

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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 March 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, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo and Mayor Esposito
Absent: Biskup

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

Request by Alderman Greco to remove Ordinance #26 - 45 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2026 from the Consent Agenda.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026.

A motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026 was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Greco. The motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fire Chief, John Turkovich expressed his gratitude to the City Council and residents for their support in successfully passing the Rescue Tax Referendum.

Mayor Esposito conveyed his satisfaction in the residents recognizing the importance of passing the referendum to benefit the entire community.

Alderman Petro inquired how many firemen they have on staff. Chief Turkovich replied they have 11 firefighters. Turkovich added that 1 recently left and 2 more may leave due to higher compensation offered at neighboring departments.

Alderman Sarallo expressed happiness that the referendum passed.

Alderman Barbari relayed his congratulations.

Alderman Greco stated that he welcomes Chief Turkovich's continued communication with members of the City Council.

Alderman Rada added that he is happy to see that the community supported our first responders.

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: March 10, 2026, in the amount of \$505,309.49.
2. Ordinance #26 – 45 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2026.
3. Ordinance #26 – 46 Amending Section 51.03 Entitled "Prohibited Acts" of Chapter 51 Entitled "Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling" of Title V Entitled "Public Works" of Oakbrook Terrace Code.

Motion to remove Item #2 Ordinance #26 – 45 from the Consent Agenda and move to discuss made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

Roll call:

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo

Nays: none

Absent: Biskup

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda Item #1 with the corrected date of March 24, 2026 in the amount of \$505,309.49, and Item #3, Ordinance #26 – 46. Regular City and Committee of the Whole Payment was made by Alderman Sarallo seconded by Alderman Petro.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo

Nays: none

Absent: Biskup

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance #26 – 45 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2026.

Motion to discuss Ordinance #26 – 45 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2026 made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Sarallo.

Alderman Greco inquired about the purpose of Section 3, given a previously adopted similar ordinance, and asked how items would be designated as surplus. Attorney Ramello explained that surplus items would be listed on Municibid, and if no bids are received, they could be disposed of as deemed appropriate. C. Ward from Public Works noted that items are generally posted on Municibid for two weeks and have always attracted buyers.

Motion to approve Ordinance #26 - 45 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Oakbrook Terrace – 2026 was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo

Nays: none

Absent: Biskup

IX. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion to Recess to Committee of the Whole made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Petro.

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

Thank you to all the residents who joined us for the Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Fly. We had a record-breaking number of children participate in the egg hunt.

The Lion's Club is hosting Someone Special on April 18th at 8:00 AM at Willowbrook HS.

The Staff Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, April 17th at 6:30 PM at Ditka's.

For the first time, Mayor Esposito and T. Walker will partner with the Oakbrook Chamber to host a State of the City presentation. The event will be open to the public and will cover topics such as the city's infrastructure, finances and housing market. The Mayor has invited all Aldermen to attend. The tentative date for the presentation is May 21st.

The Mayor expressed his gratitude to Fire Chief, Turkovich and his fellow firefighters for the great work they do for the City.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Discussion Item – Rider Extending Term of Agreement for Library Services Between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Villa Park Library dated December 17, 1987. The rider was extended through April 2027 with increased library fees. Single family cost is \$329.35 while apartments are \$270.50 including service fees. The previous year was \$308.29 for single family and apartments were \$251.13. The City absorbs 80% of the library fees and recently moved to a flat rate of \$20.00 for residents. The cost to the City is approximately \$30,000.

Alderman Greco noted that library fees continue to rise and suggested the City may want to consider a modest increase in the cost to residents.

No other comments by Council. Moved to consent agenda.

2. Ordinance 26 - 47 Authorizing Execution of a Legal Services Agreement by and between Cohon, Raizes & Regal, LLP and the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Hawthorne Race Course has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and is delinquent in back taxes and payments to the City totaling 140,000. Attorney Ramello noted that neither he nor his office has experience in bankruptcy matters and recommended that the City retain outside counsel. He suggested Cohon, Raizes & Regal to represent the City and the Mayor referenced Exhibit A outlining the firm's fees. Attorney Ramello estimated that the case could require approximately 30 to 50 hours of work. If resolved favorably, the City could recover the full amount owed over time.

Alderman Greco asked whether the same attorney could continue to represent the City of the case were converted to Chapter 7. Attorney Ramello confirmed that they would be able to do so.

Alderman Sarallo asked whether Driftwood Restaurant would remain open if the video gaming operations were to close. The attorney's understanding is that Driftwood Restaurant holds its own license and could continue operating.

No further questions from council.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Petro had nothing additional to add.

Alderman Sarallo expressed the beautiful day we had for the City Easter event.

Alderman Barbari thanked Police Chief Calvello for the opportunity in a ride along with Officer Sean Noonan. Barbari found it valuable and eye opening.

Alderman Greco enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt and that our city staff make these types of events shine.

Alderman Rada recently spoke at a York Township meeting, both as a resident and a council member, regarding the purchase of license plate readers; the measure passed unanimously. The DCVB is also exploring a new financing approach in which hotels would implement a convention/tourism fee. This would involve a 1.5% to 2% fee collected by the state and distributed through the City. One Oakbrook Terrace hotel has expressed opposition to the proposal.

The Mayor received a call from Tim Murray of York Township expressing his appreciation to Chief Calvello and Deputy Chief Clark for attending a recent meeting on license plate readers. The Mayor noted that this technology would be a strong asset to our community emphasizing that public safety is the City's top priority and that it serves as a valuable tool for law enforcement.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

No comment.

XIV. CITY CLERK

No comment.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

T. Walker noted that the 2nd meeting of each month will include department updates.

C. Ward, Public Works

- Reported that a new piece of equipment, a Versalift, has been delivered and staff have been trained on its use.
- A city-wide street sweeping is scheduled for tomorrow.
- The fleet is also transitioning from winter to spring operations and maintenance.
- Public Works will be cleaning out storm sewers and has installed "No Cell Phone Use" signs near schools.

M. Headley, Community Development

- Recently issued a permit to Preferred Mortgage to remodel their space.
- MidAmerica Plaza recently sold and is applying for permits to remodel.
- One Lincoln has two tentative build outs that are under review.
- Salvation Army submitted an application for rezoning and special use. If approved, they will install a playground.
- Moxie Salon ribbon cutting will be 4/12 from 12-4PM
- Chamber of Commerce meets this Thursday.
- Dunkin Donuts on Roosevelt is considering a remodel and updating their sign.

C. Calvello, Police

- New pick-up truck is fully equipped and on the street patrolling.
- One officer completed FTO program. Another will join soon.
- Two police officers, possibly three will be sworn in on Monday 3/30. Total will be 24 officers.
- Officer Portillo was added to the detective division.
- Maybe implementing truck enforcement for overweight, registration and certifications.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #26 - 47 Authorizing Execution of a Legal Services Agreement by and between Cohon, Raizes & Regal, LLP and the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

Motion to approve Ordinance #26 - 47 Authorizing Execution of a Legal Services Agreement by and between Cohon, Raizes & Regal, LLP and the City of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Barbari, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo

Nays:

Absent: Bishop

XVIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Greco at 7:47 PM.

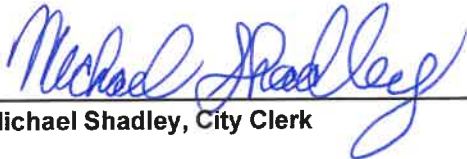
Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley, City Clerk

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