

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 13, 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 Michael Sarallo and Alderman Dennis Greco

**Ward 3:** Alderman Bob Rada and Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called the May 13, 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, Greco, Rada, Sarallo, and Mayor Esposito

**Absent:** Fitzgerald

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M. Headley, Public Services Director C. Ward, Police Chief C. Calvello, Deputy Chief D. Clark, Finance Director T. Walker, 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 April 22, 2025
2. Special City Council Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2025, and April 30, 2025

**Motion to approve the April 22, 2025, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, and Special City Council Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2025, and April 30, 2025, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Christina Pavlak inquired about whether the police investigation has begun.

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

1. Payment of City Bills: May 13, 2025, In the Amount of \$260,774.75
2. City Treasurer's Report: April 2025
3. Department Payroll Summary Report: April 2025

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of May 13, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

#### **VII. 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 Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**X. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERATIONS**

None

**XI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL SINE DIE**

**Motion to adjourn the City Council Sine Die was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 7:03 pm. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Greco, Rada, Sarallo**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

**XIV. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Honorable Louis B. Aranda administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Paul Esposito for a term of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2029.

2. Honorable Louis B. Aranda administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Michael Shadley for a term of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2029.
3. Honorable Louis B. Aranda administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Eric Biskup from Ward 1 for a term of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2029.
4. Honorable Louis B. Aranda administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Michael Sarallo from Ward 2 for a term of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2029.

#### **XV. CONVENE THE MEETING OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**The motion to Convene The Meeting Of The New City Council was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. Roll call vote was taken.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

#### **XVI. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Esposito called the May 13, 2025, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:11 P.M.

#### **XVII. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance:

**Ayes: Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, Sarallo, and Mayor Esposito**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M. Headley, Public Services Director C. Ward, Police Chief C. Calvello, Deputy Chief D. Clark, Finance Director T. Walker, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

#### **XVIII. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Greco. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, and Sarallo**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

## **XIX. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito welcomed Eric Biskup to the City Council and congratulated him on his promotion to Fire Captain of the Westchester Fire Department.
2. Mayor Esposito welcomed Michael Sarallo to the City Council, recognizing the vast knowledge he will contribute.
3. Mayor Esposito thanked the Lions Club for hosting the 34th Annual Pasta Dinner on May 3rd and was pleased residents supported the fundraiser.

## **XX. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. **Draft Ordinance Authorizing The Sales By Auction Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace (Surplus City Vehicles Auctioned/Trade-In)**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review a draft ordinance for disposing surplus fleet vehicles. He noted that a 2017 Ford Explorer and a 2018 Ford Explorer have become obsolete due to the acquisition of newer models and are now idle.

Public Services Director Ward announced they will utilize a public auction, having achieved good results the last time vehicles were deemed surplus.

Alderman Greco introduced a draft ordinance to clarify the process of classifying surplus items, promoting transparency for residents about their community's resources.

Alderman Rada requested to see the auction results.

**This agenda item was moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.**

2. **Draft Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace And Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., For Fireworks Displays For The City's 2026-2028 Fourth Of July Celebrations**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council review the draft ordinance related to the contract between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. He expressed satisfaction with their Fourth of July fireworks displays and outlined the proposed three-year contract, including its pricing details.

Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel noted that the staff from Pyrotecnico is easy to work with and maintains a professional demeanor on the day of events. She mentioned that the contract's first year was adjusted to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Still, all other terms in the contract

remain unchanged from our previous discussions. Alderman Sarallo expressed similar sentiments, as he has previously worked with the staff.

Alderman Greco expressed his admiration for the City's fireworks display.

Alderman Biskup mentioned that Oakbrook Terrace's fireworks show is the best he has ever seen.

**This agenda item was moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.**

**3. Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Chapter 35 Entitled "Taxes" Of Title III "Administration" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, By Imposing A Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax And A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax**

Mayor Esposito announced that Ordinance 24-33 was passed on September 10, 2025. He pointed out that "retailer" is not defined in the Municipal Grocery Occupation Tax Law. He noted that while it fits the Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax, the terms "service person" and "sales of service" are more suitable for the Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.

City Attorney Ramello stated that this draft ordinance is a technical amendment. The term "retailer" was not defined, so it has been changed to "service person" and "sales of service." He noted that the original ordinance remains unchanged.

Alderman Rada wanted to clarify that this matter was related to housekeeping.

