

# 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 April 8, 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, Finance Director T. Ward, HR Payroll Specialist J. Wade, 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 March 11, 2025**

Aldерwoman Fitzgerald asked if her Council Member's Comments could be amended to reflect that she thanked those who attended the MacArthur Drive meetings.

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

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

**Motion passed.**

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Christina Pavlak raised several questions and comments, including increasing the volume in the Council Chambers to ensure everyone can hear, reducing the number of summer concerts in the park, and suggesting a movie night as an alternative to the concerts. She also inquired about the concert budget, referenced agenda item number 4 from the Committee of the Whole on the April 8th City Council agenda, and expressed concerns regarding events on Election Day.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS/ CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Payment of City Bills:** April 8, 2025 \$191,859.72

### **2. Ordinance No. 25 -11** Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois - 2025;

The Illinois Municipal Code requires the City to publish our zoning map on an annual basis, no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> if there were 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.

### **3. Ordinance No. 25 -12** Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Publication of the Official Ward Map of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois - 2025.

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.

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of April 8, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole 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.**

## **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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Vlach**

## **X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito expressed his condolences to the Vlach family following the passing of Alderman Frank Vlach, who passed away on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. Mayor Esposito commented on the appointment of Michael Sarallo and the City Council's consent for his appointment.
3. Mayor Esposito thanked everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped with the annual Children's Spring Event.
4. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council about the groundbreaking ceremony at Stella May Swartz School, which will take place on April 22nd at 10:00 AM.
5. Mayor Esposito announced that the City of Oakbrook Terrace will be swearing in two new police officers on April 9th at 11:00 AM.
6. Mayor Esposito congratulated the re-elected and newly elected city council members.

## **XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **1. Request to Waive Permit Fees- Oakbrook Terrace Park District**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review the interdepartmental memo from Community Development Director Headley concerning the Oakbrook Terrace Park District's request for a fee waiver. He noted that the proposed work at the Lakeview Nature Center is estimated to cost \$22,000, with a permit fee of \$220.

Shannon Elsey, the Executive Director of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, addressed the City Council about the planned improvements at the nature center. She mentioned that the work will include updating the siding, soffit, fascia, and gutters.

The Council expressed its support for the request and asked that it be included in the upcoming Consent Agenda for approval.

### **2. Veto of 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**

Mayor Esposito emphasized the importance of passing the veto during this critical time for the Police Department. He expressed a desire to have the authority to meet with members of the Metropolitan Alliance-Police Chapter 519 to address their request for a meeting.

Alderman Beckwith asked if this agenda item was open for discussion. City Attorney Ramello responded that it would be addressed at the next meeting. Alderman Beckwith then raised another question regarding the removal of specific language, along with several organizational charts, and how these changes would impact operations.

**3. An Ordinance to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the Investigative Service Agreement and Addendum for the City of Oakbrook Terrace - Clarity One Solutions, LLC.**

Mayor Esposito explained that the purpose of the draft ordinance is to approve and authorize the execution of an investigation services agreement, along with an addendum, with Clarity One Solutions, LLC. He noted that City Administrator Ritz had already signed the agreement to proceed with the investigation but required the City Council's approval to finalize it. Mayor Esposito then turned the explanation over to City Attorney Ramello.

City Attorney Ramello informed the council that after reviewing the agreement with Clarity One Solutions, LLC, he addressed the deficiencies by creating an addendum for signature. However, he mentioned that the company is not interested in signing the addendum and is presenting the matter to the City Council for further discussion and potential action.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald requested clarification on the two investigations and the costs the City will incur due to them.

Alderman Barbari expressed his concerns regarding the cost and hopes to come to a resolution.

Alderman Greco asked why Clarity One, LLC is hesitant to sign the addendum provided by the City as part of the contract. He also inquired whether the City Council would be updated on the outcome of the investigation and the reasons for removing the chief and deputy chief from administrative leave.

Alderman Beckwith requested clarification regarding the connection between the first and second investigations. He expressed concern that the passage of time without any action is problematic and emphasized that all issues need to be addressed in a timely manner.

Alderman Rada asked about the progress of the Clarity One investigations and raised concerns regarding finances and public perceptions.

