

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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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 25, 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, Finance Director T. Walker, Public Works Director C. Ward, 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. Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

Motion to approve the February 11, 2025, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

City Clerk Michael Shadley commented we have three this evening.

Seargent Nicole DeMario addressed the Mayor, City Council and residents. The Oakbrook Terrace Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) Chapter 519 acting in their Union capacity submitted a letter informing the Council that a majority of their members cast a vote of no confidence in Police Chief Casey Calvello and Deputy Chief Clark. They requested that the City Council get involved so that they may continue to serve the citizens in our community effectively and without fear of retaliation or reprisal.

MAP Union is asking for an independent, third party to review the policies and procedures in the Police Department. Thirteen of fourteen non-probationary members signed the letter.

Former police officer Victoria Johnson addressed the City Council. She stated that she served the community for over fifteen years. Recently, her arbitration to win her job back has been postponed due to new evidence that is detrimental to the city's case. She thanks the courageous officers for keeping the community safe.

Resident Don Ventura thanked the mayor and council for their work on MacArthur Drive. He can now get out of his driveway on Saturdays from all the Costco traffic. It may have taken two years, but you listened to the residents.

Mayor Esposito thanked Seargent Nicole DeMario and former officer Victoria Johnson for their comments and stated that we will further investigate.

Alderman Greco inquired how do we want to handle this situation

Mayor Esposito replied that this item should be discussed in executive session.

Alderman Beckwith stated that the city, our residents, the council all love the Police Department. We're supportive of everybody. The allegations are serious and shocking. The council needs to look into the allegations and investigate them.

Alderman Rada concurred with Alderman Beckwith and suggested that the police officers have their union representative get as much information to the council, so that they can support this matter.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated that there is a sense of urgency. It took real courage for all the officers to be here.

Mayor Esposito replied that the city attorney is advising we need more facts and further investigation. We need to huddle up before we go into an executive session. We aren't going to provide a solution tonight for that, but I will say that retaliation is a strong word that I don't condone myself as being mayor and a lifelong

resident. He addressed the officers and stated that for all the officers here tonight we understand your concerns and will further investigate them no retaliation will be allowed.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked if we could resolve this tonight. Can we go into a special meeting and move forward with that? Attorney Ramello noted that this was not an item on the agenda.

Motion to approve a special meeting was made by Alderman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: February 25, 2025, In the Amount Of \$196,640.09
2. Ordinance No. 25 - 07: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use For The Property Commonly Known As 1S550 Illinois Route 83 In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
3. Ordinance No. 25 - 08: An Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issuance Of A Purchase Order For The Purchase Of A 2025 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Northstar Edition Premium For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of February 25, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari Roll call vote was taken:

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

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 Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vlach

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. 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 pm.

2. Mayor Esposito stated on March 19th we will have the budget meeting at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. If the council recalls we are going to consolidate to one meeting.
3. Mayor Esposito informed the council they should have gotten the December financial reports. He stated the city surplus for the month of December was a positive \$675,000.00.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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 (Yatika Inc., DJB|A Staybridge Suites)**

Mayor Esposito referred the City Council to the draft ordinance regarding Staybridge Suites requesting a Class E liquor license. He noted that the Staybridge Suites used to have a liquor license, but relinquished it. The new owners have decided that they would like a liquor license. He introduced Manash, the owner of Staybridge Suites. Manash noted that there are 112 rooms at the hotel. They acquired the hotel in 2022. The corporate offices of Staybridge Suites require their hotels to have a liquor license. They offer a social hour between 5 pm to 8 pm every night with wine and beer being served with light appetizers.

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

2. **Presentation Of The FY24 Audit Financial Report**

Mayor Esposito referred the City Council to the 2024 annual fiscal report prepared by Sikich. Tonight, we have Finance Director Tanya Walker and Nick Bava from Sikich in attendance to present and answer any questions.

Mr. Bava stated that for the 20th year, we received the certificate of achievement issued by Government Finance Officers Association. This is a recognition that the City has gone above and beyond the required financial disclosures. They issued an unmodified opinion in the auditors report. He recommended reading the management letter prepared by Director Walker. He noted that our fund balance was \$11.4 Million and \$10.3 Million was unassigned. This equates to 77% of our fund balance and our policy has a goal of 40% unassigned. He also noted that the water fund had a positive change this year.

Mayor Esposito thanked Sikich for their work and the positive news. He inquired if there was anything that the City could do better. Mr. Bava noted that there is nothing that hasn't already been shared.

3. **Discussion Of July 4th Resident Picnic Catering**

Mayor Esposito referred the City Council to the interdepartment memo regarding the July 4th picnic catering contract.

Assistant to the Administrator Amy Raffel stated that Uncle Bub's has continued to provide excellent service. This year Uncle Bub's quoted us between \$19,000 and \$20,000. This includes the buffet with servers. We reached out to DeLeo's Pizza and their bid was \$37,000. Last year we paid \$11.99 per person this year will be \$12.99 per person.

Mayor Esposito thanked her for the update. He noted that in the past we have tried to use local vendors and Uncle Bub's does an excellent job.

4. **Discussion Of Proposed July 4th Fireworks With Pyrotecnico**

Mayor Esposito stated that we will need to execute a new contract with Pyrotecnico, formerly known as Melrose Pyrotechnics because this is the third year of our current contract. They have been providing service to the City of Oakbrook Terrace for over thirty years. They do a great job as the

fireworks displays last more than 25 minutes. It is a great venue for residents and even nonresidents. He handed over the presentation to Assistant to the Administrator Amy Raffel for review and pricing.

Ms. Raffel stated that she was in contact with Pyrotecnico. They reached out because next year is the 250th anniversary of our signing the Declaration of Independence. Many communities are signing contracts automatically. They are also increasing the 2026 celebration because it's a big year. We asked them to put a three year bid together for our review. We agree with the rates for 2027 and 2028. They are proposing \$32,000 and \$33,000 respectively.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald added she wanted to thank all the people who have turned out to attend the task force meetings. She attended three meetings and that is where the work was done for MacArthur Drive. She is hoping they continue to monitor this every couple of months.

Alderman Barbari thanked the police force for coming in and telling them what is going on in the Police Department that they were not aware of.

Alderman Beckwith commented the MacArthur Drive project was a team effort and thanked the police force, residents, and even the fire protection district. It just shows the power of the committees and working as a team. He thanked the public works department and Director Ward for their hard work. He thanked the Police officers who came in as it was brave of them to come here tonight. He noted that the council will do everything in its power to get to the bottom of it.

Alderman Rada asked about the status of the street camera in front of York Center Park District.

Mayor Esposito replied Director Ward is working on getting them replaced.

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 Alderman Rada. 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 8:05 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya Walker, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk

ADJOURN

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