

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 March 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, and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Vlach and Rada

Also in attendance: Finance Director T. Walker; City Attorney R. Ramello; Public Services Director C. Ward, Community Development Director M. Headley; and City Clerk M. Shadley

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 February 25, 2025

Motion to approve the February 25, 2025, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

Alderman Beckwith inquired if Amy Raffel should be identified as the recording secretary. The consensus of the Council was that the recording secretary should be updated. Motion to amend the February 25, 2025, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, to revise the recording secretary, was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Edie Pajak expressed gratitude and support for Mayor Esposito and the employees of the city.

Eric Pulia expressed concerns over campaign signs in the right of way.

Attorney Terry Ekl represents Chief Calvello and Deputy Chief Clark. He responded to the statements made during the February 25th meeting and requested his clients be placed back on active duty.

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve all the items on the consent agenda for March 11, 2025, as presented was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll Call vote was taken:

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

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 Alderman Greco. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito thanked everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting at Bruster's Ice Cream. It was a beautiful day and a very large turnout. He thanked Dave Carlin and the Chamber who also participated in the ribbon cutting.

2. Mayor Esposito stated the budget meeting will be held on March 19, 2025 at six o'clock in the Council chambers.
3. Mayor Esposito reminded the council about the swearing in of Officer Angelo Roscoe.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Draft Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois – 2025.

Mayor Esposito stated the Illinois Municipal Code requires the city to publish our zoning map on an annual basis, no later than March 31st if there are any changes in the preceding year. As a result of the recent annexations of the Salvation Army site and 1S122 Buttercup Lane, there were changes to the official map this year.

The City Council agreed to move this item to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

2. Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Publication of the Official Ward Map of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois – 2025.

Mayor Esposito stated the Illinois Municipal Code authorizes cities to update their official ward map due to new territory being annexed. Due to the annexations of the Salvation Army site and 1S122 Buttercup Lane, the ward map is proposed to be amended to include the new territory.

The City Council agreed to move this item to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

3. Discussion – Amendment to Section 32.011 of the code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito stated Alderman Beckwith requested that a discussion be held regarding amendment of Section 32.011 of the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. On July 26, 2016, Ordinance 16-30 entitled an Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Section 32.011 Entitled "Duties" of Chapter 32 Entitled "Officers and Employees" of Title III Entitled "Administration" of the code of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was approved. The Ordinance amended Section 32.011 of the code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, by adding a sentence stating "(t)he Mayor shall have general supervision and control of the police department and shall see that the various police officers are prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties"

Alderman Beckwith suggested the change to be more consistent with neighboring communities. He also noted that he was not sure why the change was made in 2016, but it may have been due to the Mayor having a police background.

Alderman Greco concurred with Alderman Beckwith after conducting his own research.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald supported the amendment.

Mayor Esposito added he has been Mayor for five years and has never exercised his power or management style over the Police Department. The City Administrator technically leads the city on a day-to-day basis. He noted that he met with the Sergeants and the concerns raised recently were not communicated at that time.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired if there were minutes available from the meeting or if morale was addressed. Mayor Esposito stated that he met with the Sergeants to express his gratitude and hear their concerns. Manpower and overtime were the main issues expressed at the time.

Alderman Greco noted he would like a third party looking into these issues.

Alderman Beckwith suggested distributing notes from the meeting to the third party.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Beckwith commented the tower had the stair climb for lung cancer over the weekend.

Alderman Greco asked if we were going to put lights on the signs with crosswalks.

Director Ward replied that the new stop signs are on order and they will blink.

Alderman Greco requested a flyer be prepared to encourage annexation. He also noted he would like to reduce the number of signs when you come into Oakbrook Terrace from Costco.

Alderman Barbari added he was at the walk and thanked everyone who participated.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about the speed camera on Luther.

Director Ward replied the camera is on order.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald thanked those who attended the MacArthur Drive meetings. She expressed disappointment at the recent media coverage. She noted we have a wonderful city and people. We should focus on the good things in our city.

Alderman Beckwith stated that the Salvation Army is hosting an open house on April 24th from eleven to two. We should see more information in the next couple of weeks.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

None

XIV. CITY CLERK

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, and Greco

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach and Rada

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion on the draft ordinance amending the provision of section 32.011 entitled duties of Chapter 32 entitled to office employees entitled administration.

Motion to approve the draft ordinance was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS


None

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Greco at 7:34 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Headley, Community Development Director

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk



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