

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 25, 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 June 25, 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, and City Attorney T. Halleran.

**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 June 11, 2024

**Motion to approve the June 11, 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**

None

**VII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment of City Bills: June 25, 2024, In the Amount Of \$178,849.95.

2. Ordinance No. 24-23: An Ordinance Approving and Ratifying the Issuance of a Purchase Order for the Purchase of Six Panasonic Toughbook FZ-40 Computers for the City of Oakbrook Terrace:

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of June 25, 2024, Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Barbari. 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 Vlach. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

### **X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito informed the City Council that the 2024 Summer Concert Series will start Friday, June 28th, at 7:00 p.m. and the first bands would be Poisin'd Crue and Heart to Heartbreaker. He noted that the Lions Club, Gulliver's, and Carny Brothers will be selling food at the events.
2. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, which consists of the parade, resident picnic, concerts, and fireworks. He stated that Sam Savage will be crooning during the resident picnic, and Full Volume along with The Mix, will be entertaining concertgoers in the evening.
  - a. Mayor Esposito stated City Hall will be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday being on a Thursday.

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

1. **Fee Waiver Request For Replacement Of Signs At Terrace View Park**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the memo prepared by Oakbrook Terrace Park District Executive Director Shannon Elsey. He stated that in the past the city has typically waived any park district fees. Mayor Esposito showed pictures of the new signs and pointed out that one sign is a little larger than usual along with a new logo being added to the signs.

City Council said the new playground looks great and is in favor of waving the fee. No questions were asked by the City Council.

Mayor Esposito will direct Community Development Director Headley to waive the fee.

## **XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderswoman Fitzgerald mentioned that the promotional materials provided by Community Development Director Headley and Assistant to the City Administrator Raffel to the residents at the Town Hall meeting were very informative and she advised that everyone in attendance was very happy with the information that was shared. The meeting had a good turnout, and valuable feedback was received. Additionally, she wanted to share some feedback from Interim Finance Director Griffin's memo and she was pleased to learn that the city's financial outlook is in good condition, and she believed that her suggestions on the finance department's processes would be beneficial to the team.

Alderman Barbari commented that Terrace View Park looks great and inquired about the possibility of adding a splash pad. He also mentioned that some trees along the Streambank path appear to be in poor condition and expressed hope that their condition is due to a lack of water or the effects of cicadas.

Alderman Greco praised City Administrator Ritz for effectively communicating with the City Council about developments in Oakbrook Terrace. He also expressed gratitude to the Mayor and staff for addressing the sign issues in Ariana's window. Additionally, Alderman Greco mentioned about seeing the Summer Concert posters throughout the city.

Alderman Beckwith inquired about whether the Villa Park VFW would be assisting with the concerts. He thanked the police department for adding a drone vehicle to their fleet, and he also commented on the memo mentioned by Alderswoman Fitzgerald noting that some of the observations were eye-opening, some were scary, and some were worth celebrating. He stated that he is happy with the decision to possibly move our city finances to a banking institution with interest-bearing accounts and is very pleased that Finance Director Walker is looking at these financial issues on behalf of the city.

Alderman Vlach stated he is pleased with the City's finances.

Alderman Rada discussed the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau's (DCVB) new commercials on Comcast and commented on how activities within the area impact our hotels. He mentioned that Director Diana Martinez from the College of DuPage is bringing in another art exhibit next year. Alderman Rada also noted that the DCVB is considering moving into Oakbrook Terrace and is working hard and focusing on the 2026 Presidents Cup being held at the Medinah Country Club.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY HALLERAN**

None

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz mentioned that Finance Director Walker met with the President of Wintrust Bank and their staff to discuss our city finances, and that Wintrust will be presenting an overview of their banking services to City Council on July 9th. City Administrator Ritz then advised that the MacArthur Drive survey has been posted on the city's social media sites. Copies of the survey will be provided to the residents at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, and the deadline to complete the survey is July 15th. City Administrator Ritz also mentioned that he had discussions with Northern Illinois University regarding the strategic plan. Their final report will be coming out and provided to City Council just before or after the 4th of July holiday and the formal plan presentation is scheduled for July 23rd. He also expressed that the Comprehensive Plan is currently under the final stages of review, and NIU is aiming to have an Open House in August or September. Finally, City Administrator Ritz wished everyone a safe and wonderful 4th of July holiday.

**XVI. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. OLD BUSINESS**

None


**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Barbari at 7:39 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 July 9, 2024**

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