

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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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 October 28th, 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: Biskup, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo and Mayor Esposito
Absent: Barbari

Also in attendance: City Clerk M. Shadley, City Administrator T. Walker, and City Attorney R. Ramello.
- III. **Mayor Esposito led in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- IV. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
None
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**
Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2025.

Alderman Rada requested that both the draft and final report of the Vote of No Confidence investigation be shared with council once available.

Motion to add the request made by Alderman Rada to include both the draft and final report of the Vote of No Confidence investigation to be shared with council was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.

Motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2025 was made by Alderwoman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco.

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

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: October 28, 2025, in the amount of \$113,790.07.
2. Resolution 25-15 Authorizing and Approving an Illinois Elevator Safety Program Agreement - City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Office of the State Fire Marshal of Illinois - 2025.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of the October 28, 2025, Regular City Meeting and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald.

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

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 Sarallo.

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

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Trick or treating on 10/31 will be between the hours of 3-6 PM for residents to enjoy. Police will patrol the area and speed bumps will be out on MacArthur Drive. Veterans Day will be recognized on 11/11 at 11:00 in Villa Park at the VFW Post. The update on the Vote of No Confidence investigation is that the city attorney reached out to Chet Epperson for a final report. Chet was scheduled to be at today's city council meeting however, he has not submitted a final report. He is scheduled to be at the city council meeting on 11/25/25.

Per the City Attorney, the Mayor is required to relay to City Council that the City received a ruling on 10/16 from Laura S. Harter, Bureau Chief of the Office of the Attorney General, for a request to review from Mr. Richard Freund on 10/24/24 who alleged that the Mayor privately discussed with other City Council members whether to include an item on the 1/9/24 agenda. Per Laura Harter, the Public Access Bureau determined that the City of Oakbrook Terrace and City Council did not violate the Open Meetings Act.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Presentation by Sikich – City of Oakbrook Terrace Audit.

Nick Bava from Sikich presented the 4/30/25 fiscal year end audit. The City received its 21st Certificate of Achievement Award issued by the GFOA indicating that the City went above and beyond their reporting requirements. An unmodified opinion was given with a clean opinion. Last year the audit was presented late and issued in February of 2025. This year's audit is back on track. There were two comments made by the auditors. 1) Related to the year-end close process and adjusting the financial statements to GAAP basis. The recommendation is to develop processes to lower the number of adjustments. 2) Credit card transactions to ensure an audit trail is kept.

Aldermwoman Fitzgerald questioned whether examining internal control policies is common practice. Mr. Bava replied that they are not issuing an opinion on the control environment of the City but instead the fairness of the financial statements. They do review the control environment by looking at the cash receipts, billing and review those control processes. Compensated absences are a liability on the financial statement and is the obligatory benefit that exists for an employee who terminates from the City i.e., vacation pay, sick time. The organizational chart within the document is current. Aldermwoman Fitzgerald finds the quarterly financials are in a high-level format. City Administrator, Ms. Walker, is happy to meet with Fitzgerald to answer any questions.

Alderman Sarallo stated this is one of the better reports.

Alderman Greco referred to page 123 of the audit, Security Bonds and why the City Administrator has 2 bonds. Ms. Walker replied that it was prior to her taking on two different positions.

Alderman Rada referred to page 111, Hotel Tax Collection, and questioned the totals that do not agree with the financial report. It was determined that 2 different fiscal years were being looked at. The City made 1.6 M from hotel tax in fiscal 2025.

Luke Schoenhofen presented the police pension actuarial evaluation. The purpose of the report is to go over the health of the pension plan by comparing the assets to the liabilities and to set the contribution requirements for FY27. It was communicated that the City of OBT is funded at 72% while the average for Illinois is closer to 60%.

Alderman Rada asked whether the City is working towards being fully funded. The reply was yes and that it is a rolling 15-year method. The City will continue to be in good shape as long as they follow the recommended contributions.

2. Presentation by Oakbrook Terrace Park District, Shannon Else, Executive Director of OBT Park District. A history of Terrace View Park was given and future plans discussed. The park is owned by the City and the current lease with the park district expires in 2040. Improvements include the pond that needs to be addressed. The park district board has approved dredging the pond. Improvements to the park will be dependent on the results and cost of that dredging. Shoreline restoration will be needed. Additional improvements would include extended walkways around the pond. The park hopes to extend the lease with the City as far into the future as possible.

The Mayor is in favor of supporting the park district and sees the park as an extension of the City. Craig from Public Works, has submitted a grant to extend a paved path from Terrace View Park to Dorothy Drennon Park.

Alderswoman Fitzgerald questioned the current sources of funding. Shannon replied it is through property tax, interest income, program fees and fitness center memberships. She added that grants are difficult because any improvement has to be managed for the life of the improvement. Once future park improvements are completed, there may be new sources of revenue for the park. The dredging proposal has been signed and will happen before the end of 2025. The park district will be mindful not to interfere with July 4th and the City's summer concert series.

Alderman Sarallo supports the lease extension and would like to know what improvements are being discussed.

Alderman Biskup stated the parks look great and understands the maintenance needed for the pond. Alderman Biskup is in favor of extending the lease.

