

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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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 Special City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Sarallo, and Mayor Esposito

Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Finance Director T. Walker, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Esposito led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Investigative Service Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Mayor Esposito asked for a motion to discuss the Draft Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Investigative Service Agreement For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Motion made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Mayor Esposito began the discussion by announcing that the city attorney had prepared an ordinance for hiring a third-party company to investigate the vote of no confidence. City Attorney Ramello explained the draft ordinance, outlining the original agreement and the amendments he made to it. He also mentioned that he reached out to other companies to carry out the investigation and noted the appointment of Clarity One Solutions as the third-party investigator.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald sought clarification on the initial investigation that prompted the second investigation and asked how the two can be separated if the City Council chooses to do so. She also inquired about the cost of each investigation and whether continuing with Clarity One Solutions would be cost-effective.

Alderman Beckwith inquired about the original contract that was signed two months ago and the subsequent addendum. He asked whether the terms of the current contract were the same as those of previous contracts, although the original contract did not specifically mention the vote of no confidence. Additionally, Alderman Beckwith requested information about the timelines for the other companies that may conduct the investigation.

Alderman Sarallo asked if Clarity One Solutions had already started the investigation.

Alderman Rada expressed his concerns regarding the intertwining of the two investigations and feels that it would be best to have two separate investigations.

Alderman Greco expressed his belief that two separate investigations should be conducted. He also inquired whether the City Council would have access to the results of the investigation.

Motion to have two separate investigations was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

Motion for Clarity One Solutions, LLC, to conduct the labor arbitration investigation was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll Call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed.

V. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Bob Shanahan asked when the next special meeting will be held.

Resident Christina Pavlak wanted to confirm that there would be two separate investigations and that the City has not yet hired a second investigation company.

Lombard Resident Victoria Johnson wanted clarification on her investigation.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 7:29 p.m.

Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Raffel", written over a horizontal line.

Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Shadley", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Shadley

City Clerk

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