

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 11, 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 April 11, 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 C. Ward, Finance Coordinator D. Meimers, 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 March 28, 2023

**Motion to approve the regular City Council minutes of March 28, 2023, was made by Alderman Vlach and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.**

**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: April 11, 2023, In the Amount Of \$115,427.51

**Motion to approve all items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented for April 11, 2023, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**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. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

**IX. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito stated that the City hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> with 81 kids attending. Mayor Esposito thanked all the staff for their hard work.
2. Mayor Esposito announced the appointment of Ms. Peggy Walberg to serve as Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
3. Mayor Esposito congratulated Alderman Barbari, Alderman Greco, and Alderman Rada on their reappointments to City Council. He stated he looked forward to working with each of them and thanked them for their commitment to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.
4. Mayor Esposito welcomed David Meimers to the City of Oakbrook Terrace as the new Finance Coordinator.
5. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone of the Employee Appreciation Dinner set for Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm and will be hosted at Ditka’s Restaurant.

**X. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

**4. Discussion of the Provision of City Water to the Berkshire Community**

Mayor Esposito advised City Council and all attendees, especially those in attendance from the Berkshire community, that Item #4 will be addressed first due to all the information that will be provided about the Aqua Water issue.

Mayor Esposito opened the conversation regarding the Village of Oakbrook water system sale to Aqua, which has affected some of our City Council members, businesses, and residents. Mayor Esposito stated that Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. conducted a feasibility study for examining purchase of the Aqua water system, the building of new infrastructure and for connection into the city’s water system.

Christopher B. Burke Engineering Representative Daniel Lynch reviewed the feasibility study that evaluated the potential to serve the Berkshire subdivision as part of the City of Oakbrook Terrace water distribution system. The study detailed the cost of purchasing the existing water main and assessing different locations for connecting into the city’s water supply and about land acquisitions for the potential project. Mr. Lynch provided estimated costs for purchasing the existing water main and infrastructure connection sites but stated that he did not have any costs associated with required land acquisitions.

Further discussions took place regarding projected costs related to the purchase of existing water infrastructure from Aqua, construction of new city water infrastructure, construction of the timeworn water infrastructure for Aqua along with land acquisitions and what easements would be for sale and the possible costs involved with the project. Informed discussions also took place regarding various cost saving options for providing potable water to the Berkshire residents.

City Attorney Ramello then detailed further steps that the city can look into for possible infrastructure, construction, and purchases related to the Aqua water system. Mayor Esposito then expressed that he has some additional ideas about the Aqua Water project, and he will further investigate and bring them back to the City Council and the residents for further discussion.

1. **Draft Ordinance Increasing the Number of Class “E” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant to The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Royale Liquors LLC D/B/A Pete’s Fresh Market)**

Mayor Esposito opened the conversation of the draft ordinance to increase the number of Class “E” Liquor Licenses to the City Council. Mayor Esposito also welcomed Pete’s Fresh Market representative Armando Alcazar and asked if he would provide information regarding the request. Mr. Alcazar stated that Pete’s Fresh Market wants to add a fully functioning bar in the food court like other Pete’s locations. The bar would be selling single-serve beer and wine only for on-site consumption in the designated food court area only.

The City Council concurred, and the draft ordinance will be placed on the next consent agenda.

2. **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 (Royale Liquors LLC D/B/A Pete’s Fresh Market, 17W675 Roosevelt Road)**

Mayor Esposito brought up for discussion the draft ordinance to increase the number of video gaming location licenses and the number of video gaming terminal licenses to the City Council. The City Council expressed concerns about adding to the number of gaming licenses in the City of Oakbrook Terrace already in place. Pete’s Fresh Market representative Mr. Armando Alcazar stated that the Oakbrook Terrace location would be the second Pete’s Fresh Market to have video gaming as they were looking to expand. City Council expressed their concerns regarding the amount of video gaming within the City of Oakbrook Terrace. After discussions, Alderman Greco and Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if they could have more time to further research this ordinance and to have an opportunity to conduct site visits at other market locations.

**Motion to table the draft Ordinance amending the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, regarding an increase of video gaming location licenses and the number of video gaming terminal licenses was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

3. **Draft Ordinance Increasing The Number Of Class “A” Liquor Licenses By One (1) Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title Xi (Business Regulations); Chapter 111 (Food And Beverages); Subchapter Alcoholic Liquor Control, Section 111.012 (Number Of Licenses In Each License Classification), Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (TIR Oakbrook Terrace Inc. D/B/A Ton-Ichi Ramen)**

Mayor Esposito then brought up for City Council discussion to increase the number of Class “A” Liquor Licenses by one (1) for the new Ton Ichi Ramen restaurant. No further questions or discussions took place regarding the Ordinance.

The City Council concurred and welcomed the new restaurant, and the Ordinance will be placed on the next consent agenda.

**XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada stated that the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau Sports Commission landed the National Bowling Association bid and will be hosting this great event in 2024, 2027, and 2028. Alderman Rada noted that this is good news for the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the hotels within our city.

Alderman Beckwith noted that this is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week and thanked everyone at the Police Department and all first responders for their service. Alderman Beckwith welcomed David Meimers and said goodbye to Jennifer Haug and wishing her luck in her new position.

Alderman Greco welcomed David Meimers and commended Public Services Director Ward for his work and for the city being awarded the ComEd Energy Efficiency grant.

Alderman Barbari expressed his frustration with the Nicor Gas Project and for the damage done to all the grass and with all the mud around his house. Public Services Director Ward assured Alderman Barbari that Nicor will have all the landscaping repaired and it will look great when completed. Alderman Barbari then welcomed David Meimers to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald welcomed David Meimers and thanked Mayor Esposito for his commitment and everything he is doing with looking into all the Aqua Water system options for the residents of Berkshire.

**XII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None

**XIII. DEPUTY CLERK RAFFEL**

None

**XIV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz welcomed David Meimers to the staff and stated that he brings a lot of education and experience to the position and will do a great job for the city.

City Administrator Ritz gave a detailed report of the grants that were submitted by Administrative Consulting Specialists (ACS) on behalf of the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Grants applications have included equipment, training, and city project assistance for both the Police and Public Services Departments.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if City Council could be provided some type of report that details all the grants that have been submitted or awarded, too which Administrator Ritz replied that he would be more than happy to provide the Council with a spreadsheet that will detail all of our grant applications and awards.

**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.

**XV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

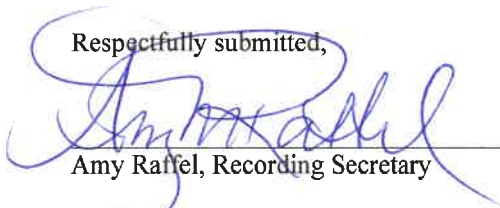
**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Rada at 8:29 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



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Michael Shadley  
City Clerk