Alderman Greco recommends the lease be a 20-year term versus the current 60-year lease so that the City can help the park district in a timely manner if necessary.

Alderman Rada commented the City should consider help with funding the dredging. York Center is another park district that Council should consider for future use.

3. Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Chapter 35 Entitled "Taxes" of Title III Entitled "Administration" – Imposing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Service Retailers' Occupation Tax.

The City received a letter on 10/10/25 from the IL Department of Revenue asking the City to amend 35.170 of the code to reflect the current 1% of gross receipts with a correction of 1% of the selling price. Attorney Ramello said this is a technical change requested by the IL Department of Revenue that changes from gross receipts to selling price. The attorney is in favor of amending Ordinance 25-19.

Moved to the consent agenda.

4. Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police – 2025.

The 2025 agreement between the City and Metropolitan Association of Police, MAP, negotiations with police has been settled. The agreed increase is 3%, 4%, 4%, 4% over 4 years with new 12-hour shifts.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald is not familiar with the term commander. Chief, Calvello replied that refers to a patrolman that steps up to a Shift Commander and is in charge when a sergeant is not in.

Alderman Biskup expressed gratitude to Ms. Walker for her part in settling the negotiations. Alderman Biskup wants the police department to be happy and to create an environment where police want to stay. Thank you to Chief Calvello.

Alderman Greco questioned next steps for promotions to sergeant within the department. The Mayor replied the City has 2 sergeants with no definite date to promote.

Alderman Rada asked whether the 12 hours shift will be easier for officers. Chief Calvello stated that is what the officers negotiated, and it should be useful as a recruiting tool.

5. Ordinance Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order by the City of Oakbrook Terrace to Sourcewell for One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Blazer.

Craig Ward from Public Works gave an update on the current fleet. A new car needed to be purchased for the City Administrator per her contract and no reliable city vehicle being available. The current city car Ms. Walker is driving has 140K and mechanical issues. That car will be sent to auction once Ms. Walker receives a new car.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked whether the purchase of the car was in the budget. Ms. Walker replied it was not part of the budget. The Mayor added that each City Administrator has the choice of a city car or car allowance.

Alderman Sarallo is in favor of the purchase of a car for the City Administrator.

Alderman Biskup is in favor of the purchase of a car for the City Administrator.

Alderman Greco questioned how many cars the city has. Mayor replied there are 4 pool cars. Greco questioned the 11 cars that appear on the audit versus the 4 that are mentioned. Craig Ward replied that street division vehicles are not counted within the 11. Moving forward, Alderman Greco would like to see what cars the city has when a future car is requested.

Alderman Rada is in favor of the purchase of a car for the City Administrator.

6. Pumpkins in the Park Post Event Update.

M. Tannehill gave an update on the Pumpkins in the Park event held on 10/11/25 at the Dorothy Drennon Park. 139 children pre-registered with 124 in attendance. The afternoon consisted of a pumpkin patch, with each child being able to take home a pumpkin, 2 bounce houses, 2 face painters, apple cider donuts, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. The budget for the event was \$5,500 and a total of \$5,244.20 was spent.

Alderman Greco enjoyed the apple cider donuts and the event.

7. Luminary Display Discussion.

A few options for resident luminaries were discussed. A plastic luminary bag was selected with a battery-operated lantern. All agreed on 2 luminaries per driveway. Alderwoman Fitzgerald and Alderman Biskup volunteered to put the luminary bags together. Public Works will distribute the luminaries to each resident home on 12/23. The luminaries will be left for the residents to have and enjoy after the event.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderwoman Fitzgerald noted that the enthusiasm in the room is wonderful. Fitzgerald likes the Directors' Reports and would like M. Headley, Community Development Director, to provide an update at future meetings.

Alderman Sarallo commented it was a productive meeting with good presentations. Congratulations to the city staff and officers that have resolved the police contract.

Alderman Biskup thanked the city staff and the new positions. The city looks great with all the fall decorations.

Alderman Greco would like the City to consider resident parking on one side of the street particularly in high traffic areas.

Alderman Rada agreed with Alderman Greco in that an emergency vehicle would not get through high traffic areas. Congratulations to the police on their new contract.

The Mayor communicated that after the recent council meeting there was a resident fire on Leahey Road. The Mayor asked that the aldermen please support the resident.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

None

XIV. CITY CLERK

None

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you to all the City first responders. Pizzas were sent to the police department in gratitude for their service. GFOA award was won for the budget in FY26 and the audit in FY24.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and Alderman Rada.
Motion approved via an acclamation vote.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings act to discuss pending litigation.

XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING *:53

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

XX. NEW BUSINESS

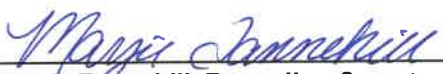
1. Resolution 25-16 Authorizing and Approving an Agreement between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police – 2025.
Motion to approve was made by Alderman Sarallo and Alderman Biskup.
2. Ordinance 25-34 to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order by the City of Oakbrook Terrace to Sourcewell for One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Blazer.
Motion to approve was made by Alderman Sarallo and Alderman Biskup.

XXI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarallo at 8:54 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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