

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 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 April 14, 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, Biskup, Greco, Petro, Rada, Sarallo and Mayor Esposito.
Absent: none

Also in attendance: City Administrator: T. Walker, and City Attorney M. Holmes.

III. MAYOR ESPOSITO LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Esposito added a discussion item to the Committee of the Whole regarding an invoice for an administrative pool car.

Motion made to add a discussion item of an invoice for an administrative pull car to the Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada.

Roll Call

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

A motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2026 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2026 was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Sarallo. The motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bruce Almeroth, a member of the Lion's Club, would like to invite the council to attend "Someone Special" on Saturday, April 18th, at Willowbrook High School.

Bob Shanahan thanked Mayor Esposito for resolving the issue of sales flyers littering the neighborhood and being left on residents' driveways.

VII. ACTION ITEMS / CONSENT AGENDA

1. Payment of City Bills: April 14, 2026, in the amount of \$404,002.18.
2. Ordinance 26 – 48 Approving a Rider Extending the Term of Agreement for Library Services between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Villa Park Public Library Dated December 17, 1987.

Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda was made by Alderman Rada seconded by Alderman Greco.

Roll Call

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

Nayes: none

Absent: none

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

none

IX. RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

X. MAYOR ESPOSITO

The Lions Club will host a "Someone Special" event on April 18 at 9:30 AM at Willowbrook HS, and the aldermen are invited to attend.

Staff Appreciation Dinner is April 17th, at Ditka's. Food and entertainment will be provided.

Aldermen and Commissions must file their Economic Interest by May 1st.

On April 16, there will be a ribbon cutting event at Tad More Tailoring. Aldermen are invited.

The Mayor introduced three new police officers - Josh Garza, Connor Sparks, Josh Hamlin. Two will be attending the police academy, while one has joined as a lateral hire. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Police Commission for their work, noting that the department is now close to full staffing. He also thanked Chief Calvello and Deputy Chief Clark for overseeing the background check process and bringing it in house, which has saved the City \$1,800 per check.

XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Ordinance 26 - 49 Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award and the Execution of a Contract between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources, LLC - Spring Road Tributary Streambank 7 Year Maintenance and Monitoring.

The City is required to have a 10-year maintenance and monitoring project in place. The first 3 years were serviced by Semper Fi. The new bid will extend coverage from 2026 – 2032.

C. Ward from Public Works noted the change is due to the performance reporting by Semper Fi. Although their work was good and met the criteria, the reports were not submitted in a timely manner. The bid was awarded to Baxter and Woodman Natural Resources in the amount of \$77,850.

Alderman Biskup asked whether any issues are anticipated with the proposed company or its reporting. C. Ward responded that no issues are expected, noting the company was recommended by the City's environmental engineering firm.

Alderman Greco inquired whether any planting has been completed and how controlled burns are carried out. C. Ward reported that more than 900 plants have been installed and that a contractor conducts the controlled burns, with residents notified in advance.

Aldermen Barbari, Petro, Rada and Sarallo had no additional comments.

Ordinance 26 – 49 was moved to New Business.

2. Discussion Item - A Draft Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on a Referendum to Consider a Real Property Transfer Tax by the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

There was a discussion regarding whether to proceed with a proposed real estate transfer tax on residential and commercial properties. The Mayor noted that such a tax could provide the City with timely notice of home sales, facilitate water billing transfers, and support the capping of wells. He indicated that the greatest benefit would likely come from commercial transactions but emphasized that he does not want the tax to discourage businesses from locating in the City or make residents feel penalized when selling a home or purchasing one. He also expressed concern that it should not hinder the City's growth.

Alderman Barbari feels such a tax is overdue. He suggests .05% for residents and 1% for commercial buildings with the seller paying the tax.

Alderman Sarallo expressed support for a nominal fee to ensure the City is notified when a resident intends to sell their property.

Alderman Biskup stated that he would support the measure if it provides a way to track residents who are selling their homes and identify outstanding water bills.

Alderman Greco supports moving forward with a transfer tax for businesses, but not for residential properties.

Alderman Geza asked whether the City could face legal exposure if it adopted a transfer tax on commercial properties only, without imposing a minimal tax on residential properties.

The Mayor asked the attorney whether a flat fee could be imposed on residents. Attorney Holmes stated he would review the matter.

Alderman Rada states the City should be proactive in keeping their budget in order and is in favor of a .05% with a cap of \$1,000 for residents.

Alderman Biskup stated he is not in favor of imposing a tax on residents. He asked whether the intent is primarily to track residents moving in and out of the City, and noted that if that is the case, he would support a minimal fee.

Aldermen Sarallo, Rada, Barbari agreed to a minimal tax for residents and a step-up tax plan for commercial property.

The Mayor proposed a minimal transfer fee, such as \$250.00 to ensure the City is notified when a resident intends to move. T. Walker expressed agreement with this approach. The Mayor asked Council to further consider the topic ahead of the next meeting and inquired of the attorney what authority the City has as a home rule unit, noting that it would be subject to referendum.

The item will appear on a future agenda for further discussion.

3. Discussion Item - Easter Egg Hunt & Kite Fly Memo

The event hosted 115 children in attendance, compared to 80 last year. Total expenses were just over \$2,100, which was significantly lower than in previous years, primarily because leftover gift bags from the prior year were reused.

4. Discussion Item - July 4th Resident Picnic Catering

The event is expected to attract 1,500 residents. Uncle Bub's is offering significant savings on catering, with a similar menu to last year and a proposed cost of \$21,098.70, or \$13.79 per person. The cost per person last year was \$12.99.

5. Administrative Pull Car - An invoice was received from Ogden Lincoln Mercury replacing the 2011 Ford Taurus with 140,000 miles. This was in the March budget at \$53,320.93. The new proposed amount is \$41,907 and under the budgeted amount. The vehicle will be available in May.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Alderman Rada noted the County has put speed cameras back on Meyers Rd. Berkshire home sales are very good. York Township has purchased flock cameras and placed them near Meyers Rd.

Alderman Greco said that the new police pickup truck looks great.

Alderman Biskup thanked Alderman Rada for taking him to a recent DCVB meeting. He thanked Police Chief, Calvello for a police station tour. Biskup also recently toured the fire station.

Alderman Barbari thanked Deputy Chief, Clark for watching his home while on vacation.

Alderman Sarallo thanked City Administrator, T. Walker for the new laptops.

Alderman Petro reported that while recently in Sterling, IL, he saw a news segment indicating that live cameras are being installed in large numbers in Illinois and Iowa and are generating significant revenue. He asked whether the City would consider revisiting the installation of such cameras. Alderman Petro extended an invitation to the "Someone Special" event.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY

No comment.

XIV. CITY CLERK

No comment.

XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City has received confirmation that we will recoup money from Hawthorne Racing. Grants are starting to pick up. As year-end approaches, the annual audit will begin with auditors on site.

The City purchased a water billing mailbox. It will be a free-standing mailbox so residents can drive up and drop their water payment. It will be located off 16th Street.

XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 26 - 49 Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award and the Execution of a Contract between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources, LLC - Spring Road Tributary Streambank 7 Year Maintenance and Monitoring.

Motion to approve Ordinance 26 – 49 Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award and the Execution of a Contract between the City of Oakbrook Terrace and Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources, LLC - Spring Road Tributary Streambank 7 Year Maintenance and Monitoring was made by Alderman Sarallo and seconded by Alderman Barbari.

Roll Call

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

XVIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Biskup at 8:08 PM.

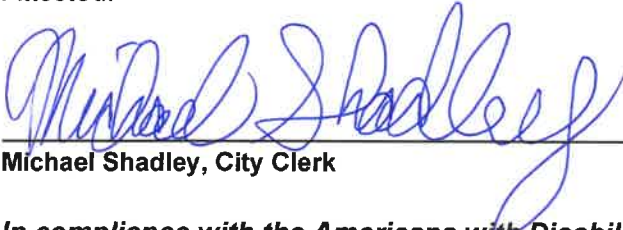
Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Tannehill, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley, City Clerk



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