

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 13, 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 August 13, 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: Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, Vlach, and Mayor Esposito**  
**Absent: Barbari**

Also in attendance: Assistant to the City Administrator A. Raffel, 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**

**1. Executive Session**

**a. 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 to add Executive 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 was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and second by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote take:

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

**Motion passed.**

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

**1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2024:**

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

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**VI. MOTION TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE**

1. Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks OBT, Inc. D/B/A Brook’s Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road):

**Motion to Take From The Table Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks OBT, Inc. D/B/A Brook’s Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road) was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Ann Ventura from MacArthur Drive discussed the traffic patterns on MacArthur Drive and wanted to know what action needs to be taken to keep residents safe. She suggested adding a road blockage and showed pictures of examples from the Villages of Villa Park and Oak Brook. Further discussion ensued, and it was agreed to be placed on the next subsequent agenda.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Payment Of City Bills: August 13, 2024, In The Amount Of \$346,690.85.
2. Personnel & Payroll: July 2024
3. Treasurer’s Report: 2024
4. Appointment Of Patricia Freda To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission As Chair For A Term To Expire On May 31, 2026.
5. Appointment Of Ann Ventura To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission As Vice Chair For A Term To Expire May 31, 2026.
6. Appointment Of Fabio Cavalieri To Serve On The Planning And Zoning Commission As Commissioner For A Term To Expire May 31, 2026.

7. Ordinance No. 24–27: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Waiver Of The Building Permit Fee For The Oakbrook Terrace Park District.
8. Ordinance No. 24–28: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Auditing Services Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, and Sikich CPA, LLC.

**Motion to remove Item/Consent Agenda number 8 -- Ordinance No. 24–28: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Auditing Services Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, and Sikich CPA, LLC, and approve Item/Consent Agenda numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7 of August 13, 2024, of the Regular City Council and Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Greco and second by Alderman Beckwith. Roll Call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

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

1. Ordinance No. 24–28: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Auditing Services Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, and Sikich CPA, LLC:

**Motion to discuss Action Item/Consent Agenda number 8 -- Ordinance No. 24–28: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Audit Service Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois and Sikich CPA, LLC was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco.**

City Attorney Ramello discussed with the City Council why the ordinance was pulled from the agenda and hoped to have the issue resolved before the next City Council meeting.

Alderman Beckwith expressed his concern about the delay in the agreement and how it would postpone the finance department's audit. He also commented that the delay would coincide with the audit and budget timelines, putting additional stress on the director and her staff.

**Motion to table Ordinance No. 24–28: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of An Auditing Services Agreement Between The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, and Sikich CPA, LLC was made by Alderman Greco, and seconded by Alderman Beckwith:**

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

Motion passed.

**X. 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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

**XI. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito expressed gratitude to all National Night Out attendees, vendors, sponsors, Sgt. Detective DeMario for organizing the event, and the police officers for their outstanding work.
2. Mayor Esposito announced that the city has received a notice from Big Lots stating they will be closing 300 stores nationwide, including 9 in Illinois. The Big Lots location in Oakbrook Terrace will close at the end of October. He mentioned that Community Development Director Headley has contacted several interested businesses regarding the upcoming vacancy.

**XII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Draft Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks Obt, Inc. D/B/A Brook's Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road):

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance increasing the number of gaming terminal licenses for Brooks Kitchen and Bar from five to six.

City Council in favor of passing the ordinance at the Reconvened Meeting.

2. Proposed Monthly Financial Statements For Council Review:

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the submitted monthly reports presented by Finance Director Walker.

Finance Director Walker provided an overview of the updated May and June reports, highlighting specific revenue and expenditure items for the City Council to monitor along with a summary of the city's finances.

Alderman Rada asked for clarification between the Total and FY2024 columns.

Alderman Beckwith commented on the report and wanted clarification regarding an account from Charles Schwab.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald mentioned that the reports were excellent but expressed her concern about the loss of institutional knowledge, lack of documentation, and insufficient checks and balances.

3. **Draft Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The Execution Of A Legal Services Agreement By And Between Ryan & Ryan Law, LLC And The City Of Oakbrook Terrace:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance regarding a service agreement between Ryan & Ryan Law, LLC, and the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

City Attorney Ramello explained about a possible conflict of interest if Storino, Ramello & Durkin were to represent both the City of Oakbrook Terrace and the Village of Villa Park with pending property discussions. The conflict of interest would arise if an intergovernmental agreement was to be approved between the two municipalities concerning the property under discussion.

No questions from the City Council. The draft ordinance will be approved at the Reconvened Meeting.

4. **Discussion Of Blinking Traffic Controls On Macarthur Drive:**

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review Tapco's quote for the purchase and installation of blinker signs on MacArthur Drive. He explained that the city had been awarded two grants that would cover the cost of purchasing two (2) sets of blinker signs for MacArthur Drive and Karban Road.

The City Council discussed whether to install continuous blinking signs or installing push button light activations. The City Council concurred with the purchase.

**XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Fitzgerald attended the ICC meeting to discuss the issue with Aqua Water Services and the proposed rate increase to fund infrastructure replacement. She raised concerns about the lack of communication regarding the city's financial reports and the policy concerning staff communication procedures.

Alderman Greco discussed his concerns regarding the lack of procedural knowledge among petitioners and what is expected of them when they address the City Council.

Alderman Beckwith expressed his gratitude to the police department and staff for hosting the National Night Out. In addition, he mentioned the closure of Big Lots and expressed hope that the city could fill the vacancy with a Trader Joe's or another similar store.

Alderman Rada suggested that the city implement the 1% grocery tax that the State of Illinois has scheduled to remove on January 1, 2026.

**XIV. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

None

**XV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None

**XVI. ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR RAFFEL**

None

**XVII. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**Motion passed.**

**XVIII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to discuss 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 Greco and seconded by Alderman Rada. Roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**XX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance No. 24–26: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks OBT, Inc. D/B/A Brook’s Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road):

**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24–26: An Ordinance Amending The Provisions Of Title XI (Business Regulations); Chapter 124 (Video Gaming); Subchapter 124.22 (Number Of Licenses) Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace To Increase The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Brooks OBT, Inc. D/B/A Brook’s Kitchen And Bar, 1919 S. Meyers Road), was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Rada. A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**



- 2. Ordinance No. 24–29: An Ordinance To Approve and Authorize The Execution Of A Legal Services Agreement By And Between Ryan & Ryan Law, LLC and The City Of Oakbrook Terrace:

**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24–29: An Ordinance To Approve and Authorize The Execution Of A Legal Services Agreement By And Between Ryan & Ryan Law, LLC and The City Of Oakbrook Terrace, was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. A roll call vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**


**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Greco and seconded by Alderman Beckwith at 8:32 p.m.**

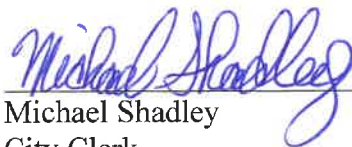
**Acclamation vote made with all Ayes.**

**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 August 27, 2024**

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