

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 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 November 25, 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, Biskup, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo and Mayor Esposito.
Absent: None

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 November 25, 2025.

Motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2025, was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. Roll call.

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

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: December 9, 2025, in the amount of \$377,451.49.
2. Ordinance No. 25-39: An Ordinance For The Levying, Assessment And Collection Of Taxes In The Amount of \$1,142,159 For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, And Ending April 30, 2026, For The City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
3. Ordinance No. 25-37: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2025 To Pay Debt Service On \$1,900,000 Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace.
4. Ordinance No. 25-38: An Ordinance Abating The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2025 To Pay Debt Service On The \$3,695,000 Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 Of the City Of Oakbrook Terrace.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of the December 9, 2025, Regular City Meeting and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Biskup. Roll call.

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

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 Greco and seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll call.

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

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

The Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting event will be held on 12/12 at the Stella Mae Swartz School. City Hall will be closed 12/24-26 in observance of Christmas and on 1/1 in observance of New Year's Day. Home Depot donated 50 Christmas trees to the city. Residents were notified of the available Christmas trees via mailer and social media. The Mayor expressed condolences to the family of Jim McDonald, a resident of the city for over 65 years, who passed away on 12/6.

Earlier this year, a Vote of No Confidence had been raised concerning Police Chief Calvello and Deputy Chief Clark. Mayor Esposito addressed the outcome publicly, reading a summary of the findings. Three independent, third-party investigations were conducted, and all concluded that the allegations were unsubstantiated, meaning they were not supported by evidence. The real

issue behind the concerns was not misconduct, but a staffing shortage, caused by retirement, retention challenges and broader economic conditions affecting hiring. The mayor issued an apology to residents for how the situation was handled by police officers, city officials and MAPS. To address staffing, 8 new officers have been hired since March 2025 and the city is actively working to hire 3 more officers. The mayor declared the matter closed. Further communication about the Vote of No Confidence will be published in the next issue of the Terrace Leaves newsletter.

The mayor wished city staff and residents a happy holiday.

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordinance Amending Section 33.064 Entitled "Secretary" of Chapter 33 Entitled "Departments, Boards and Commissions" of Title III of the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois (Text after Amendment - Redlined).

The amendment requires access to records held by the board of police commissions to be accessible to the chief of police, city administrator, city clerk, city FOIA administrator and other subordinates who require access effective 1/1/26. Access to records is requested within the next 14 days.

Comments by council:

Alderswoman Fitzgerald questioned why this came forward tonight. The mayor replied that this must be amended according to the IL statute that takes effect on 1/1/26. Attorney Ramello added that police commission records should be accessible to individuals noted above and that access is required to comply with the FOIA. Any confidential records or exceptions would not be disclosed to the public, however the FOIA officer would need to determine where the exemption applies for those records.

2. Ordinance Amending Section 33.064 Entitled "Secretary" of Chapter 33 Entitled "Departments, Boards and Commissions" of Title III of the Code of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois (Clean/Final).

Moved to Consent Agenda.

3. Ordinance Amending the Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois Regarding Decorum and Policy (Text After Amendment – Redlined).

The objective is to encourage decorum and set policies for city council, boards and commissions and to help answer questions regarding meeting protocol, duties and responsibilities.

Comments by City Council:

Alderswoman Fitzgerald was surprised by the policy and feels that the meeting protocol could limit open discussion. In response, the Mayor stated that the policy is intended to clarify the city council's roles and promote mutual respect.

Alderman Sarallo supports the amendment in general but believes that some of its provisions might be more appropriate to include in an existing role's job description, such as that of the city administrator, rather than being part of the amendment itself.

Alderman Biskup agrees with respecting everyone and sees the parallel between this amendment and Roberts Rules of Order.

Alderman Greco questioned a few items within the amendment.

- 31.04B The procedure of how to place something on an agenda.
Attorney Ramello answered that council will not be able to add items to a printed agenda. However, council will be able to add or delete things from an agenda during a meeting.
- 31.26, #4 Policies that council can dictate within the city.
The mayor noted that this addresses the difference between legislative vs administrative policies. Attorney Ramello will further clarify this at the next meeting.
- #8 All persons shall participate in education.
Any information regarding education can be attained from the city administrator.
- Section B, #F Preparation for meetings should be submitted to the city administrator in advance.
The idea of this section is to submit any questions to the city administrator in the event that an answer needs to be researched prior to a meeting. Alderman Greco suggests using the word *encouraged* instead of a rule.

Alderman Rada agrees with the intent of the document but not with the execution. Proposes a private session to discuss a simpler, clearer way to outline this. Rada questioned whether this is a replacement for Roberts Rules of Order. Attorney Ramello remarked that Robert Rules of Order has to do with procedures for passing legislation. This ordinance is protocol and decorum and how to conduct yourself at city council meetings. The mayor requested the attorney to revise the document to make its language less strict and to be reviewed at the 1/13/26 city council meeting. City Administrator Walker welcomed Alderman Rada to discuss specific points of the document that he finds questionable.

4. Ordinance Amending the Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois Regarding Decorum and Policy (Clean/Final).

Tabled to January 13, 2026 next City Council Meeting. Motion made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. Roll call.

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

5. Approve payment of Bulk Storage in the amount of \$253,832.38.
The cost includes a 10% retaining fee. Craig of Public Works added that construction is going well and should be done by Christmas. Ms. Walker questioned why the same invoice needs to be presented to council a 2nd time since the invoice was approved at a prior council meeting. Both Aldermen Greco and Sarallo replied that it is a good way to see the progress of the project and a good method of checks and balance.

Moved to Consent Agenda.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Aldерwoman Fitzgerald will be submitting her formal resignation from the city council board effective 1/1/26. Ms. Fitzgerald has enjoyed the last 4.5 years working with her fellow aldermen, many city employees and thanks the staff and residents who attend the meetings.

Alderman Sarallo extends his congratulations to Alderwoman Fitzgerald on her retirement. Christmas wishes were expressed to all in attendance. Alderman Sarallo gave his condolences to the McDonald family on the passing of Jim.

Alderman Barbari relayed a Merry Christmas to all.

Alderman Biskup thanked Alderwoman Fitzgerald for her contributions. Commented that Public Works is doing a great job maintaining the city streets. Merry Christmas to all.

Alderman Greco voiced his gratitude to Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Condolences were given to the McDonald family. Thank you to police chief and deputy chief for the Christmas tree distribution.

Alderman Rada wished Alderwoman Fitzgerald good luck and looks forward to the new year. Wishes for a Merry Christmas.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY

Extended well wishes to Alderwoman Fitzgerald and remarked it was a pleasure to work with her. Extended wishes to everyone for a Happy Holiday.

XIII. CITY CLERK

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

XIV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Good luck to Alderwoman Fitzgerald on her future endeavors and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

XV. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VXII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 7:56 PM.

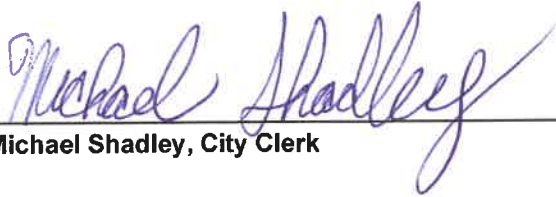
Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley, City Clerk

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