**This agenda item was moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.**

**4. Draft Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issue Of Purchase Orders For The Purchase Of Equipment For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

Mayor Esposito presented the City Council with details regarding a proposed ordinance that includes several essential purchases aimed at improving city operations. He explained that the draft ordinance covers the following items: one unmanned aerial system (drone), one obsolete Honeywell AX JACE to be replaced with the new JACE 9000, one John Deere ZTrak mowers, each priced at \$12,622.34, one John Deere MCS 3-bag, 12-bushel material collection system, and one Generac ML T6SKDS tow-behind light tower. Mayor Esposito noted that all these items were discussed during the budget meeting held on May 19, along with the reasons each department made the purchase requests.

Alderman Biskup stated that he had seen the drone in use and noted that it was an excellent tool for fighting fires.

Alderman Sarallo supports using a drone, but asked if the original drone would be included on the surplus list.

**This agenda item was moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.**

**5. Approval To Purchase Of Four (4) Vehicles With Upfit**

Mayor Esposito requested that the City Council consider the purchase of four vehicles for the police department. He explained that this purchase would include two patrol vehicles to replace aging ones and two unmarked vehicles. Mayor Esposito also mentioned that additional funds will be needed to equip the new vehicles with sirens, lights, and graphics.

Alderman Greco stressed the importance of passing the draft ordinance outlining the city's management of surplus vehicles.

Alderman Biskup noted that, having worked within municipalities, he sees the importance of having a vehicle replacement schedule.

**This agenda item was moved to the subsequent Consent Agenda.**

**6. Motion To Appoint Tanya Walker As Interim City Administrator**

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to appoint Finance Director Walker as the Interim City Administrator. He noted that she has filled that role for a few weeks and will until a qualified candidate is hired.

Alderman Barbari asked how long the term of the interim would be.

Alderman Greco stated his biggest concern is the amount of work being taken on, especially a dual role.

Alderman Biskup appreciated stepping into the role when needed and believed compensation should be discussed.

Alderman Sarallo stated he knows the job is daunting and appreciates the desire to step into the role.

Alderman Rada expressed his gratitude for picking up the slack, but also raised concerns about burnout.

**This agenda item will be voted on at the Reconvene The City Council Meeting.**

## **XXI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Barbari congratulated all the newly elected officials on their victories.

Alderman Greco expressed his congratulations, thanked Sluzewicz for his 13 years of service, and asked for an update on the ongoing investigation.

Alderman Biskup also congratulated everyone on their election successes.

Alderman Sarallo thanked Alderman Beckwith for his service, congratulated the new and re-elected council members, and specifically acknowledged Alderman Biskup on his promotion to Fire Captain.

Alderman Rada offered his congratulations to the newly formed city council, celebrating the opportunities ahead.

## **XXII. CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Ramello congratulated the newly elected officials.

## **XXIII. CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Shadley congratulated the newly elected officials.

## **XXIV. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Interim City Administrator Walker expressed gratitude to everyone for their support.

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

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

**Ayes:     Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, Sarallo**

**Nays:     None**

**Absent:   Fitzgerald**

**Motion passed.**

## **XXVI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 25 - 17: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement With Waident Support Solutions, LLC For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25 - 17: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement With Waident Support Solutions, LLC For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Greco. Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes:       Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, Sarallo  
Nays:       None  
Absent:     Fitzgerald

2. Ordinance No. 25-18: An Ordinance Appointing A Plumbing Inspector And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-18: An Ordinance Appointing A Plumbing Inspector And To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Consultant Services Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes:       Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, Sarallo  
Nays:       None  
Absent:     Fitzgerald

3. Resolution 24 - 04: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Estoppel Certificate And Consent To Assignment By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Motion to approve Resolution 24 - 04: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Estoppel Certificate And Consent To Assignment By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Biskup and seconded by Alderman Sarallo.

Ayes:       Barbari, Biskup, Greco, Rada, Sarallo  
Nays:       None  
Absent:     Fitzgerald

4. Motion To Appoint Tanya Walker As Interim City Administrator

Motion to appoint Tanya Walker As Interim City Administrator was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call vote was taken.

**Ayes:** Barbari, Biskup, Sarallo  
**Nays:** Greco, Rada  
**Absent:** Fitzgerald



**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Biskup and seconded by Alderman Sarallo at 7:56 pm.**

**Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.**


**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley

City Clerk



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