

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 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 October 22, 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, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Fitzgerald

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 October 08, 2024.

Motion to approve the October 08, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

VI. MOTION TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE

1. 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 Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Terrace Cantina, Inc, D/B/A Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road):

Motion to take from the 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 Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Terrace Cantina, Inc, D/B/A Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road) was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Payment Of City Bills: October 22, 2024, In The Amount Of \$274,236.61.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report: September 2024.
- 3. Personnel & Payroll Report: September 2024.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of October 22, 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, Rada, and Vlach
Nays: None
Absent: Fitzgerald**

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

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

Nays: None
Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito thanked all the residents and children who attended the Pumpkins in the Park on Saturday, October 12th. He stated it was a great event with good attendance and weather. Mayor Esposito thanked Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel, Public Services, the Police Department, and the Lions Club for their assistance.
2. Mayor Esposito thanked Senator Suzie Glowiak-Hilton and everyone who assisted with the Document Shred Event held on Saturday, October 12th.
3. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that on Thursday, October 31st the children will be out trick-or-treating between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. He stated that public services will be placing temporary speed bumps on MacArthur Drive to keep the children safe.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Letter Of Recommendation – 17W160 16th Street:

Mayor Esposito explained that a Planning and Zoning Public Hearing was held on October 1st to consider a request for the addition and remodel of District 48's Stella May Swartz School, which aims to improve safety, accessibility, and educational programs. He clarified that three variances required approval, and the Planning and Zoning Commission passed the request with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

District 48 Superintendent Amy Zaher and Matthew Toepfers from FGM Architects presented plans for the school's addition and remodel. Their goal is to update the school to create a more accessible and conducive learning environment for the children.

Alderman Rada asked if any additional security was proposed for each classroom.

Alderman Beckwith stated he is in favor of the remodel.

Alderman Greco stated he is in favor of the remodel.

Alderman Barbari asked for clarification on the size of the proposed school signs.

The City Council agreed to move to the subsequent consent agenda for a vote.

2. **Presentation By Graham Enterprises, Inc Regarding Façade/Exterior Improvements And Branding Change From Mobil To BP At 1 East Roosevelt Road:**

Mayor Esposito announced that Graham Enterprises, Inc. is in attendance to discuss the façade improvements and brand change from Mobile to BP at 1 E. Roosevelt Road.

Mr. John Graham, owner of Graham Enterprises, Inc., addressed the City Council about proposed changes for the property located at 1 E. Roosevelt Road. The plans include rebranding of the gas station from Mobil to BP and making exterior and interior enhancements.

Alderman Barbari asked if the proposed expansion would increase the footprint of the building.

Alderman Rada asked for clarification on the specific requests made to the City Council to consider.

Alderman Greco expressed his support for the business and improvements but feels that the request currently lacks a definitive plan.

Alderman Beckwith asked if there were renditions of the interior renovation so the City Council could visualize the improvements.

Mayor Esposito suggests tabling this until Graham Enterprise provides the necessary information so that the City Council can make an informative decision.

Motion to table consideration of Façade/Exterior Improvements and Brand Changing From Mobil to BP at 1 East Roosevelt Road was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

3. **Draft Ordinance Authorizing The Sales By Auction Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Surplus City Vehicles Auctioned/Trade-In):**

Mayor Esposito provided a brief description of the ordinance and the purpose of public services selling or auctioning vehicles listed in the ordinance.

Alderman Beckwith asked what auction site would be utilized to purge the public services vehicles.

Alderman Greco wanted to know if the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society would be interested in obtaining one of the vehicles.

The City Council moved the item to the reconvened meeting for a vote.

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 Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Terrace Cantina, Inc., D/B/A Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road):**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance to increase the maximum number of video gaming licenses and terminals for Terrace Cantina, Inc., located at 17W615 Butterfield Road.

Gulio Spizzirri, the owner of Terrace Cantina, presented information to the City Council about his business, rising costs, and the potential to introduce video gaming.

Alderman Rada expressed his support for adding gaming terminals and commented positively on the food.

Alderman Vlach stated that gaming terminals generate revenue and also support the ordinance.

Alderman Beckwith indicated his support for the inclusion of gaming terminals.

Alderman Greco noted his approval of having a separate gaming room and favored the ordinance.

Alderman Barbari discussed the restaurant's business model and expressed his support for passing the ordinance.

The City Council moved this item to the subsequent consent agenda.

5. **Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Section 30.35 Entitled "Council To Act As A Body" Of Chapter 30 Entitled "General Provisions" Of Title III Entitled "Administration" Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review a draft ordinance prepared by City Attorney Ramello. This ordinance amends the administration of the general provisions of the code of ordinances.

City Attorney Ramello explained that the previous ordinance prohibited city council members from communicating with city employees. He noted that the new ordinance will invalidate that restriction, allowing council members to speak with department heads regarding city business.

The City Council asked no questions.

The City Council moved this item to the subsequent consent agenda.

6. **Speical Events Update:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel regarding the 2024 Summer Concert Series and the Pumpkins in the Park event.

Assistant to City Administrator Raffel presented the budget breakdown and sponsorships for the concert series, highlighting the support for local businesses and the bands. She mentioned that some of the largest expenses for this event included the fees for the bands, security personnel, and sound engineering.

Further discussions about Pumpkins in the Park included budget details, covering costs such as bounce house rentals, pumpkins, donuts, and supplies for building games. The assistant to the City Administrator shared the number of children who registered compared to those who actually attended the event, along with an overview of the day itself.

7. **Discussion Of Traffic Patterns On MacArthur Drive:**

Alderman Beckwith informed everyone that the focus group did meet to discuss signage for MacArthur Drive and around the neighborhood. He stated that suggestions from the group included lighted signs, reflective light tape, and additional signage on Butterfield Road and 22nd Street.

City Administrator Ritz gave an update on the installation of the crosswalk blinkersigns on MacArthur Drive.

Mayor Esposito provided statistics regarding speeding and moving violations from the police department.

8. **Discussion Of The Creation Of Sub Committee:**

Mayor Esposito opened up the discussion of the creation of subcommittees to the City Council. He stated that the goal of creating the committees is to open communications between the City Council and Department Heads to collaborate on specific areas of interest, key issues, and department updates.

Alderman Rada inquired whether community involvement would be part of the subcommittees.

Alderman Beckwith expressed his support for the creation of the subcommittees and looks forward to the collaboration among all participants.

Alderman Greco also supports the subcommittees but seeks further clarification regarding the specific tasks assigned to the City Council within these subcommittees.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Barbari thanked Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for hosting the Pumpkins in the Park Special Event.

Alderman Beckwith congratulated City Administrator Ritz on being awarded the Inspiring Leadership Award from the Oakbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Rada wanted to offer his condolences to Alderwoman Fitzgerald on the passing of her niece. He also spoke about street racing on the west side of town and how the police department caught the suspect. Alderman Rada informed everyone that Representative Blair-Sherlock was appointed to the Transportation Committee.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO

None

XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ

City Administrator Ritz announced that the blinker signs were scheduled for delivery and provided everyone with an updated police report for the month of September.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Collective Bargaining Matters.

XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

XX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 24-37: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sales By Auction Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Surplus City Vehicles Auctioned/Trade-In):

Motion to Approve Ordinance Ordinance No. 24-37: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sales By Auction Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Surplus City Vehicles Auctioned/Trade-In) was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None
Absent: Fitzgerald

Motion passed.

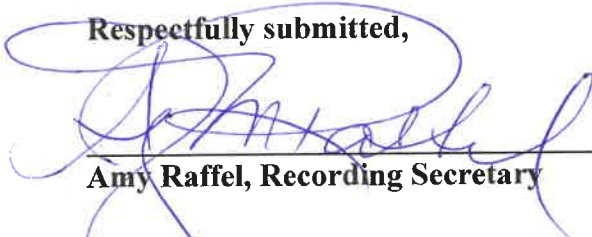
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 9:48 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

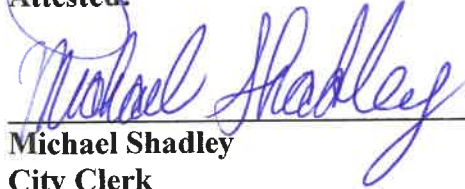
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk



Next Regular City Council meeting is November 12, 2024

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