

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:00 PM**

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



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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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 24, 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, Petro and Mayor Esposito  
Absent: none

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**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026.

A motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026 and February 17, 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 24, 2026, in the amount of \$122,357.31.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of the February 24, 2026, Regular City and Committee of the Whole Payment was made by Alderman Greco seconded by Alderman Biskup. Roll Call.

Ayes: Barbari, Sarallo, Biskup, Greco, Rada and Petro

Nayes: 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 the meeting was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Petro. An acclamation vote was taken.

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 21st, at noon at the Stella May Swartz School. Registration is still open for the stair climb on March 8th at the Oakbrook Tower. District 88 is hosting a Pickle Ball Tournament on February 28th at Willowbrook High School. The annual Employee & Staff Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 17th at Ditka's.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Park Use Agreement between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Oakbrook Terrace Park District for an Independence Day Celebration – City of Oakbrook Terrace – July 4, 2026.

The IGA is an annual, standard agreement for the use of park grounds during the City's Independence Day Celebration. Park District would like to ensure that City staff are present and that the City assumes responsibility for the park during the event.

Alderman Greco asked whether this provision could be incorporated into the park lease agreement. Attorney Ramello responded that the IGA should remain separate from the lease. Moved to consent agenda.

2. Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Park Use Agreement between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Oakbrook Terrace Park District for Summer Concert Series.

The ordinance is a standard measure that has been approved annually for the past four years in support of the summer concert series. Moved to consent agenda.

3. Ordinance Amending Title VII (Traffic Code), Chapter 71 (Traffic Regulations), Section 71.04 (prohibiting wireless telephone use in a school zone) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oakbrook Terrace (Redlined).

The amendment prohibits the use of wireless phones in designated school zones. In November, the City was contacted by District 48 with a request to install such signage near the schools.

Attorney Ramello noted that this is already an Illinois statute. The amendment enables police officers to issue a local ordinance and authorizes the installation of appropriate signage. Moved to consent agenda.

4. Discussion Item – Oakbrook Terrace Park District Lease Extension.  
On October 28th, Director of Parks & Recreation, Shannon Elsey presented updates on the park and discussed extending the long term-lease with the City. The city currently has a 60-year lease agreement with the Park District that expires in 2040.

The Park District plans to invest several million dollars in renovations, including landscaping, new walkway, a walkout pier, and improvements to the shoreline landscaping. Dredging the pond, which had previously been a concern, is no longer considered necessary.

Given the scope of the planned investment, the Park District is seeking assurance that the City will extend the lease for another 60-year term. While the City owns the property, the Park District holds the long-term lease for its use.

Tanya is working with the Park District to identify potential grant opportunities. There was a discussion regarding renovation of the stage used for the summer concerts.

Alderman Greco expressed concern about granting the park district a 60-year lease without adequate protections in place for the City. The attorney confirmed that if the park district were to default, ownership of the land would revert to the City. However, if the park district were to disconnect from the City, the parties would need to negotiate modifications to the lease agreement.

The park district is currently facing financial challenges with the fitness center, which has been operating at a loss. One possible solution discussed was for the City to assume control of the facility and repurpose it as a community or senior center.

City Attorney Ramello will review the lease to ensure it protects the City's best interests. The Mayor recommended extending the lease to the park district for 40 years instead of 60, including an "out" clause to provide the City with greater flexibility.

5. Discussion Item – Garbage Can (Code Enforcement).  
Alderman Greco requested a discussion regarding the timing of when garbage cans may be placed at the curb. He noted that current enforcement efforts appear to focus more on when cans are put out rather than ensuring they are brought back in promptly.

Section 51.03 of the City Code states that garbage cans may not be placed out before 6:00 p.m. The Mayor expressed support for amending the ordinance to allow residents to place

garbage cans out as early as 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. The city attorney will revise the ordinance to reflect this change.

Additionally, code enforcement will monitor compliance to ensure that garbage cans are being bought back in after collection. M. Headley from Community Development will assign an employee to drive through neighborhoods on Tuesday morning to enforce pickup compliance.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Rada relayed that the county has completed their speed study on Meyers Road and is currently reviewing it.

Alderman Sarallo asked that an update on the Butterfield Road construction be placed in the next edition of Terrace Leaves.

Alderman Petro thanked City Administrator, T. Walker, for her thorough Budget Workshop presentation offered at the February 17th Special Meeting.

Alderman Biskup – No comment.

Alderman Greco – No comment.

Alderman Barbari – No comment.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY**

No comment.

**XIV. CITY CLERK**

No comment.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

No comment.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XVIII. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Rada at 7:52 PM.

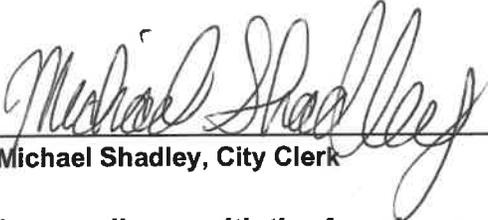
Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:



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Michael Shadley, City Clerk

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