

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026 7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers - City Hall - 17W261 Butterfield Road**



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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 Geza Petro

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esposito called February 10, 2026, 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, Biskup, Greco, Rada, and Mayor Esposito  
Absent: Petro

Also in attendance: City Administrator: T. Walker, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

### III. MAYOR ESPOSITO LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

### IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

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

Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026.

A motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2026 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. The motion carried.

### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

**VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA**

Payment of City Bills: February 10, 2026, in the amount of \$618,286.36.  
There was a correction to the agenda that noted the payment of city bills on February 19, 2026.  
The correct date of payment was February 10, 2026, as noted within the minutes.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of the February 10, 2026, Regular City and Committee of the Whole Payment was made by Alderman Rada seconded by Alderman Barbari. Roll Call.

Ayes: Barbari, Sarallo, Biskup, Greco, and Rada  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Petro

**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 the meeting was made by Alderman Biskup and seconded by Alderman Barbari. An acclamation vote was taken.

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

On February 4th at 6:06 PM Oakbrook Terrace police officers and surrounding jurisdictions responded to a report of a vehicle crash at 2 Trans AM Plaza Drive. Upon arrival, police officers located a victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Paramedics performed life saving measures, however the victim succumbed to his injury.

On February 9th, Robert Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney, and OBT Chief Calvello announced that a Wisconsin woman had been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Obaidulla F. Shareef.

The City extends its deepest condolences to the victim's family. The Mayor expressed gratitude to the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, MERIT, the Milwaukee Police Department and State's Attorney Robert Berlin for their dedicated efforts in bringing this case to a resolution.

Chief Calvello commended the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for their diligence and swift apprehension of the suspect. He noted that Deputy Clark and Sergeant Bryant led the investigation. Calvello also stated that the department had full support from Mayor Esposito.

A Special City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/17, for a Budget Workshop.

There is still time to register for the American Lung Association Stair Climb on Sunday, 3/8, at the Oakbrook Terrace Tower.

District 88 Willowbrook High School is holding its 4th Annual Pickle Ball Tournament on 2/28 from 9:00 – noon.

There will be a press release on February 11th for a \$10,000 donation made to the York Township Food Pantry by the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Mayor Esposito invited the aldermen to attend.

July 4th, 2026 America will celebrate 250 years of Independence. The Mayor suggested increasing the fireworks display through Pyrotechnics.

#### **XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Discussion Item – Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District (FPD) Update.

Fire Chief John Turkovich addressed the City Council regarding the proposed Rescue Tax that will appear on the ballot for the March 17, 2026, election. He explained that the department's sole source of funding for equipment and operations is property tax revenue.

The department has served Oakbrook Terrace and unincorporated DuPage County since 1948. Chief Turkovich noted that emergency call volume has increased in recent years, along with the cost of apparatus and equipment. He added that the department has sought financial assistance through grant opportunities whenever possible.

If passed, the Rescue Tax would take effect in Jun 2027. The proposed rate of 0.10% is expected to generate approximately \$246,000 annually but may fluctuate based on tax caps. These funds would support training, wellness initiatives, certifications, apparatus replacement and both current and future operational needs. Chief Turkovich also noted that the department's last major funding initiative was a 10-year, \$2 million bond approved in 2014 and paid off in 2024.

Chief Turkovich explained that fire apparatus typically takes two to three years from the time of order to delivery, while ambulance can take between two and five years.

He asked the City Council members and residents to stand behind the FPD and support the Rescue Tax initiative.

The Mayor voiced his support for the Rescue Tax and acknowledged the urgency of replacing outdated equipment. At the same time, he expressed concern about the impact of a tax increase on residents. The Mayor also expressed his appreciation for Fire Chief Turkovich and his team for their dedication and service.

Alderman Rada inquired whether the department operates as a full-time house and was informed that it does, with 13 sworn officers. Rada further questioned whether the department bills for ambulance services. Turkovich responded that billing is handled through a state-run program. If a resident is unable to pay, the Fire Protection District does not pursue collection. Alderman Rada expressed his support for the Rescue Tax.

Alderman Greco stated that the FPD is separate from Oakbrook Terrace and that the City does not receive any of its tax revenue. He noted that the district operates independently and commended the department for maintaining its equipment effectively.

Alderman Biskup expressed his support and noted that the FPD has never requested anything from the City. He also discussed how a fire truck and engine operate in tandem during an emergency response. Additionally, he highlighted that the paramedics at the department are trained in advanced life support, rather than basic life support.

Alderman Barbari inquired about the status of Auxiliary Firefighters and was informed that they are no longer unpaid volunteers. Barbari expressed his support for the FPD.

Alderman Sarallo stated that the FPD serves as an extension of the City and expressed his support for the Rescue Tax.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Sarallo congratulated the Mayor and Chief Calvello on the recent resolution of the shooting incident. He emphasized his support for providing officers with any assistance they may need, including mental health resources.

Alderman Barbari congratulated Chief Calvello on a job well done. He also inquired about the Mosque Open House, noting that he was the only alderman to attend.

Alderman Biskup praised the police chief and officers for their professionalism and the way the recent situation was handled. He also thanked Fire Chief Turkovich and several members of the department for attending the meeting and for their service to the City.

Alderman Greco appreciates the information shared by Chief Turkovich.

Alderman Rada congratulated Chief Calvello and his department on resolving the recent shooting incident. He inquired about the grocery tax and whether preparations are complete; Walker confirmed that they are. Rada also noted that Drury Lane Theatre is an asset to the City and hosts some outstanding performances.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY**

None

**XIV. CITY CLERK**

None

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Staff from the City will be participating in the American Lung Association Stair Climb challenge.

**XVI. 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.

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XVIII. ADJOURN**

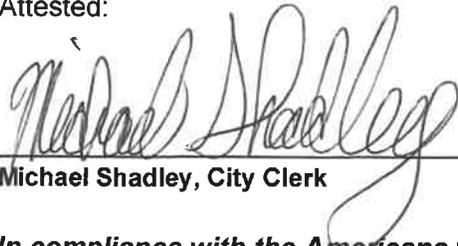
Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Sarallo at 8:02 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Shadley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in black ink.

Michael Shadley, City Clerk

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