

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
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 January 24, 2023, 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 Ward, Finance Director M. Hoffman, 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 January 10, 2023

**Motion to approve the regular City Council minutes of January 10, 2023, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Vlach.**

**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: January 24, 2023, In the Amount Of \$333,311.83
2. Treasurer’s Report: December 2022
3. Personnel & Payroll: December 2022
4. Ordinance No. 23-01: An Ordinance Approving A Rider Extending The Term Of Agreement For Library Services Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And The Villa Park Library Dated December 17, 1987.
5. Ordinance No: 23-02: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement With Grant Writing Consultants, LLC By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

**Motion to approve all items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for January 24, 2023, was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call 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 the meeting was made by Alderman Rada 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 reminded City Council of the upcoming budget meetings that will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers starting at 6:00 pm.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 1. 2022 Curb Replacement Project Services

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo that Public Services Director Ward prepared regarding payment for the 2022 Curb Replacement Project Services. Davis Concrete Construction Co. completed the curb and gutter work on MacArthur Drive, Elm Court, Orchard Place, and Halsey Drive in the amount of \$185,673.75.

Public Services Director Ward stated that Davis Concrete Construction Co. successfully completed the curb and gutter project on time and under budget. He recommended holding \$5,000 back until an asphalt patch in front of Kreml Park on MacArthur Drive is replaced in early spring.

Mayor Esposito stated that if the City Council concurs, the 2022 Curb Replacement Project agenda item would be paid out.

- 2. Renewal of Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by the Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel regarding the 2023 Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance renewal.

Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel stated that the City of Oakbrook Terrace has had a great working relationship with Assurance since 2015. She said Assurance did not go out to market due to the return rates coming in low. Assistant to the City Administrator explained that all the numbers for insurance renewals stayed flat except for Blue Cross Blue Sheild, which rose by 4.06%.

Assurance Vice President Deneen Castellon summarized the overall benefits and increased rates regarding insurance renewal. She stated that medical rose slightly due to one sizeable active claim, but with the turnover of employees, the rate lowered due to demographics. Ms. Castellon said dental and vision did not increase due to a guaranteed rate until 2025. She also informed the City Council that the

Health Savings Account (HSA) deductibles did rise from \$2,800 to \$3,000 due to Internal Revenue Services (IRS) regulations.

Mayor Esposito stated that if City Council concurs, the Renewal of Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance will be placed on the next Consent Agenda.

3. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Mayor Esposito stated that Mr. Scott Termine, from Forvis, LLP is in attendance to present the fiscal year 2022 annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Mayor Esposito noted that the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for the annual reporting award.

Mr. Termine thanked the City Council for having his team back to perform the audit and the finance team for working with them through the process. Mr. Termine explained that for Fiscal Year 22, the City of Oakbrook Terrace received a clean or unmodified opinion financial statement, which is the best form of opinion one can receive. He also explained that the investment performance did decline during 2022, which did impact the net pension liability; otherwise, the City is maintaining a healthy fund balance.

Mayor Esposito stated that if the City Council concurs, the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report will be placed on the next Consent Agenda.

4. Debt Service Report

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Finance Director Hoffman that provides a summary of the four (4) bonds that the City of Oakbrook Terrace has outstanding.

Finance Director Hoffman provided a brief description and history of the outstanding bonds as well as the current and future debt service obligations associated with them. Finance Director Hoffman explained which bond is callable and how much savings it would be if the City paid it off. He stated that the staff recommends that the City of Oakbrook Terrace go ahead and pay off Bond Series 2012B early.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada asked for clarification regarding the check register, and the line item ThermFlo, Inc. Alderman Rada also asked for clarification on what a Massage License is and why the City of Oakbrook Terrace is issuing them. Alderman Rada provided a recap of the Hotel/Motel Tax and what is happening within the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB).

Alderman Vlach commented on the home burglaries, phone calls he receives, flock cameras, and his concerns with mass shootings on the news. Alderman Vlach also reminded the City Council that this is the year for the neighborhood garage sale.

Alderman Beckwith thanked the Police Department and Public Services for adding a speed radar on Stillwell Road. Alderman Beckwith noticed the vendor CivicPlus was listed in the bill listings and wanted to know if that is the reason for the new agenda and cover letter format. Alderman Beckwith also asked questions regarding the vendor Mauge and if the City Council would see another water tower rendering.

Alderman Greco expressed his gratitude to Public Services Director Ward and staff for a job well done during the last winter storm and that he is Pro-Second Amendment.

Alderman Barbari thanked Public Services and City Administrator Ritz for his weekly briefings. Alderman Barbari asked if the City of Oakbrook Terrace received notification on the paper shredding event grant.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald provided further information regarding Aqua and water bills from other municipalities. Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated that she meets with City Administrator Ritz regularly and recommends that other City Council members do so as well.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz informed the City Council that inclement weather is approaching and to take the necessary safety precautions.

City Administrator Ritz thanked Public Services Director Ward and his staff for their time and effort to plow and salt the City of Oakbrook Terrace’s streets during the last winter storm and commented on the job well done.

City Administrator Ritz read an email from the Villa Park Library Deputy Director Kandice Krettler regarding the new Library Card program, Cards for Kids Act. This program provides library cards for pre-kindergarten to twelfth-grade students participating in the Federal Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program within the school district. Qualified students will receive a postcard from the library that they can redeem for their free library card.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

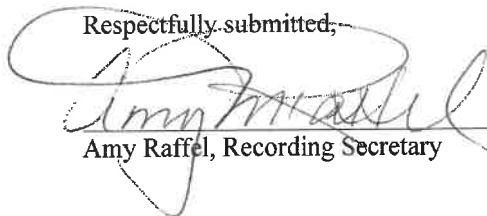
**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada at 7:56 pm.**

**Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

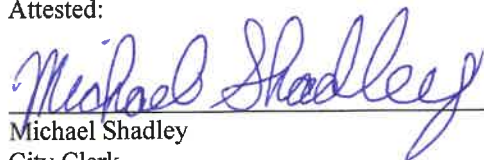
Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Shadley", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Shadley  
City Clerk