

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 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 September 10, 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, 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 August 27, 2024

Motion to approve the August 27, 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

Resident Ann Ventura read a letter from Ave Berkshire, who wanted to express her concerns about the traffic on MacArthur Drive.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment Of City Bills: September 10, 2024, In The Amount Of \$501,629.96.

2. Treasurer’s Report: August 2024.
3. Personnel & Payroll Report: August 2024.
4. Ordinance No. 24–32: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Waiver Of The Zoning Application And Building Permit Fees For Salt Creek School District Number 48.
5. Ordinance No. 24–33: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Chapter 35 Entitled “Taxes” Of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, By Imposing A Municipal Grocery Retailers Occupation Tax And A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of September 10, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motioned 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 Alderman Beckwith. 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 offered his condolences to the Kruger family on the passing of David Kruger on September 10, 2024.
2. Mayor Esposito thanked Alderman Greco for taking the lead with the September 5th special council meeting regarding traffic issues on MacArthur Drive and provided information on actions being taken by the city to improve and lessen traffic on MacArthur Drive.

3. Mayor Esposito announced that new Police Officer Jennifer Portillo will be sworn-in at the City Council chambers on Monday, September 16th, at 11 A.M. He also provided additional information regarding police department staffing and hiring.
4. Mayor Esposito presented the Daily Herald article from September 4th concerning police department staffing. He expressed his dismay about the article and provided accurate information about the police department's staffing levels.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. GSB-88 2024 Street Sealing Project Completion Payout 1st and Final:

Mayor Esposito requested City Council to review the memo Public Services Director Ward prepared concerning the 2024 Street Sealing project. Public Services Director Ward confirmed that the street sealing project has been completed, and the final payout can be released.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about the difference in cost between the proposed budget and the final payout.

Alderman Beckwith asked if public services could take care of the growing weeds within the cracks of the concrete curb.

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

2. Bid Award Recommendation for the 2024 Curb and Gutter Project, Oakbrook Terrace, IL (CBBEL Project No. R920032.B129):

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the inner department memo regarding the 2024 Curb and Gutter Project.

Public Services Director Ward stated the bid opening was competitive and pricing was reasonable.

Alderman Rada asked when the project would be starting.

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

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald sought clarification regarding the interest in the treasurer's report.

Alderman Barbari thanked Public Services Director Ward for keeping the streets beautiful.

Alderman Greco thanked the residents who attended the September 5th special City Council meeting and those in attendance at tonight's council meeting. He stated that he is starting a focus group to address some of the MacArthur Drive concerns. Alderman Greco asked for clarification regarding the city sticker and thanked Public Services Director Ward for his assistance.

Alderman Beckwith thanked Public Services Director Ward for beautifying the streets and resident Ann Ventura for reading the letter on behalf of Ave Berkshire.

Alderman Rada expressed his gratitude to Alderman Greco for hosting the special City Council meeting and to all those who attended. He provided information about the upcoming curling championship being held at the Curling Club in Villa Park, and highlighted the potential benefits for our local hotels and restaurants. Additionally, Alderman Rada expressed his displeasure with the housing development approved by the Village of Lombard. He also raised concerns about the city's lack of response to a newspaper article regarding police staffing.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz provided an overview of the monthly police reports. He also mentioned that any of the plantings from the Streambank Restoration Project that did not survive will be replaced this week at no cost to the city. Additionally, he noted that September is Suicide Awareness Month and reminded everyone to pay tribute in remembering and honoring those affected by the events of September 11, 2001 as tomorrow is the 23rd anniversary of that tragic day.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco at 7:46 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

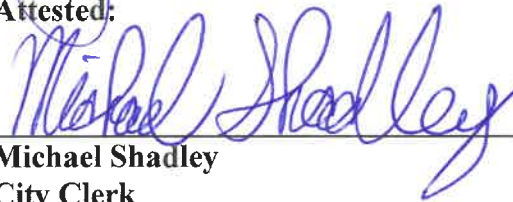
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk



Next Regular City Council meeting is September 24, 2024

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