

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 10, 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 October 10, 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, 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. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023
2. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023

**Motion to approve the September 13, 2023, Special City Council Meeting and the September 26, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Dave Brown addressed the City Council regarding the street and service costs of the Berkshire community. Mr. Brown distributed two (2) separate snow removal contracts from Nino Lopez Landscaping Inc. for City Council to review. He stated the two contracts show the difference in snow removal costs with and without their streets being plowed. Mr. Brown noted the difference between the contracts is \$500 a month. Mr. Brown, requested on behalf of the Berkshire residents, the City's help with sharing the cost difference for the snow removal services. He stated that he understood there are other Homeowners Associations within the City, and that if each had the same request as Berkshire, it would be unduly burdensome on the City's budget. Mr. Brown thanked Mayor Esposito, City Attorney Ramello, and City Administrator Ritz for meeting with him concerning this request and thanked City Council for any consideration of future cost sharing.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: October 10, 2023, In the Amount Of \$268,029.39.
2. Appointment of Michael Sarallo To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire June 1, 2026.

3. Re-Appointment of Ann Ventura To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term To Expire June 1, 2026.
4. Re-Appointment of Patricia Freda To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission As Vice Chair For A Term To Expire June 1, 2026.
5. Ordinance No. 23-29: An Ordinance To Approve, Authorize And Ratify The Execution Of Contracts Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, And Tony’s Irrigation Services, Inc. And To Authorize A Change Order And Final Payment For The Municipal Complex Irrigation System Project In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
6. Resolution No. 23-11: A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Payment Of Estimate Of Payment Number Seven For The Spring Road Tributary Restoration Project By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
7. Resolution No. 23-12: A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of The Application For the Illinois Safe Routes To School Program Grant.

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of October 10, 2023, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, was made by Alderman Beckwith 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**

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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald. 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 everyone about the Pumpkins in the Park event being held at Dorothy Drennon Park, located at 701 Eisenhower Road, on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that the Oakbrook Brook Terrace Lions Club will host their 33rd Annual Lions Club Pasta Dinner on Saturday, October 21st, at the Salvation Army Hall at 1S415 Summit Avenue from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
3. Mayor Esposito gave an update on the 2023 Storm Sewer project, which should be wrapped up by the end of November – weather permitting.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Letter of Recommendation – 17W727 Roosevelt Road:

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the memo presented by Community Development Director Headley regarding 17W727 Roosevelt Road regarding the development of Bruster's Ice Cream Shop.

Community Development Director Headley provided an overview of the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the petitioner's request for multiple variances regarding the Bruster's Ice Cream business. Community Development Director Headley noted that no one from the public attended the hearing, but some commissioners voiced their concerns regarding traffic, the safety of patrons, landscaping, and signage.

Potential business owners Mr. Amir Munir and Mrs. Erum Munir introduced themselves to the City Council and expressed how they discovered and learned about the Bruster's Ice Cream franchise and expressed their hopes of building their business and bringing a sense of community to this location.

Mayor Esposito welcomed Mr. Amir Munir and Mrs. Erum Munir to the City of Oakbrook Terrace and stated he did not have any immediate concerns about their request. Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented on the signage and landscaping request but noted any questions she had were answered with the information provided by Community Development Director Headley. Alderman Greco brought up his concerns with the digital signage and possible installation of bollards to protect patrons from Roosevelt Rd traffic. Alderman Beckwith expressed his concerns about the multiple business signs in that area but welcomed the Munir's to the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Alderman Rada asked if there were any restrictions on the signage lumens and what type of outside seating would be provided, which was explained by Mrs. Munir.

2. Spring Road Tributary Supplemental Landscaping Project – Atrium, Inc. Pay Request #1 (Invoice 23-081600001) (CBBEL Project 180522):

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the memo prepared by Public Services Director Ward regarding the payment of \$116,943.00 to Atrium Inc. to complete the Spring Road Tributary Supplemental Landscaping Project.

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd representative Mr. Jedd Anderson provided a synopsis of the work completed by the Atrium staff and the quality of the material used. Mr. Anderson stated that the cost difference was initially due to the contract being a non-prevailing wage compared to a prevailing wage contract and, also due to some time constraints. He noted that the project was still under budget even with the changes.

Alderman Barbari asked for confirmation on the one (1) year warranty for the plantings, which was explained by Mr. Anderson. Alderman Greco asked for and received clarification about the additional rip rap and the installation locations. Alderman Beckwith inquired about the potential growth of the planted foliage in November if the weather permits, which was clarified by Mr. Anderson.

## **XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada thanked Community Development Director Headley for following up on who installed a gate on the gravel road on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. He also advised that the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau is getting ready for the downstate veto session and for the issues involved for collecting grant money from the state of Illinois.

Alderman Beckwith stated the storm sewer crew was very accommodating to the residents when they had to block some driveways with their equipment. Alderman Beckwith asked if someone from our city legal team or if our engineer had contacted IDOT regarding the increased traffic on MacArthur Drive.

Alderman Greco asked if donations were welcomed for the OBT Lions Club’s Spaghetti Dinner, and he also welcomed Mr. Michael Sarallo to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about the next steps regarding the Northern Illinois University Strategic Planning process.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None

**DEPUTY CLERK RAFFEL**

None

**XIV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz gave an update on the painting of the water tower with a projected completion date hopefully by the end of November, weather permitting.

City Administrator Ritz stated the Curb and Gutter Project should be starting the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator Ritz stated the Safe Routes to School grant was submitted on October 2nd and hopes that the City of Oakbrook Terrace will be favorably considered for the grant award.

City Administrator Ritz stated the City of Oakbrook Terrace once again received the Retail Organized Crime Theft Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to help offset Police Department overtime in their retail crime prevention initiatives.

City Administrator Ritz provided a detailed report of the calls for service and case reports handled by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for the month of September.

**XV. 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.**

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

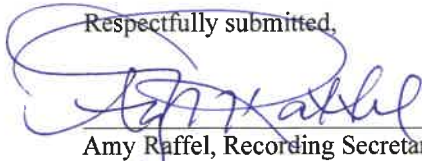
**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 7:50 p.m.**

**Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.**

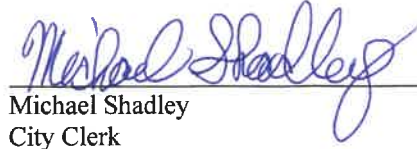
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley  
City Clerk

