

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 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 Eric Biskup

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 27, 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, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo and Mayor Esposito

Absent: Biskup

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Public Services Director C. Ward, Acting City Administrator 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

Alderman Greco asked to discuss the police investigation and City Administrator J. Ritz. It was agreed to add those items to the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to table item XVII. **NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution No. 25-06: A Resolution To Authorize The Release Of Certain Executive Session Minutes In The Years 1995-2025 Of The City Council Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to table Resolution No. 25-06: A Resolution To Authorize The Release Of Certain Executive Session Minutes In The Years 1995-2025 Of The City Council Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Barbari, Fitzgerald, Greco, and Rada

Nays: Sarallo

Absent: Biskup

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

1. Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025.

Motion to approve the May 13, 2025 minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Acclimation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Biskup

Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of May 27, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Biskup

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 Sarallo and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Biskup

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

1. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone of the Employee Appreciation Dinner.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone of the city-wide garage sale.
3. Mayor Esposito thanked all the residents for taking time to be on boards and commissions. He announced appointments to various commissions including the Police Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and Police Pension Board
4. Mayor Esposito addressed the letter he and the City Council received May 25, 2025. He noted that the investigator was on vacation in early May and has started collecting information. The investigator will begin interviews once data collection is complete.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. 2024 Curb Replacement Project - Pay Request No. 1.

Mayor Esposito requested the City Council review the memorandum prepared by Public Services Director C. Ward.

Public Services Director C. Ward explained they have completed 4,000 feet of curb replacement on Marshall Road, Nimitz Road and Elder Lane. This represents about 95% of the project.

It is recommended to hold back 5% for any landscape restoration that may be needed.

Aldermen Greco & Sarallo complimented the contractor's work and how quickly they completed the job.

Public Services Director C. Ward agreed that the company has been great to work with and did a great job.

Alderman Rada inquired how long it would take to complete the curb replacement project. Public Services Director C. Ward noted at this rate it would take about five years.

Recommended Action: Item has been sent to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

2. Draft Ordinance Authorizing And Ratifying The Issuance Of Purchase Orders For The Purchase Of A 2025 Ford F-550 4X4 With Crane Body Versalift SST-40 For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito stated that during the 2025/2026 Budget Presentations Public Services Director C. Ward requested the replacement of our old T-2 lift truck due to its current age and condition.

Alderman Rada asked for clarification on what a Versalift SST-40 is? Public Services Director C. Ward stated it is a lift truck. He also noted that we would place the old T-2 on the surplus list and place it for auction.

Recommended Action: Item has been sent to the subsequent Consent Agenda.

3. Draft Resolution Designating Freedom Of Information Act Officers For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito requested the City Council review the resolution prepared by City Attorney R. Ramello.

Mayor Esposito noted that all appointments expire with the term of the mayor and as a result he needs to re-appoint individuals to the role of FOIA officer. He is recommending Jodie Esposito since she has served as the City's FOIA officer for the past five years and Acting City Administrator T. Walker because historically the City Administrator has also served as the FOIA officer.

Alderman Fitzgerald expressed some concerns that when Acting City Administrator T. Walker was serving only in the Finance Director role, she noted that staff was stretched thin. Now, she is serving in the interim administrator role and that has given her additional responsibilities. She felt that adding another responsibility would be a burden for Acting City Administrator T. Walker and she should be given the opportunity to focus on her responsibilities as the Acting City Administrator and Finance Director.

Alderman Barbari, Greco and Rada concurred with Alderman Fitzgerald.

Alderman Sarallo had no objection. He inquired if we historically had the City Administrator serve in the role of FOIA officer. He noted that typically the FOIA officer distributes the request to the appropriate department, and they prepare a response. He said that if she needed assistance, we would give it to her.

Recommended Action: The item will be placed on the next City Council Agenda and they will have a roll call vote.

4. Discussion regarding former City Administrator J. Ritz

Alderman Greco inquired why former City Administrator J. Ritz was removed from his position. Mayor Esposito explained that Mr. Ritz's appointment was up with the term of the Mayor, and it was the Mayor's appointment. It was his opinion with the concurrence of some Alderman that a change was needed. He noted that in the interim there are some other unresolved issues that would impact his ability to do the job.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada & Barbari had none.

Alderman Sarallo inquired why we were able to add items to the agenda. Attorney R. Ramello explained that items for discussion can be added to an agenda, but no formal action can be taken unless the item is listed on the agenda.

Alderman Greco thanked John Valle for his service to the City.

Alderman Fitzgerald asked about the status of the implementation of the strategic plan and comprehensive plan. She wanted to ensure that the plans did not just sit on a shelf. Alderman Greco concurred with her. Mayor Esposito suggested adding this item to the next Committee of the Whole for discussion.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

None

XIV. CITY CLERK

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Acting City Administrator T. Walker provided an update on the status of the investigation. Alderwoman Fitzgerald inquired about the start date of the investigation, status of interviews and timeline. She noted that she takes these concerns seriously.

Some alderman expressed concern that the officers were not notified when the investigation began.

Alderman Greco wanted to make sure that if any concerns are identified in the report that we will take corrective action.

Mayor Esposito stated that he does not have a specific timeline for the investigation, but if he does he will share it with the City Council.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Motion passed.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

None

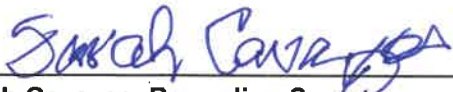
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald at 7:49 P.M.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Cavazos, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley
City Clerk



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