

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the July 25, 2017, 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 Aldermen were in attendance:

Present: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, Vlach, and Mayor Ragucci
Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, Public Services Director C. Ward, City Administrator A. Marrero, Deputy Clerk C. Downer, Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator M. Sarallo, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor 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 July 11, 2017.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Greco.

**Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach
Nays: None**

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Shanahan, of the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society, updated the Council on the Society's recent activities. Shanahan said the Fik House front steps have been replaced and the Society is hoping to install a brickway from the driveway to the front steps. Shanahan said residents will be able to donate bricks as a fundraiser, which will support the Historical Society's activities. Shanahan noted the Fik House underwent

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various plumbing repairs. Shanahan added the goal is to restore the Fik House bathroom and kitchen back to the 1950's design style. Shanahan said the Fik House is available for tours by appointment and he encouraged the Council to inform the community about the tours.

Shanahan asked if the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society could submit trivia photos for inclusion in the *Terrace Leaves*. Mayor Ragucci said this would be fine and to work with Deputy Clerk Downer on this.

Former Mayor Bill Kallas complimented the elected officials and the staff on the continued progress of the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Kevin Olickal of State Representative Deb Conroy's Office asked the Council to reach-out to her office with any concerns. Olickal indicated State Representative Conroy was instrumental in the recent passage of the PANDA's (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associate with Strep) law, which offers insurance coverage for people who are afflicted with this disease. Olickal noted Illinois is the first state to require insurance benefits be provided to PANDA patients.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 25, 2017 In The Amount Of \$306,431.19.
2. Treasurer's Report June 2017.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report 2017.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda for July 25, 2017 as presented was made by Alderman Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: 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 Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz.

Ayes: Esposito, Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach

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Nays: None

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR RAGUCCI

Mayor Ragucci said the City Administrator will be discussing the impact of the recent passage of the State of Illinois budget on the City. Mayor Ragucci stated over the weekend the video surveillance surveys were distributed to residents. Mayor Ragucci apologized for the mistake on the surveys and said this is unacceptable and will be handled internally.

Mayor Ragucci said in his efforts to make the City more residential friendly, he suggested that the public hearing fees for residents be waived. Mayor Ragucci also suggested eliminating some of the more stringent codes so that the City is more builder friendly. Vlach said based upon building his own home years ago he agrees with the Mayor's suggestions.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. July 4, 2017 Independence Day Celebration Report.

Downer referred to her memorandum summarizing the July 4th Celebration. Mayor Ragucci said Cheryl did a great job and went above and beyond expectations. Esposito said the July 4th picnic and fireworks are a great tradition. Alderman Esposito suggested involving the children more with activities such as a relay race or a balloon toss. Alderman Esposito said he knows some residents who would be willing to volunteer their time and run these events next year. Alderman Greco agreed with the need for more children activities. Alderman Greco also agrees with Vlach's suggestion for more space between the tables in the tent. Alderman Greco also proposed that some outside food vendors be able to offer additional options on July 4th. Alderman Greco also expressed concern that the sponsorships should be higher. Alderman Swartz commented the sponsors should have more visibility on the day and suggested using placemats that identify the donors will improve recognition.

Alderman Greco asked when the sponsorship packets are distributed. Downer replied usually in late March or early April. Downer explained that she allows for some lag time between when the business license renewals are mailed and the sponsorship packets are mailed. Alderman Greco recommended that next year, the sponsor names be placed on the City's billboard.

Mayor Ragucci said staff did a great job with this year's July 4th and added that he appreciated their efforts.

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2. Award Of 2017 Curb Replacement Project.

Public Services Director Ward indicated a bid opening for the 2017 Curb Replacement Project was held on July 6, 2017. Public Services Director Ward reported the lowest bidder was Davis Concrete Construction Company with a bid of \$69,975. Public Services Director Ward recommended awarding the contract to Davis. Public Services Director Ward said Davis installed the curbs along 16th Street back in 2013, and the curbs have held up really well. Alderman Greco asked if the contractor will repair the yards. Public Services Director Ward replied that Davis will install the curbs and will restore the sod as well. Public Services Director Ward said the curbs will be installed along:

- MacArthur and Elm Place;
- Nimitz and Eisenhower;
- Hodges and Leahy; and,
- Stillwell and MacArthur.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

3. Illinois Elevator Safety Program Agreement Between The City And The Office Of The State Fire Marshall (OSFM).

City Administrator Marrero indicated the City has an agreement with the Office of the State Marshall, which allows the use of a third party to inspect all the elevators for safety purposes. City Administrator Marrero said this agreement is in lieu of being under the jurisdiction of the State for the elevator inspections. City Administrator Marrero said every four (4) years the agreement between the City and the Office of the State Fire Marshall must be renewed. City Administrator Marrero said the City is agreeing to enforce safety standards, codes, and regulations as adopted by the Illinois Elevator safety rules.

The Council concurred to place this on the next consent agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Esposito said the City Council has spent so much time on the rental property program. Alderman Esposito recommended the City take a harder stance on repeated offenders in the rental program. Alderman Esposito said rentals with known problems should not be placed back on the market until all the violations are repaired. Alderman Esposito also said some rental properties should be shut-down. Mayor Ragucci said Alderman Esposito's concerns will be addressed during the staff meeting.

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Alderman Greco agreed that the Council has been working on this a long time and staff is not paying attention to the right issues. Alderman Greco said the Council's concern is the rental properties and property maintenance. Alderman Greco said he agrees with waiving the public hearing fees for residents. Alderman Greco added that he is all for making the code cleaner and easier in order to promote residential improvements throughout the City.

Alderman Thomas complemented the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society and said he supports the Society's plan. Vlach recommended the red light camera ticket revenues be utilized to pay down some of the City's outstanding debt. Vlach also suggested reminding the Amusement Tax payers now of the forthcoming 1% increase effective April 1, 2018. Vlach also proposed the Council take another look at the Self Storage tax in the future.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero said with the recent passage of the Illinois State budget, there were several provisions that impact the City including:

- a 10% reduction in the Income Tax, which translates into a \$20,000 loss for the General Fund; and,
- a new 2% Administration Fee will be applied towards all locally imposed taxes including the City's Home Rule Sales Tax and the Business District Tax. Marrero said the 2% Administration Fee should amount to a \$46,000 loss in the Capital Improvement Fund and a \$1,500 loss in the Business District Debt Service Funds.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Esposito and seconded by Alderman Przychodni.

Ayes: Esposito, Alderman Greco, Przychodni, Swartz, Thomas, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

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None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Swartz at 7:51PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett
Recording Secretary