Motion to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Oakbrook Terrace Resident Naila Usmani read the resolution that the City of Chicago passed to call for a cease-fire in Gaza.

Mahnour Ahmed referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Umar Haque referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Samev Odeh referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution. Rev. Adam David referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Angel Tovar referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Majd Ghanim referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Hafew Elaghi referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Nodhan Perrin referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Maryam Othman referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Patty Droogan referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Enida Abdeen referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

Atiya Haque referred to the fighting in Gaza and asked the Council for a cease-fire resolution.

VII. RECESS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING.

Motion to Recess to The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Hearing was made by Alderman Beckwith and second by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

VIII. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Esposito called the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Hearing to order at 8:07 PM. City Clerk Shadley took roll call that indicated the following Alderman and Alderwoman in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach

Absent: None

The Regular Meeting recessed to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Hearing.

Mayor Esposito informed the City Council that the budget hearing was published in a legal notice in the Daily Herald on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and a hard copy was made present for viewing at the front counter at City Hall.

Interim Finance Director Griffin informed the City Council and the Public that all documents have been published for added transparency. She discussed the objectives and goals of the budget process and how to move forward to provide services to the residents of Oakbrook Terrace. Projected revenues are \$14 million, and expenditures are \$13.8 million. The city's issues include the reduction of a 1% grocery tax and the reduction of red light camera funds. Interim Finance Director Griffin discussed significant revenues, including sales tax, property taxes, hotel/motel tax, and food and beverage tax. Major expenditures include salaries, contractual obligations, capital projects, debt payments, and commodities.

Alderswoman Fitzgerald asked for clarification on the legal fees and how to control the spending. She also wondered if personnel costs at 29% are a standard for government agencies and for clarification on the human resources addition in account 01-01-5600.

Alderman Greco expressed his concerns over the budget format.

Alderman Beckwith stated that he felt this was the first budget that was a team effort and addressed the concerns of legal costs.

Alderman Rada stated that this budget was the best he understood and contributed to staff and the transparency of information provided during discussions.

Motion to adjourn the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Motion Passed

IX. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Payment of City Bills: April 23, 2024, In the Amount Of \$257,753.55
- 2. Treasurer’s Report: March 2024
- 3. Personnel & Payroll: March 2024

Motion to approve all items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for April 23, 2024, 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.

X. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

XI. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderswoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

XII. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito thanked those who attended the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

XIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. **Letter of Recommendation – 17W207 Monterey Avenue**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Community Development Headley and the minutes from the April 16, 2024, Planning and Zoning Public Hearing regarding the two requests from homeowners at 17W207 Monterey Avenue.

Community Development Director Headley explained the front yard and side yard setbacks. The applicants are asking for a variation to construct an addition to the single-family residence. She stated that Planning and Zoning recommended unanimously approving the request.

City Council was all in agreement with the request.

The letter of Recommendation for 17W207 Monterey Avenue was moved to the subsequent consent agenda.

2. **Draft Ordinance Appointing A Finance Director And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of The Finance Director's Employment Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance regarding hiring a finance director.

City Administrator Ritz gave an overview of the hiring process for the new finance director.

Alderman Rada asked if the City Council could meet the candidate before hiring.

Alderman Beckwith expressed his gratitude for the new finance director's chance to have training during the transition period. He also asked for clarification on appointing the finance director to include the title of city treasurer.

Alderman Greco stated he looks forward to permanently fulfilling this position and hopes the new finance director will receive adequate training.

City Council was all in agreement with the draft ordinance.

At the reconvened meeting, a draft ordinance appointing a finance director to the City of Oakbrook Terrace was voted on.

3. Draft Ordinance An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, As Amended, Title III (Administration); Chapter 30 (General Provisions), §30.31 (User Fee For Library Card)

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance regarding the proposed user fee for the Villa Park library cards. He explained the fee change would create a flat fee of \$20 for single- and multi-families instead of a two-tier system.

Alderman Greco asked for a review of the discussion regarding the proposed ordinance.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked how staff would announce the fee change to the residents.

A draft ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances was voted on at the reconvened meeting.

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada talked about the DuPage Convention and Visitors Beuara retreat to discuss how to fund the convention bureau. He also stated that the DuPage Sports Commission is trying to get noticed nationally to gain more exposure.

Alderman Beckwith informed the City Council at Kremel Park that four trees were removed. According to Public Services Director Ward, the city will replace them and add additional trees. Alderman Beckwith asked for a discussion of MacArthur Drive to be placed on the subsequent agenda.

Alderman Greco thanked the mayor and staff for requesting that the feather signs be removed in compliance with our city code of ordinances.

Alderman Barbari thanked for the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald announced that Berkshire will host a homeowner's meeting about what is happening around Oakbrook Terrace. She said the police chief would attend and hoped for the mayor's support.

XV. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XVI. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XVII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

Gave a brief report regarding police reports and an update on the feather signs and businesses compliant with the city's ordinance.

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.

XIX. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 24-13: An Ordinance Approving The Budget For The City of Oakbrook Terrace For The Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2024, And Ending On April 30, 2025

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24-13: An Ordinance Approving The Budget For The City of Oakbrook Terrace For The Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2024, And Ending On April 30, 2025, was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

- 2. Resolution No. 24-07: A Resolution Approving The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Beginning In 2024 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 23-07: A Resolution Approving The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Beginning In 2024 The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

- 3. Ordinance No. 24 – 14: An Ordinance Appointing A Finance Director And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of The Finance Director’s Employment Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24 – 14: An Ordinance Appointing A Finance Director And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of The Finance Director’s Employment Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion passed.

- 4. Ordinance No. 24 – 15: An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City of Oakbrook Terrace, As Amended, Title III (Administration); Chapter 30 (General Provisions), §30.31 (User Fee For Library Card)

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24 – 15: An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City of Oakbrook Terrace, As Amended, Title III (Administration); Chapter 30 (General Provisions), §30.31 (User Fee For Library Card), was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald at 9:34 p.m.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

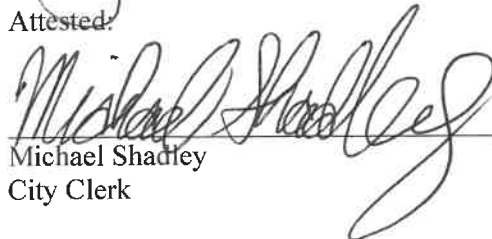
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

Next Regular City Council meeting is May 14, 2024

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