## **City of Oakbrook Terrace**

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# Mayor Paul Esposito City Clerk Michael Shadley City Council Members:

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 July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance: Present: Barbari, Sarallo, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Mayor Esposito Absent: Biskup

Also in attendance: 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

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to allow for an update on the police hiring to be added to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarello to add a police officer hiring update to the Committee of the Whole.

Aves: Barbari, Sarallo, Fitzgerald, Greco and Rada

Nayes: None Absent: Biskup

#### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025

Motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and the Executive Session Minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nayes: None Absent: Biskup

#### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident, Richard Freund, discussed the subject of the Pace Bus Service. The city has only 1 stop for the bus on the Cermak corridor. Mr. Freund suggested an additional stop be explored.

#### VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Payment of City Bills: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, In the amount of \$296,487.77.
- 2. **Resolution No. 25-12:** Approving and Authorizing the Payment of Estimate of Payment Number Two (Final) for the 2024 Curb Replacement Project by the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole Payment of City Bills in the amount of \$296,487.77 was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

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

Nayes: None Absent: Biskup

#### 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 Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco An acclamation vote was taken.

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

Nayes: None Absent: Biskup

#### X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Welcome to Claudia Romo, HR Manager for the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

The Police department is hosting National Night out on 8/5 from 6-8 PM. Please support the police department.

An update to the Vote of No Confidence includes recent interviews with sworn officers and 4 officers that have left. An executive summary should be completed by mid-August. The executive summary will be distributed to all residents.

The mayor conveyed that Alderwoman Fitzgerald and previous Alderman Beckwith both reached out to Chet our 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Investigator against his advice and direction. The mayor stated that his office and administration have been overstepped, and it was an overreach of power. The mayor stated the investigation may have been compromised by the acts of those reaching out to the investigator.

#### XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Concept Plan – Office to Multi-Family Residential Conversion at 1901 Meyers Rd. (Pancor Construction & Development LLC).

A proposal was presented to convert the top floor of the building located at 1901 Meyers Road to a 16-unit, luxury style, multi-family residential use due to a decrease in occupancy levels. Amenities would include a fitness center, restaurant and bar, indoor pool and heated parking.

The mayor likes the upper scale look of the plan. However, his concern is whether 16 units are enough to help the owners.

Alderwoman Fitzgerlad says the project is unique and forward thinking and would like to see the market study. She likes the creativity and wishes them well.

Alderman Sarallo inquired what the rent would be. The reply was \$2,000 per month for a smaller unit and \$3-4,000 for a 3 bedroom.

Alderman Barbari likes the concept but expressed a concern of overcrowding.

Alderman Greco likes the concept but says the city's bloodline is in retail and business. Greco suggests that the council should be looking at the long-term goal and incorporate business and retail. The mayor added that the city is a sales tax driven community, not property tax driven.

Alderman Rada stated that the cost of \$2,000 for a one-bedroom apartment is legitimate. He questioned the Old DuPage Club restaurant and whether there are plans to revive it.

The mayor thanked Rich, Pete and Dan for the presentation and gave consent to move forward in working with Melissa at the city for next steps.

2. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Payment of Estimate of Payment Number One (Final) for the 2024 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Improvements.

Recommended Action: Item will be sent to subsequent Consent Agenda.

The cost due to Metropolitan Industries is \$128,940. Craig from Public Works says the project was very successful and is up and running.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked how many years we will get out of the system? Craig replied, 20 years.

Alderman Sarallo asked if any of the cost was paid out of the covid bill? The reply was no.

Alderman Barbari - No comment.

Alderman Greco – No comment.

Alderman Rada - No comment.

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award and the Execution of a Contract between the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, and Bulk Storage, Inc. for the Salt Storage Barn Project.

Recommended Action: Item will be sent to subsequent Consent Agenda.

The amount due to Bulk Storage is \$627,672.76.

Alderwoman Fitgerald asked about the \$100,000 excess. Interim City Administrator, Tanya Walker, said the city will get \$115,000 in grant funds.

Alderman Sarallo said it was about time with the salt shed.

Alderman Barbari - No comment.

Alderman Greco asked whether footings would be put down. The reply was yes.

Alderman Rada acknowledged that the salt is currently stored outside. Craig added that they lose a lot each year as a result. Total ton storage will be approximately 1200.

Once the resolution is approved, Craig will schedule it. The mayor says council concurs and will move this to the consent agenda.

4. An update was given by the police commission regarding the hiring of officers. A total of 22 entry level applicants were received in February. 15 accepted another job or withdrew. 2 officers were sworn in earlier this year. The remining 4 candidates are in the final stages and are expected to join the academy on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were 5 lateral applications received in June. 3 applicants were given conditional offers of employment.

A new round of applications was accepted through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Orientation and written exams will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> followed by interviews on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

The mayor thanked the commissioner on their progress with 3 laterals and 4 new police officers.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald appreciates the integrity of progress.

Alderman Sarallo - No comment.

Alderman Barbari thanked secretary, Debbie, for her hard work.

Alderman Greco welcomed the new members and thanked the police commission.

Alderman Rada asked what changed with so many people applying this time. The reply was that the city is sharing information such as the salary and benefits. Additionally, the \$25 fee for pulling an application was eliminated.

#### XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald - No comment.

Alderman Sarallo attended the concert on Friday, for the performance by 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven and relayed that he had not seen that many residents in 4 plus years.

Alderman Barbari - Welcomed Claudia to the city.

Alderman Greco - No comment.

Alderman Sarallo - No comment.

Alderman Rada discussed the use of speed cameras used by the county.

#### XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

None

#### XIV. CITY CLERK

None

#### XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Tanya welcomed Claudia as the new HR Manager for the city.

#### XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari Motion approved via an acclamation vote.

#### XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Executive Session was made by Alderman Greco and Alderman Barbari.

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

Nayes: None Absent: Biskup

#### XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session To The City Council Meeting Pursuant To Section 2(C)(11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.

#### XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to reconvene made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Greco. Motion approved via an acclamation vote.

XX. NEW BUSINESS

None

XXI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald at 8:42 PM.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:

Michael Shadley City Clerk

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