

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

*City Hall  
17W275 Butterfield Rd.  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
www.oakbrookterrace.net*



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 27, 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 June 27, 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, 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**

Alderman Greco asked to remove Action Item/Consent Agenda #5, Resolution No. 23-03: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Road Improvements To Illinois Route 56.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023

**Motion to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, 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: June 27, 2023, In the Amount Of \$426,720.86
2. Treasurer's Report: May 2023
3. Personnel & Payroll: May 2023
4. Ordinance No. 23-17: An Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issuance Of A Purchase Order For A 2023 KIA Telluride Sport Utility Vehicle For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
5. Resolution No. 23-03: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Road Improvements To Illinois Route 56
6. Ordinance No. 23-18: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize An Amendment Of The Budget Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

**Motion to approve all items contained on the Consent Agenda, excluding item number 5, as presented on June 27, 2023, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari. 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**

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to discuss Action Item/Consent Agenda number 5, Resolution No. 23-03: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Road Improvements To Illinois Route 56. Motion was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

Alderman Greco explained he wanted it to be known that he would abstain from the vote on this item due to a lack of information presented on behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Mayor Esposito stated that the presentation given in the packet is different from the updated version of the current scope of work that coincides with the letter provided. Mayor Esposito provided an overview of the letter, which stated that IDOT would be performing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements and upgrades. City Attorney Ramello said that IDOT is bringing the proposal to the City of Oakbrook Terrace to share the associated costs. Alderwoman Fitzgerald and Alderman Beckwith brought up concerns about the possibility of additional expenses. Mayor Esposito directed City Administrator Ritz to contact IDOT for additional information regarding the scope of work and project costs related to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to table Action Item/Consent Agenda number 5, Resolution No. 23-03: A Resolution To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement By And Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace For Road Improvements To Illinois Route 56. Motion was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken.

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

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito provided a summary of the 2023 Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone about the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
3. Mayor Esposito stated that the Streambank Restoration Project will move to the next phase, but a Town Hall meeting needs to be held to discuss the next landscaping phase. Mayor Esposito stated that the session is targeted for July 22, 2023.
4. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone about the 2023 Summer Concert Series.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Discussion Of Findings Regarding the Traffic Study Conducted by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., On Macarthur Drive and Hodges Road

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the traffic study data and asked Dan Lynch from Christopher B. Burke, Ltd., to review the data and provide feedback. Mr. Lynch passed out a memo providing the dates and locations of the data collection along with a statistical analysis of the findings. The memo also compared data collected from a traffic study completed in 2019. In the comparisons, each site had an increase of traffic anywhere from 6% to 9.6%, which were mainly on the cut-through streets. Mayor Esposito felt that one of the sites on MacArthur was not capturing the midpoint of resident concerns.

Alderman Beckwith asked Mr. Lynch what they used as a threshold for speeding over the limit that was considered with the overall statistics in the study. Mr. Lynch stated they used a benchmark of ten (10) miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Alderman Rada commented that people’s perception of speed is worse than what it actually is. Alderman Rada asked Mr. Lynch if he felt that Oakbrook Terrace has a problem with speeding, which Mr. Lynch replied and agreed that it’s all about perception, but overall, the study shows that speeds are low compared to the overall traffic volume. Alderman Greco reiterated measures the city is taking to mitigate speeding through the residential areas and appreciates the data to provide a better idea of the speeding issue.

2. Discussion on the installation of a Blinkersign Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems on MacArthur Drive and Karban Road.

Mayor Esposito asked City Council to review the pamphlet provided to give the council an overview of what the Blinkersign Pedestrian Crosswalk System is, the statistics regarding pedestrian crosswalk safety, and the overall cost estimate of the system.

City Council agreed that the installation of signs would be beneficial for the safety of our residents and is a proactive way to assist with slowing down traffic. Alderman Beckwith stated that the crosswalk system in the packet is much better than what he was suggesting. Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel related with the traffic in that specific area along with the curve, a more secure system base would be beneficial, but they could also order a sign with a 2x2 pole.

Alderman Rada asked if we could apply for a grant to help offset the costs. Mayor Esposito asked City Administrator to search for any possible grant opportunities, and for Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel to provide other quotes in order to have more information to continue this discussion at a later date.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada commented that the Andy Warhol exhibit at the College of DuPage has seen a great response. Alderman Rada also inquired about the bunting going up in Berkshire with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

decorations, and Mayor Esposito replied that the decorations are in the process of being put up all around the city and assured that the buntings will be going up in Berkshire.

Alderman Vlach stated that drivers are ignoring the stop signs at Elder and Stillwell Road and wishes that the police department can monitor the area more.

Alderman Beckwith thanked Flood Brothers and Jerry from ProShred Security for doing a great job and for their assistance at the E-Recycling and Document Shredding Event.

Alderman Greco stated that plumbers point landscaping area looks great but noticed some stumps from the removal of trees are still in need of grinding. Alderman Greco also commented on the excellent job on the sod replacement by Nicor.

Alderman Barbari stated he is thankful for the new sod that Nicor laid down and for the continuous watering that is taking place on the new landscaping.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

City Attorney will bring the discussion to Executive Session.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz stated that Public Services Director Ward received the bids for the Storm Sewer Project and expected it to be on the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

City Administrator Ritz also stated that the Strategic Planning committee met with Alderwoman Fitzgerald regarding the next phase of the project, and have set a date of July 24<sup>th</sup> for the Focus Group meetings. This will include our residents, Oakbrook Terrace businesses, Intergovernmental Groups, and city staff.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to recess to Executive Session to Discuss and Appointment, Employee, Compensation, Performance, or Dismissal of Employees of the Public Body and Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Aldermen Vlach.**

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

Motion passed.

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal Of Employees Of The Public Body.
2. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.

**XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

Motion passed.

**XX. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Rada at 9:24 pm.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



---

Michael Shadley  
City Clerk