

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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Special Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
4:00 PM

Drury Lane

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 September 13, 2023, Special Council Meeting of the City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance:

Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Vlach

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Finance Director C. Ward, Community Development Director M. Headley, Police Chief C. Calvello, Deputy Chief D. Clark, and Finance Director M. Hoffman.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Esposito led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS**1. Icebreaker and Introductions**

Ms. Alli Hoebing and Ms. Mel Henriksen from Northern Illinois University introduced themselves and discussed how they will be facilitating the meeting. The City Council and Executive Staff gave introductions along with a short exchange about their long- and short-term goals for the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

2. Visions of Tomorrow

Executive Staff was asked to provide a brief overview of what they would like to see for the City of Oakbrook Terrace if they left and came back in ten (10) years. The staff consensus was continued economic development, some population growth with a diverse group of residents, along with our younger population growing up and having the same sense of community values and pride that city has built over the years.

3. Environmental Scan – Stakeholder Input

Ms. Alli Hoebing discussed, reviewed and provided a summary of the prior stakeholder meetings that were held with the businesses, the residents, and city staff who participated in each of the focus groups. Ms. Hoebing stated there was a consensus of the community groups to keep providing high quality and excellent services to the residents and the businesses. She also shared that the groups hoped

for continued financial stability, maintaining public safety along with increased communication and offering quality outreach programs from the city government.

4. **Assessment of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges (Two-part SWOC)**

Ms. Allie Hoebing facilitated the discussions about the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges with the City Council and the Executive Staff. Each staff member present provided a word or a brief description describing the City of Oakbrook Terrace within each of the categories of the analysis.

5. **Goal Review and Identification**

Executive staff and the City Council were broken into teams to establish and develop a list of goals and aspirations that will be beneficial for the continued short- and long-term growth of the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

6. **Classification of Goals**

Northern Illinois staff assisted the Executive Staff and City Council in consolidating and prioritizing the suggested common goals of each group while keeping the goals simple and attainable in the future.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bruce Almeroth stated he was glad he attended as he was able to watch the process unfold and see how everyone came together in a team effort that will be truly beneficial for the city.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 8:14 p.m.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk



Next Regular City Council Meeting is September 26, 2023

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