

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 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 24, 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: Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Barbari, Rada

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Police Chief C. Calvello, Deputy Chief D. Clark, Sergeant M. Hylton, 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

Mayor Esposito asked for the removal of Committee of the Whole #1 Presentation Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace 2024–2027 Strategic Plan By Northern Illinois University. He stated that due to an illness, Assistant Director Melissa Henricksen would not be able to attend and will move the presentation to the November 12th City Council Meeting.

Mayor Esposito then asked for the removal from the Committee of the Whole #5 Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Section 33.008 Entitled “Departments, Boards, And Commissions” Of Title III Entitled “Administration” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, Providing For Police Commanders. He stated that this ordinance needs to be discussed in contract negotiations with the Labor Union prior to coming before City Council.

Motion to remove Committee Of The Whole Items #1 and #5 from the agenda was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll Call vote was taken:

Ayes: Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, and Vlach

Nays: None

Absent: Barbari, Rada

Motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Special City Council Meeting of September 5, 2024.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024.

Motion to approve the September 5, 2024, Special City Council Meeting Minutes and the September 10, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Don Ventura addressed the City Council regarding the Streambank Restoration Project. He expressed concern that newly planted vegetation was dying due to insufficient watering and inquired about the city's plans to water the plants to improve their chances of survival.

Resident David Brown addressed the City Council, expressing concern about his calculation of \$1.3 million in lost revenue from the city's invested reserves. He inquired about whether an investigation has taken place to determine responsibility for the error and whether any internal control procedures have been implemented to prevent similar mistakes in the future. Mr. Brown attributed the error to employee turnover and the loss of institutional knowledge.

VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment Of City Bills: September 24, 2024, In The Amount Of \$223,926.33.
2. Resolution No. 24-10: A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Payment Of Estimate Of Payment Number One (Final) For The 2024 Street Sealing Project By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
3. Ordinance No. 24-34: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Notice Of Award And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Contract For The 2024 Curb Replacement Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of September 24, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, and Vlach

Nays: None
Absent: Barbari, Rada

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

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

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito noted that Bruster’s Ice Cream has tentatively scheduled their grand opening for October 10th.
2. Mayor Esposito informed everyone of the collaborated Shred Event with State Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton that is set for October 12th.
3. Mayor Esposito stated that Wendy’s, located at 1S576 Midwest Road will undergo remodeling, including a complete transformation. He said the Public Hearing is scheduled for October 5th.
4. Mayor Esposito thanked everyone who helped with the 2024 Summer Concert Series.
5. Mayor Esposito stated that the auditing process will begin on September 23rd when the auditors begin conducting their initial on-site assessments.
6. Mayor Esposito noted that the transition phase of the new BS&A financial software program is starting to be implemented and we should be going live with the program sometime in mid-February.
7. Mayor Esposito wanted to open the discussion of the Holiday Luminaries so that information about them could be placed in the Terrace Leaves newsletter.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Discussion Of Traffic Patterns On MacArthur Drive

Mayor Esposito provided an overview on the MacArthur Drive traffic project that included the newly drafted ordinance, the blinker crosswalk signs, and the speed humps.

Sergeant Hylton then explained the special detail that took place on MacArthur Drive with their unmarked police car monitoring the traffic during the time frame of September 6th to the 20th. He stated that during specific times, an officer was assigned to MacArthur Drive and Stillwell Road to observe the driving habits of those entering the neighborhood. He noted that they observed a total of 658 vehicles during that time, of which 416 turned into the subdivision, 111 vehicles went straight into Costco, 77 vehicles went eastbound on 22nd Street, and 54 turned westbound on 22nd Street. Sergeant Hylton also commented that during the special detail the officers who were assigned did not observe any speeding or traffic control sign violations.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on the special detail completed by the police department and about the resident observations of the traffic, and outlined ways to move forward to assist with the residents' concerns.

Alderman Greco wanted to know if traffic could be prohibited from moving through the neighborhood if an accident happened on a major arterial street.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the specifics about the special detail, the outside influences on the traffic patterns, long-term strategies, goals, and about the speed humps.

City Council explained how they met with residents to help create a focus group and to create a community watch task force to address short-term goals that included; having crossing guards, lowering the speed limit to 20 mph, painting speed limits on the street, red and blue flashing lights for speeding, lighted signage, and putting reflective tape throughout the neighborhood, adding additional stop signs, and passing of the new ordinance. Long-term goals included gates and closing off the 22nd Street entrance. Further discussions ensued.

2. **Draft Ordinance Amending Schedule IV Entitled “Other Restrictions” Of Chapter 74 Entitled “Traffic Schedules” Of Title VII Entitled “Traffic Code” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance and memo prepared by Christopher B. Burke Engineering regarding the installation of “No Thru Traffic” on MacArthur Drive.

City Attorney Ramello further explained that the ordinance prohibits through traffic on MacArthur Drive, northbound and southbound from Karban Road to

Stillwell Road, between 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. and further explained that any traffic tickets that would be issued would be adjudicated locally.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the fine and other moving violations and asked for clarification on the time restrictions.

City Council further discussed this matter and recommended that the time frame be changed to begin from 7 A.M till 9 P.M.

City Council concurred to move to the consent agenda with the revised amendments.

3. **An Ordinance Amending Subsection B Of Section 10.20 Entitled “Administrative Adjudication Of Code Violations” Of Chapter 10 Entitled “General Provisions” Of Title I Entitled “General Provisions” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance regarding municipal adjudication for moving violations.

City Attorney Ramello explained the case referenced in the draft ordinance, which authorizes the city to use administrative adjudication for fines related to local traffic violations.

No questions asked.

City Council concurred to move to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Greco commented on luminaires and complimented the banners that were put up at Albright Middle School.

Alderman Beckwith also complimented on the banners for Albright Middle School, and thanked the Police Department for attending the meeting and answering all of the questions and commenting on the great job that the police department does.

Alderman Vlach reminded everyone that the city will be hosting garage sales in 2025.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz provided an update on the recent grant applications the city has applied for, and on the Strategic Plan. He advised that he met with all of the department heads to discuss the Action Planning phase of the Strategic Plan that involved succession planning, categorizing the long-term and short-term goals, and establishing the primary leads in the process. City Administrator Ritz then spoke about and complimented the Friday Night Concert series and about the wonderful comments he received from concertgoers all the way from Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan who came out to enjoy the great bands that played. He then congratulated and recognized Sergeant Michael Hylton on his twenty (20) years of dedicated police services to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:44 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 October 8, 2024

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