

**CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Esposito called the April 13, 2021, 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, Beckwith, Greco, Przychodni, Rada, Vlach, and Acting Mayor Esposito
Absent: None

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 March 23, 2021.

Motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of March 23, 2021 Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole as presented was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: April 13, 2021 In The Amount Of \$285,671.04

Motion to approve all the items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for April 13, 2021 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ordinance No. 21-12: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter *Alcoholic Liquor Control*, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Pearl Enterprise LLC, D/B/A Sleep Inn/Mainstay 64 Choice 17W710 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to discuss Ordinance No. 21-12 was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

Alderman Greco said he mis-spoke at the last meeting and he was confused with the hotels and this hotel has not had any issues. Alderman Greco indicated he has no issue with this additional liquor license.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-12: An Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter *Alcoholic Liquor Control*, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Pearl Enterprise LLC, D/B/A Sleep Inn/Mainstay 64 Choice 17W710 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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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 Przychodni and seconded by Alderman Vlach.

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

Motion passed.

X. ACTING MAYOR ESPOSITO

Acting Mayor Esposito thanked the Oakbrook Terrace residents for voting in the consolidated election last Tuesday. Acting Mayor Esposito congratulated the newly elected Council members including: Alderman Vlach, Alderman Beckwith, Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald, and City Clerk Michael Shadley.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Continued Discussion Of The Robinette Property.

Acting Mayor Esposito stated John Houseal from Houseal Lavigne Associates presented a proposal to update the 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at the last Council meeting. City Administrator Marrero stated for the purpose of continued discussions regarding the Robinette property, she is not sure if a 2021 comprehensive plan update prepared by Houseal Lavigne would be any different from the 2007 plan. City Administrator Marrero said she did not anticipate any comprehensive plan changes to the Robinette property due to the gateway and entryway issues. City Administrator Marrero said the 2007 Comprehensive Plan discusses a gateway just south of Walmart along Route 83 or on Roosevelt Road.

City Administrator Marrero stated she discussed the Robinette property's entryway issues with City Engineer Dan Lynch. City Engineer Lynch informed City Administrator Marrero that it would be very difficult to obtain IDOT's approval for a second entrance along Route 83 just south of the current entrance. Acting Mayor Esposito agreed with City Administrator Marrero's comments that a comprehensive plan update for the Robinette property would probably not be much different from the current plan. Alderman Rada suggested taking the goals from the comprehensive plan and updating the objectives, then the comprehensive plan does need to be updated. Alderman Rada recommended convening a smaller group to update the objectives.

Acting Mayor Esposito said other proposed developments at the site have not advanced due to the access point issues. Acting Mayor Esposito noted the City has a meeting with NAI Hiffman and the Robinette family on April 21, 2021. Alderman Greco agreed that the City

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does not need to update the comprehensive plan now because we could easily manipulate and restructure the existing plan without having to spend the money. Alderman Greco indicated he understands the issues with the property owner moving on and selling the property. Alderman Greco suggested the City do some of the leg work on the entryway issues with IDOT and Villa Park now and be ready with this information if this sale of the property does not go through. The City could then share this information with a new developer. Acting Mayor Esposito noted the City will soon realize after the meeting with NAI Hiffman how serious the current offer is. Alderman Beckwith agreed with not spending the money on a comprehensive plan update at this time.

The Council concurred to not move forward with updating the comprehensive plan at this time.

2. Request For Annexation 1S054 Buttercup Lane.

Building and Zoning Administrator Dragan noted the owners of the property located at 1S054 Buttercup Lane are seeking approval for annexation into the City of Oakbrook Terrace. The property is located in the Westlands and the total square footage of the property is 21,712. The property owner, Marta Bankowska, said she is pursuing annexation in order to obtain lower water rates and improved public safety services. Acting Mayor Esposito, Alderman Beckwith, Alderman Greco, Alderman Barbari, Alderman Przychodni, and Alderman Rada supported this annexation. Alderman Vlach indicated he does not see how it is advantageous to the City to annex this property and expressed some concerns about the appearance of the property.

The Council concurred to place this on the next agenda. Acting Mayor Esposito welcomed the homeowners to the City and said their enhancements to the property will be a massive improvement.

3. Continued Discussion Of July 4th Event.

Acting Mayor Esposito noted at the March 23, 2021 meeting the Council opted to move forward with the fireworks. Acting Mayor Esposito referenced the July 4th alternatives memorandum included in the agenda packet. Acting Mayor Esposito noted these decisions are difficult because we are still in COVID. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo outlined the July 4th alternatives. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo stated now that we are getting closer to May, some of the City's vendors need to know how the City plans to proceed.

Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo indicated the most inclusive Plan A would cost about \$76,000. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo noted he obtained boxed lunch pricing from Uncle Bub's and added that Uncle Bub's has been catering more boxed lunches during the pandemic and has experience with this. Acting Mayor Esposito inquired about the cost for the boxed lunches. Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Sarallo estimated that the cost would be about \$17,000, which is about \$4,000 to \$5,000

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higher than the normal buffet. Acting Mayor Esposito said July 4th means a lot to him and he respects residents that may wish to not participate during COVID. Acting Mayor Esposito proposed that the City move forward with a modified plan for July 4th.

Discussion ensued regarding the alternate July 4th plans. The Council concurred to move ahead with a hybrid of Plan C. City Administrator Marrero summarized the discussions and noted there will be a parade, boxed lunches, larger tent, smaller tent for people picking up to-go lunches, fireworks, and music only during the fireworks with no band this year. City Administrator Marrero will further discuss with Police Chief Calvello and Deputy Police Chief Clark the options to secure the park area for Oakbrook Terrace residents and their families and friends. Acting Mayor Esposito said this gives staff direction to move forward.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

The Aldermen shared their congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Council members. Alderman Rada appreciated the assistance of Acting Mayor Esposito working with York Township on the sidewalk improvements along Luther.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY R. RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello congratulated the newly elected Council members.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

City Clerk Shadley congratulated the newly elected Council members.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR A. MARRERO

City Administrator Marrero congratulated the newly elected Council members and said she looks forward to working with them.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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XVIII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion To Recess To Executive Session To Discuss the Purchase Of Real Property For The Use Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Including But Not Limited To Whether A Particular Parcel Should Be Purchased, Pursuant To Section 2(c)(5) Of The Open Meetings Act and Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed Session To Discuss The Purchase Of Real Property For The Use Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Including But Not Limited To Whether A Particular Parcel Should Be Purchased, Pursuant To Section 2(c)(5) Of The Open Meetings Act.
2. Closed Session Pursuant To Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.

See separate minutes.

XX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 21-13: An Ordinance Ratifying The Execution Of A Real Estate Sale Agreement For The Acquisition Of Real Property In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-13: An Ordinance Ratifying The Execution Of A Real Estate Sale Agreement For The Acquisition Of Real Property In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Przychodni at 8:25PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted,

Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary