

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 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 July 9, 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, Finance Director T. Walker, Public Services Director C. Ward, 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 June 25, 2024

Motion to approve the June 25, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 9, 2024, In the Amount Of \$89,587.56

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of July 9, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: 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 Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito thanked Kari Bruce and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for their excellent work on the July 4th parade and thanked all the staff, police department, public works, fire department, and City Council for their assistance. Mayor Esposito also echoed the same sentiment for the resident picnic, concert, and fireworks events that took place throughout the day.
2. Mayor Esposito announced that our first summer concert with Nick Sanzeri and 7th Heaven will be on Friday, July 12th.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. GSB-88 2024 Street Sealing Project:

Mayor Esposito requested the City Council to review the memo prepared by Public Services Director Ward.

Public Services Director Ward addressed the City Council about the city's upcoming street maintenance, reconstruction, and future goals. Alderman Barbari inquired about the project's start date from Public Services Director Ward. Alderman Beckwith sought clarification on the stripping of one crosswalk and asked if the price was confirmed. Alderman Rada asked for clarification on the product being used if it would be environmentally friendly.

City Council concurs with moving the item to the subsequent consent agenda.

2. Review Of Financial Banking Institutions, Recommendations, And An Introduction To Wintrust Government Funds:

Mayor Esposito requested the City Council to review an interdepartmental memo prepared by Finance Director Walker. The memo contains recommendations to transfer fourteen (14) bank account funds from BMO to Wintrust.

Finance Director Walker addressed the City Council, discussing the city's banking accounts, goals, and future financial needs. She emphasized the importance of having interest-bearing accounts, implementing positive pay for better fraud protection, and securing electronic payments to vendors.

Representatives from Wintrust Bank then made a presentation about their banking services and the future benefits of such services to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

During the discussion, Alderman Barbari inquired about the number of Wintrust Bank locations in Illinois and across the United States, while Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about the duration of time during which the City's accounts have not received interest and the performance of the city's other investment accounts.

Additionally, Alderman Barbari sought clarification on whether all fourteen (14) accounts would be moved to Wintrust. Alderman Greco asked Finance Director Walker about the reasons behind the city's accounts not being interest-bearing. Alderman Rada also inquired about the current usage of Lakeside Bank by the City.

City Council concurs with moving the item to the subsequent consent agenda.

3. **Review And Recommendation Of Auditing Services For FY24-FY28:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Finance Director Walker and the audit proposal prepared by Sikich, LLP.

Finance Director Walker gave an overview of her reasons for wanting to move the city's auditing services from Forvis/BKD to Sikich LLP. She stated that Forvis did not wish to engage in early auditing services, and they also informed the city about an increase in fees. Finance Director Walker noted that she has worked with Sikich and has been pleased with their performance in the past.

Sikich LLP Principal Nick Bava gave the City Council a brief overview of the firm, his role within Sikich, and its offerings.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about Sikich's human resources department and services. Alderman Greco, Alderman Beckwith, and Alderman Rada are pleased with the decision to move the city's auditing services over to Sikich.

City Council concurs with moving the item to the subsequent consent agenda.

4. **Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks OBT, Inc. D/B/A Brook's Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Mevers Road):**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance regarding the increase of a video gaming terminal license for Brooks OBT, Inc., d/b/a Brook’s Kitchen and Bar at 1919 S. Meyers Road.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented that she was in the establishment and noticed the additional video gaming terminal was already in service. Before City Council voted on the ordinance, the council expressed its dissatisfaction with Brook’s Kitchen and Bar's decision to proceed with using the machine prior to approval.

Motion to table draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks Obt, Inc. D/B/A Brook’s Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road) was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada congratulated Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel on the raffle basket portion of the resident picnic. However, he expressed his disappointment with the food and hoped other vendors could participate next time. Alderman Rada also discussed current events taking place with the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB), and proceeded to show three television commercials the DCVB has put together to promote tourism within DuPage County.

Alderman Vlach expressed his displeasure with the food at the resident picnic.

Alderman Beckwith expressed gratitude to everyone who helped with the 4th of July festivities. He also discussed the city’s current credit card services and the potential benefits of utilizing other credit card company promotions to improve and benefit city finances. Additionally, Alderman Beckwith praised Finance Director Walker for making sound financial decisions in moving the city forward financially.

Alderman Greco discussed the 4th of July celebrations, particularly the food vendors, and emphasized the importance of planning ahead to gauge vendor interest in the picnic segment of the event.

Alderman Barbari thanked everyone who assisted with the 4th of July festivities.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald also thanked everyone who helped with the 4th of July festivities. She mentioned that she had the chance to help at the raffle table with others and enjoyed interacting with residents from all the neighborhoods in Oakbrook Terrace.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

City Attorney Ramello stated he would provide his report during the Executive Session.

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz announced that the city-wide mosquito abatement program is scheduled for Thursday, July 11th. He mentioned that Northern Illinois University will present the final strategic plan report at the July 23rd City Council meeting and hoped to have the final report distributed to the City Council by the end of the week. He advised that currently twenty-eight (28) MacArthur Drive surveys have been received and he will consolidate the resident suggestions and responses into one spreadsheet for easier review. City Administrator Ritz also thanked everyone involved in the planning and participation of the City's July 4th celebration.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session to Discuss: 1. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith:

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

Motion passed.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.

XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion passed.

XX. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald at 8:32 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 July 23, 2024

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