

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 23, 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 23, 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, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Greco, Rada

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M. Headley, 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 July 9, 2024.

Motion to approve the July 9, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, and Vlach

Nays: None

Absent: Greco, Rada

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brook’s Kitchen & Tap owner Jerry Hernandez addressed the issue with the additional gaming machine that was set up in his business and apologized for the mix-up in communications.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: July 23, 2024, In the Amount Of \$382,163.65
2. Treasurer’s Report: June 2024
3. Personnel & Payroll: June 2024

- 4. Ordinance No. 24–24: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Contract Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, And American Road Maintenance, Inc. For The 2024 Street Sealing Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
- 5. Ordinance No. 24–25: An Ordinance Designating Hinsdale Bank And Trust Company, N.A.A, Depository In Which May Be Kept Funds Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of July 23, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken:

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

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

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

- 1. Mayor Esposito appointed Planning and Zoning Vice Chairperson Patricia Freda to Chairperson with a term ending May 31, 2026.
- 2. Mayor Esposito appointed Planning and Zoning member Ann Ventura as Vice Chairperson with a term that will end May 31, 2026.
- 3. Mayor Esposito appointed Fabio Cavalieri to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending May 31, 2026.
- 4. Mayor Esposito announced the passing of co-founder and President of Robinette Demolition, Thomas Robinette, on July 20, 2024.
- 5. Mayor Esposito announced that National Night Out will be on August 6th in the City Hall parking lot. He invited everyone to the community event and thanked Sergeant Detective DeMario for planning this event.
- 6. Mayor Esposito advised that the Oakbrook Terrace Park District will hold a grand opening of their new Terrace View Park Playground at 17W063 Hodges Road on July 27th at 10:00 A.M.

7. Mayor Esposito announced that Friday’s Summer Concert Series will continue on Friday, July 26th with the M80s and the Journey tribute band Recapture.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. **Consideration Of Fee Waiver For Permit Fees Associated With The Culvert Bridge Project:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the memo prepared by Oakbrook Terrace Park District Director Shannon Elsey regarding the Culvert Bridge project. He stated that the structural engineering company of J.V. Henick conducted a structural investigation of the bridge and provided repair recommendations. Mayor Esposito also noted the work would be completed by Concrete Doctors, which included replacing the concrete slabs on and around the bridge, installing a retractable vehicle stop, and fabricating and installing new railings.

No questions from City Council.

Mayor Esposito directed Community Development Director Headley to waive fees for the culvert bridge project.

2. **Presentation Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace 2024-2027 Strategic Plan By Northern Illinois University:**

Mayor Esposito provided an overview of the strategic plan's planning process and how each focus group discussed and established short-and long-term goals for the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Northern Illinois University representatives Melissa Hendricks and Mim Evans spoke to the City Council via a Teams meeting regarding the overall outcome of the strategic plan from stakeholders, executive leaders, and the City Council. Community Development Director Headley provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan and the next steps for implementation. Due to technical difficulties, the City Council requested that the next meeting be held in person.

3. **July 4, 2024, Independence Day Celebration Report:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel regarding the July 4th Independence Day Celebration report.

The Assistant to the City Administrator, Raffel, highlighted some of the event's significant expenses along with recognizing the sponsorships which

helped offset some of the city costs. She also provided an overview of the day's events, which included the parade, picnic, raffle, concerts, and fireworks.

Alderman Barbari inquired about the per-person costs of the lunch provided at the picnic.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented that she would like to see more volunteers to help out at this event in the future.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Vlach described his traffic stop encounter with one of the Oakbrook Terrace police officers.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the new appointments of the Planning and Zoning Commission and thanked Peggy Walberg for her services. He also thanked Community Development Director Headley for assisting with the fence issue on the Robinette property.

Alderman Babari noted that the construction on IL Rte 83 is causing drivers to cut through the residential neighborhoods now resulting in increased traffic on Karban and MacArthur. He also asked City Attorney Ramello for clarification on the city's real estate closing costs on the Patton Ave property.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on the legal fees and wanted to know if costs could be minimized. She also informed everyone about Aqua Water's request for a fee increase and discussed involving local politicians for support and presenting the community's concerns.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz informed everyone that the next city-wide mosquito application will be on Thursday, July 25th - weather permitting. He stated that he has received a total of 78 MacArthur Drive surveys and provided the results to the City Council. City Administrator Ritz commented that the city is in the process of applying for the ComEd "Powering up the Holidays" grant, and for a "Capital

Infrastructure” grant through the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunities. He also provided an overview of the monthly police reports.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None

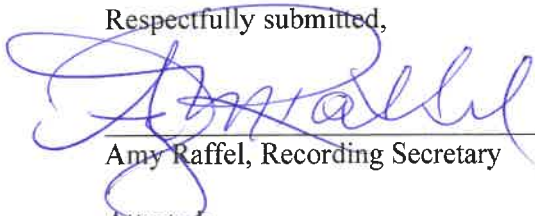
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 8:31 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 August 13, 2024

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