City Council agreed that the first investigation should be completed, and that a second third-party investigator is required.

**4. Draft Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Legal Services Payment Agreement by and between Ekl, Williams & Provenzale, LLC and the City of Oakbrook Terrace; and**

Mayor Esposito stated that Section 2-302 of the Tort Immunity Act allows, and Section 32.005 of Oakbrook Terrace's Code requires the City to indemnify the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police for their reasonable attorney's fees related to the investigation into the Vote of No Confidence Letter regarding the Police Department's management. He clarified that the city attorney has prepared a holding letter giving the notification, and the City Council is to discuss payment.

The City Attorney explained that the code clearly states that employees in the city are entitled to reimbursement for attorney fees related to investigations, as long as the actions were within the scope of their employment. Therefore, they are entitled to representation at the city's expense.

Alderman Beckwith questions the law firm being utilized along with the hourly rate.

Alderman Greco inquired whether the City could terminate payments during the investigation.

The City Council agrees to prepare a draft resolution for the next meeting.

**5. Draft Resolution Reserving and Authorizing the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues and Related Matters for Calendar Year 2025 by the City of Oakbrook Terrace**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review the draft ordinance regarding the transfer of volume cap and its connection with private activity bond issues and related matters for the calendar year 2025. He asked the City Attorney to further explain.

City Attorney Ramello explained that Municipalities can issue private activity bonds with tax-exempt interest, attracting investors. He further explained that these bonds finance private development and are repaid by the private entity, not the government. He further explained that the federal government sets a "Volume Cap" on tax-exempt private activity bonds for each state, based on population. For instance, a Home Rule municipality in Illinois with 2,690 residents has a Volume Cap of \$349,700 (\$130 per person). City Attorney stated that any unused Volume Cap by May 1, 2025, returns to the Governor's Office for reallocation on June 1, 2025, unless the municipality reserves it or designates a project. He stated that to reserve it, an ordinance must pass by May 1, 2025, and the Governor's Office must be notified by May 10, 2025.

Mayor Esposito asked if the City needs to pass the resolution every year.

Alderman Beckwith wanted to know if there were any private entities for which this was earmarked.

Alderman Greco asked if the City can carry forward unused funds to the following year and what programs should be prioritized for these funds.

The City Council agrees with this agreement and will include it in the next Consent Agenda.

## **XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderwoman Fitzgerald stated she was informed that an additional speed camera was purchased at the beginning of the month. She wanted to know if the speed camera on Spring Road could be returned to Luther Avenue and if the new camera could be placed back on Spring Road when it comes in.

Alderman Barbari congratulated Mayor Esposito on his election. He commented on the Children's Spring Fling, noting the lack of cookies, games, and entertainment for the kids.

Alderman Greco stated he liked the suggestion of a city-wide movie night.

Alderman Beckwith announced that April 13th is Public Safety Telecommunicator Week and expressed gratitude for their hard work. He also inquired about when the City Council would receive their budget binders for review.

Alderman Rada wanted to ensure adequate time to review the budget before the public hearing. He also stated that a DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau report notes a slump in tourism and that we should oversee our funds.

## **XIII. CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Ramello stated he would give his report in the Executive Session.

## **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 Greco. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

#### **XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to recess to Executive Session 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

**Motion passed.**

1. Closed session to the city council meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation.

**XVIII.**

#### **XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

#### **XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion To Consent To The Appointment Of Michael Sarallo To Serve In The Office Of Alderperson - Ward 2 For The Remainder Of The Term Of The Vacant Office Of Alderperson Of Ward 2 And Until His Successor Shall Have Been Duly Elected And Qualified.

**Motion to Approve A Motion To Consent To The Appointment Of Michael Sarallo To Serve In The Office Of Alderperson – Ward 2 For The Remainder Of The Term Of The Vacant Office Of Alderperson Of Ward 2 And Until His Successor Shall Have Been Duly Elected And Qualified was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**



**XVIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Sarallo at 8:57 P.M.**


**Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary**

**Attested:**

  
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**Michael Shadley**  
**City Clerk**



**ADJOURN**

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