

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

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Mayor Paul Esposito

City Council Members: City Clerk Michael Shadley

Ward 1: Alderman Charlie Barbari and Alderman Joseph Beckwith

Ward 2: Alderman Frank Vlach and Alderman Dennis Greco

Ward 3: Alderman Bob Rada and Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the February 11, 2025, 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, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Vlach

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M. Headley, and City Attorney R. Romello.

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. Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2025

Motion to approve the January 28, 2025, 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, and Rada

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: February 11, 2025, In The Amount Of \$81,726.18
2. City Treasurer's Report: January 2025
3. Department Payroll Summary Report: January 2025

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of February 11, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

IX. RECESS TO 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 Rada. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito gave an update on the development of the Robinette property.
2. Mayor Esposito stated that City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of President's Day.
3. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council that Bruster's Real Ice Cream will have a ribbon cutting on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
4. Mayor Esposito gave condolences to the Latimer family on the loss of Celine Latimer.
5. Mayor Esposito stated that Police Chief Calvello has reached out to Google Maps to report the incorrect speed limits through the streets of Oakbrook Terrace.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Letter Of Recommendation: 1S550 IL. Rte. 83:

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review an interdepartmental memo prepared by Community Development Director Headley regarding a letter of recommendation for the property located at 1S550 IL Rte. 83.

Community Development Director Headley discussed the letter of recommendation, and the outcome of the public hearing held on January 21, 2025, concerning a special use permit to allow medical services at the ETHR Lab location. She explained that when they initially opened, they provided aesthetic and wellness services, but now they would like to include IV infusion therapy as part of their offerings.

Petitioner Yelena Merrill addressed the City Council, expressing her desire to provide these additional services and answered questions from the council members.

Mayor Esposito inquired about the reasons behind her interest in adding IV infusion therapy to their business model.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about the definition of the medical waste related to the IV bags and who would be responsible for disposing of them. She also asked whether the City oversees the disposal of medical waste.

Alderman Rada inquired about the pressure levels of the hyperbaric oxygen chamber and whether they use oxygen concentrators or tanks. He also sought clarification on cryotherapy and the cooling process.

The City Council agreed to move it to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

2. Discussion With Oakbrook Terrace Police Commission:

Mayor Esposito indicated that a request was made for further discussion regarding the Police Commission. He mentioned that Police Commissioner Bob Shanahan is present to answer any questions.

Police Commissioner Shanahan provided a detailed update on the testing process that has been ongoing for the past few months. He mentioned that the application process began in November and that 51 applications were received. The applicants then underwent various tests to identify the best candidates for the police department. Additionally, Police Commissioner Shanahan noted that they ran a process for a lateral transfer list, but only two individuals applied, and both were denied based on their background investigation. He inquired whether the Police Commission should continue with the lateral transfer lists. Furthermore, he provided an update on the testing for Sergeant promotions. Further discussion ensued.

Alderman Rada inquired about the openings for sergeant positions and what qualifies a candidate as certified. He also asked about the criteria that can disqualify a candidate.

Alderman Beckwith asked if anyone had spoken with the officer who resigned and which testing companies are being utilized.

Alderman Greco inquired about how many officers on the police department are currently unavailable for active duty. He expressed concern about the hours that police officers are working, the allocation of veteran points, and whether the commission can conduct exit interviews.

Alderman Barbari wanted to understand why it is so challenging to pass the lateral test.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked if the pay for candidates is competitive.

This agenda item was informational only.

3. Purchase Of 2025 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 NorthStar Edition:

Mayor Esposito requested that the city council review the sales flyer for the purchase of a 2025 Polaris Ranger, priced at \$28,999. He explained that the City of Oakbrook Terrace has received a grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund for 2024, totaling \$30,929, which will cover the cost of the utility vehicle. Mayor Esposito stated that the Public Services Department intends to use this utility vehicle for various tasks, including path maintenance, garbage collection, towing, hauling, landscaping, snow removal, and other ground maintenance activities.

The City Council agreed to move it to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about replacing the speed camera on Luther Avenue or purchasing an additional one for that area, along with a timeline for implementation.

Alderman Greco wanted to know if staff can create a flyer for any unincorporated area to annex into Oakbrook Terrace.

Alderman Beckwith attended the West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Breakfast, where other elected officials, including the Illinois State Treasurer were in attendance. The Treasurer discussed ICash which is a program aimed at recovering unclaimed cash, and also outlined how the State is leveraging higher interest rates as a source of revenue while also setting legislative priorities. Additionally, he announced that the American Lung Association will host a Fight For Air Climb at the Oakbrook Terrace Tower on March 9, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Alderman Rada wanted to draw attention to the show "Beautiful" at Drury Lane. He also mentioned that the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau is working on a budget and is hopeful that the county will cover its share of expenses while expressing concerns about the state deficit. Additionally, Alderman Rada discussed the Illinois District 2 Mayoral Forum held on January 30th, which focused on grants for municipalities and the city's attendance at the event.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

None

XIV. CITY CLERK

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. City Administrator Ritz informed the City Council that the Illinois Department of Transportation will begin traffic signal modernization when the weather warms up. This project will extend from Illinois Route 59 to York Avenue.
2. City Administrator Ritz expressed interest in applying for ComEd's Powering Safe Communities Grant to acquire more blinker signs. However, since we received this grant last year, we are currently ineligible. He also noted the installation of reflective tape on several signposts around the residential areas.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

XVII. OLD BUSINESS


None

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:28 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

ADJOURN

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