

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
7:00 PM

City Council Board Room

### Oakbrook Terrace City Council

*Mayor Paul Esposito*

*City Clerk Michael Shadley*

*Ward 1*

*Alderman Charlie Barbari*

*Alderman Joseph Beckwith*

*Ward 2*

*Alderman Frank Vlach*

*Alderman Dennis Greco*

*Ward 3*

*Alderman Bob Rada*

*Alderwoman Mary Fitzgerald*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Esposito called the May 14, 2024, Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following City Council members in attendance:

**Present: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito**

**Absent: None**

Also in attendance: City Administrator J. Ritz, Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, Community Development Director M. Headley, Public Services Director C. Ward, Finance Director T. Walker, and City Attorney R. Ramello.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Esposito led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2024

**Motion to approve the April 23, 2024, minutes of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole, as presented, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Vlach. Roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Oakbrook Terrace Resident Naila Usmani referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

Keith Larson referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

Pastor Nathan Perrin referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

Hassan Ali referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

Shahab Uddin referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

Asma Singh read a story supporting a cease-fire resolution in Gaza.

Eyad Elagh referred to the fighting in Gaza and thanked the City Council for the cease-fire resolution.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: May 14, 2024, In the Amount Of \$252,315.98.
2. Ordinance No. 24-16: An Ordinance Granting A Variation From The Front And Side Yard Setback Requirements Of The Zoning Code For An Addition To The Building Located On The Property Located At 17W207 Monterey Avenue In The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of May 14, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**None**

**IX. RECESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Motion to recess to the Committee of the Whole portion of this meeting was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

Mayor Esposito welcomed Tayna Walker as the new Finance Director.

Mayor Esposito announced that the annual Recycling event will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m in the City Hall parking lot.

Mayor Esposito announced that the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department will be supporting Special Olympics with the Cop on Top Event at Dunking Donuts on 22<sup>nd</sup> St, on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m and is hoping for a great turnout.

**XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**1. Draft Resolution Calling For The End Of The War In Gaza And For A Lasting Peace By The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance prepared by City Attorney Ramello, who provided a brief overview of the draft resolution for consideration.

Alderman Rada stated the resolution was well written and is in full support.

Alderman Beckwith stated that the City Council passed a resolution that condemned hate crimes, and this resolution extends our support in calling for an end to the war.

Alderman Greco congratulated everyone on the effort to limit hatred and is in support.

Alderman Barbari thanked the City Attorney for the resolution and hoped it would stop the war in the Middle East.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald thanked the City Attorney for a well-written resolution, thanked everyone for coming to speak, and is in support of the resolution.

City Council concurs with moving to the subsequent consent agenda.

**2. Presentation Of The Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report:**

Mr. Scott Termine from Forvis, LLP, discussed the two main deliverables of the City’s audit: the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the required communication to the City Council. He also stated they provided another required report under the State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Mr. Termine pointed out information regarding the city’s audit report to the City Council, including financial statements, new accounting standards, management discussion, and analysis. He pointed out the city’s assets include various infrastructure assets, outstanding liabilities along with deferred inflows. Mr. Termine stated the city has a healthy General Fund Balance but brought forth the Water Fund and how the fund is operating at a loss and would like to see that account be self-sustaining.

Alderman Greco asked for clarification if the digital billboard is an auto-renewal contract, which was explained by Mr. Termine.

Alderman Beckwith brought up the operating statement of the Water Fund cost and stated that conversations should be held to determine whether an increase in water rates is warranted.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about the annual decrease in household income within the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

**3. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management 2024 – 2026 Abatement Agreement:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the interdepartmental memo prepared by Public Services Director Ward regarding the Mosquito Abatement Agreement and the

overall cost. Public Services Director Ward provided a review on the products Clarke Environmental would use and the areas in the city they would concentrate on most.

Alderman Greco asked if they had selected the certain days that the spraying would take place and thought costs would decrease due to the removal of a number of trees.

Alderman Rada asked if the spray was EPA-compliant, which Director Ward advised that everything used is EPA compliant.

City Council concurs with moving to the subsequent consent agenda.

4. **Discussion Of Through Traffic On MacArthur Drive:**

Mayor Esposito opened up the discussion about through traffic on MacArthur Drive to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD (CBBEL), Vice President Dan Lynch, P.E. to provide possible solutions to decrease the amount of traffic on MacArthur Drive and enhance the intersection of MacArthur Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Vice President Lynch stated that CBBEL has reviewed the traffic signal and transfer data of the 22nd Street and MacArthur Drive intersection but has not approached the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) authorities for discussion. He also reviewed the data that disclosed the minimum speed issues on MacArthur Drive and the volume of drivers using the road possibly as a cut-through.

Alderman Beckwith asked if CBBEL had contacted IDOT regarding any possible changes to the intersection, which Mr. Lynch commented that having additional data that would support and show that the extra traffic is due to the shopping center on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, which includes Costco. Alderman Beckwith commented that we should look at the traffic flow of the whole community to better understand the flow into the entrances of the neighborhood and the traffic patterns of the residents.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked about some of the discrepancies with the speed study from the police department.

Alderman Greco expressed that he understood that more traffic will be in the area as the city and other communities grow. He commented that more information and data needs to be gathered to fully understand the whole picture of the traffic patterns and prevent any unintended consequences for the residents.

The City Council requested that Vice President Lynch collect more traffic data so an informative decision can be made and also that the data be compliant with any IDOT requirements.

5. **Draft Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Publication Of A Revised Official Ward Map For The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance for the revision of the official ward map for the City of Oakbrook Terrace. He stated that the changes made were due to recent annexations into the city. Community Development Director Headly stated the last ward map on the website was updated in 2009 and explained which parcels were annexed and updated.

Alderman Rada inquired about the shift in the boundary lines on S. Meyers Road between E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

City Council concurs with moving to the subsequent consent agenda.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Beckwith thanked the city and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel for hosting the upcoming community blood drive on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. He thanked Interim Finance Director Griffin for all her hard work and welcomed Finance Director Walker to the city.

Alderman Greco welcomed Finance Director Walker to the staff. He also asked if the cut-through driveway off Butterfield Road behind City Hall is enforced since a resident noted increased traffic through the lot. Alderman Greco hopes to see everyone at the Cop on the Rooftop on Friday.

Alderman Barbari welcomed Finance Director Walker to the staff.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald asked for clarification on when the library fee of \$20 will be in effect.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

City Clerk Shadley welcomed Finance Director Walker to the staff.

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz commended the Community Development staff on implementation of their new software program.

City Administrator Ritz stated that Public Services started their branch pick-up service this month. He also indicated that Public Services participated in the Salt Creek Schools touch-a-truck event, which the kids in attendance truly had a wonderful time. City Administrator Ritz informed city officials that the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> is Public Services Week and commended our Public Services team for the great work that they do for the city.

City Administrator Ritz recognized National Police Week and gave a brief update on the month of April police reports and commended the police department on a job well done with their traffic enforcement initiatives.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. An acclamation vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to recess to Executive Session to Discuss:**

- 1. Closed Session Pursuant To Section 2(C)(21) Discussion Of The Approval Of Closed Session Meeting Minutes And Semi-Annual Review Of The Closed Session Meeting Minutes Mandated By Section 2.06 Of The Open Meetings Act.**
- 2. Closed Session Pursuant To The Section 2(c)(5) Of The Open Meetings Act Regarding The Purchase Of Real Property For The Use Of The City.**
- 3. Closed Session Pursuant To Section 2(c)(1) Of The Open Meetings Act Regarding The Appointment, Employment, Discipline, Performance, Or Dismissal Of A Specific Employee Of The City, motion was made by Alderman Barbari and seconded by Alderman Beckwith.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion to reconvene the City Council meeting was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**XX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution No. 24-08: A Resolution To Authorize The Release Of Certain Executive Session Minutes For Meetings In The Years 1995-2024 Of The City Council Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-08: A Resolution To Authorize The Release Of Certain Executive Session Minutes For Meetings In The Years 1995-2024 Of The City Council Of The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

## **XXI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Possible Action Regarding The Removal Of An Officer.

**Motion to restore Amy Raffel as a Freedom of Information Officer for the City of Oakbrook Terrace was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

2. An Ordinance To Direct The Preparation Of A Real Estate Agreement For The Acquisition Of Real Property.

**Motion for An Ordinance To Direct The Preparation Of A Real Estate Agreement For The Acquisition Of Real Property was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

## **ADJOURN**

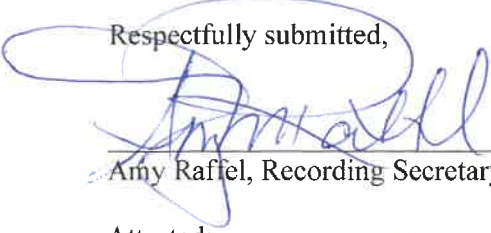
**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 9:52 p.m.**

**Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**



Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



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Michael Shadley  
City Clerk

**Next Regular City Council meeting is May 28, 2024**

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