

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Esposito called the September 22, 2020, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Council members were in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito

Absent: Przychodni

Also, in attendance were City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator A. Marrero, Assistant to the Mayor and City Administrator M. Sarallo, Building and Zoning Administrator M. Dragan, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting 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 September 8, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Bob Shanahan of the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society updated the Council on the recent improvements made to the historic Fik House. Shanahan noted this is one of six (6) original Sears homes nationwide. Shanahan asked for the City Council to consider matching funds for exterior improvements that are needed to the Fik House. Currently the Fik House needs a new roof, soffits, and gutters with an estimated total cost of \$28,100. Shanahan asked

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if the City would be able to help with half of the estimated repair costs at \$14,050. Shanahan noted the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society will be fundraising for the other half of the projected improvement costs.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: September 22, 2020 In The Amount Of \$135,393.77.
2. Treasurers Report August 2020.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report August 2020.
4. Ordinance No. 20-36: An Ordinance Granting Exceptions From The Zoning Ordinance And Amending The Planned Unit Development For 1 Tower Lane In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
5. Ordinance No. 20-37: An Ordinance Granting A Variation From The Requirements Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For 1S516 Leahy Road (Lech Jelenski And Malgorzata Jelenski) In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Alderman Greco requested that Consent Agenda Item Number four (4) be removed.

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as amended minus Item Number four (4) for September 22, 2020 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco.

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4. Ordinance No. 20-36: An Ordinance Granting Exceptions From The Zoning Ordinance And Amending The Planned Unit Development For 1 Tower Lane In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Alderman Greco motioned to discuss Item Number four (4). There was no second to this motion, so the motion failed.

Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 20-36: An Ordinance Granting Exceptions From The Zoning Ordinance And Amending The Planned Unit Development For 1 Tower Lane In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

Ayes: Barbari, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito

Nays: Greco

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Motion passed.

IX. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1

Acting Mayor Esposito administered the oath of office to Alderman Joseph Beckwith of Ward One (1). Acting Mayor Esposito welcomed Alderman Beckwith to the City Council.

X. 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 Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XI. ACTING MAYOR ESPOSITO

Acting Mayor Esposito expressed his condolences to the family of long-time resident Jean Mason on her recent passing. Acting Mayor Esposito noted Jane Mason spent 25 years as a day-care provider and touched the lives of many Oakbrook Terrace residents. Acting Mayor Esposito expressed his condolences to the family of former resident Ross Iovinelli. Acting Mayor noted the playground at Stella May Swartz School is about 98% completed. The City Council will be invited to the unveiling of the playground with a date to be announced shortly. The City's census participation rate is currently at 59%.

Acting Mayor Esposito updated the Council on the recent COVID-19 statistics and noted Region 8 is still at a 5.5% positivity rate. The City has about 54 confirmed COVID-19 cases. The City is working on a plan for the restaurants during the winter season.

XII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Letter Of Recommendation-17W648 22nd Street- Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan stated a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a request by the petitioner, Hawthorne Race Course, to approve text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, to add a definition from the Sports Wagering Act, and an amendment to the B-3 General Retail District to allow sports wagering as a special use. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the petitioner's proposed text amendments. The petitioner also requested a variation from the Zoning Ordinance to allow the existing free-standing sign to remain as is. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this variance request as well.

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Matthew Welch, Attorney for the petitioner, stated Hawthorne is requesting a text amendment, a special use, and a variance. Welch displayed a rendering and noted there will be no changes to the footprint of the building or parking lot. Welch displayed a rendering of the new signage and noted the pre-existing sign was code compliant at the time it was installed back in 1992. Welch indicated the current sign is four (4) feet over the current limitation. Welch added Hawthorne is not increasing the size of the existing sign, but rather just changing the sign's text. Acting Mayor Esposito asked when sports wagering will begin. Tim Carey, of Hawthorne, replied sports wagering is expected to begin in about two (2) months.

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

2. Approval Of FY 2022 Budget Action Calendar.

City Administrator Marrero referenced the budget calendar included in the agenda packet. City Administrator Marrero highlighted the March 3, 2021 and March 10, 2021 budget meeting dates and asked the Council to contact her if these proposed dates do not work.

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

3. Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Acting Mayor Esposito referenced proposed Ordinance No. 20-38 extending the State of Emergency through October 27, 2020. Alderman Rada suggested extending the state of emergency for a period longer than one (1) month since the State of Illinois continues to remain in the current phase. City Attorney Ramello said as a home rule City, Oakbrook Terrace can extend the state of emergency for a longer period of time.

The Council concurred to extend the State of Emergency through December 8, 2020.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada noted the redevelopment adjacent to the Berkshire subdivision is back again. Alderman Rada expressed disappointment over Comcast's lack of customer service for business that needs critical internet service. Alderman Rada reported Comcast recently informed a local business that internet service would not be available until late October, when the business requested service in early August. Alderman Rada said it took six (6) weeks before Comcast could fully offer phone and internet service at this business. Alderman Barbari welcomed Alderman Joe Beckwith to the Council. Alderman Greco inquired if there are any repercussions for being in the State of Emergency for this amount of time. Alderman Beckwith thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment and said he was very honored to serve the City. Acting Mayor Esposito said Beckwith will be a great addition to the City Council.

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XIV. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello welcomed Alderman Beckwith to the City Council.

XV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

City Clerk Shadley welcomed Alderman Beckwith to the City Council.

XVI. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero welcomed Alderman Beckwith to the City Council. City Administrator Marrero noted staff is finalizing the application process for the Streambank Stabilization grant. The City expects to receive approximately \$234,000 from this grant and this project is estimated to begin next spring 2021. City Administrator Marrero noted staff is also working on filing the CARES application grant with DuPage County next week. The City expects to receive about \$150,000 for this grant. City Administrator Marrero indicated she will be distributing new goals and objectives packets to the Council. Most of the current goals and objectives have been achieved as detailed in the most recent budget document.

XVII. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 20-38: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak.

Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 20-38: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

City Attorney Ramello asked if the Council was still considering extending the date of the Emergency past October 27, 2020 as discussed during the Committee of the Whole. The Council concurred to amend the proposed ordinance and extend the State of Emergency through December 8, 2020.

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Motion To Approve Ordinance No. 20-38: An Ordinance Extending The State Of Emergency In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Due To The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak and Amend Section 9 To Extend the State of Emergency Through December 8, 2020 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Rada, and Vlach

Nays: Greco

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco at 7:36PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary