

# City of Oakbrook Terrace

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## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 08, 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 October 8, 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, 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**

Alderman Beckwith requested to add to the Committee of the Whole a discussion to remove the Ordinance and Policy numbered 30.35 "Council To Act As A Body" Section B regarding the City Council's inability to talk to employees, specifically department heads.

**Motion to add a discussion pertaining to Ordinance and Policy number 30.35 "Council To Act As A Body" Section B regarding the City Council Section B to the Committee of the Whole was made by Alderman Rada and seconded by Alderman Barbari. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024.

**Motion to approve the September 24, 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: October 08, 2024, In The Amount Of \$284,130.05.
2. Ordinance No. 24-35: An Ordinance Amending Subsection B Of Section 10.20 Entitled "Administrative Adjudication Of Code Violations" Of Chapter 10 Entitled "General Provisions" Of Title I Entitled "General Provisions" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

**Motion to approve the Action Items/Consent Agenda of October 8, 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 Greco and seconded by Alderwoman Fitzgerald. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**X. MAYOR ESPOSITO**

1. Mayor Esposito reminded everyone that the Pumpkins in the Park event will be held at Dorothy Drenon Park on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon.
2. Mayor Esposito stated that the City of Oakbrook Terrace has partnered with State Senator Suzy Glowiak Holton to host a Document Shredding Event also taking place on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in the City Hall parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
3. Mayor Esposito noted that the Brusters' ribbon-cutting ceremony will be pushed back a few weeks, but they have a soft opening on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## XI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### 1. Finance Report Presentation

Finance Director Walker provided the City Council with an analysis of the city's financial status. She compared Wintrust Bank interest rates to BMO's to determine the loss of interest of specific accounts. BMO rates were scrapping just under 1% until recently compared to Wintrust, which averages around 5% with their interest-bearing accounts.

Alderman Beckwith appreciated Finance Director Walker's financial assessments in order to improve the city's finances.

No further questions asked.

### 2. 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 Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Terrace Cantina, Inc., D/B/A Terrace Cantina, 17w615 Butterfield Road):

Mayor Esposito asked the City Council to review the draft ordinance to increase the number of gaming terminals in the City of Oakbrook Terrace for Terrace Cantina.

Alderwoman Fitzgerald commented that she is not in favor. Alderman Barbari said he would say yes to the request. Alderman Greco stated that he automatically says no when the petitioner does not attend. Alderman Beckwith suggested that the City Council table the request until the petitioner can attend.

**Motion to 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 Location Licenses And The Maximum Number Of Video Gaming Terminal Licenses (Terrace Cantina, Inc., D/B/A**

Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road) was made by Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Beckwith. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed.

3. **Draft Ordinance Amending Schedule IV Entitled “Other Restrictions” Of Chapter 74 Entitled “Traffic Schedules” Of Title VII Entitled “Traffic Code” Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Mayor Esposito asked the city council to review the draft ordinance regarding the traffic code for MacArthur Drive with the amendment of times from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

City Council will vote on it at the reconvened meeting.

4. **Discussions Of Traffic Patterns On MacArthur Drive**

Alderwoman Fitzgerald gave an overview of the Task Force Committee meeting regarding the traffic on MacArthur Drive. She stated their goal was to provide feedback on what would work to calm traffic on MacArthur Drive. Topics of discussion included speed bumps, speeding, the volume of traffic, reviewed data, pavement markings, and possibly speed cameras. Other Task Force Committees will be meeting over the next few weeks and will provide feedback at the subsequent meetings.

5. **Discussion of City Council to discuss city matters with Department Heads**

Alderman Beckwith mentioned an ordinance preventing the City Council from communicating with department heads. He proposed repealing this ordinance to facilitate discussions in order to advance city business. He noted that this restriction often leads to lost or misunderstood communications. Alderman Beckwith also emphasized the importance of ensuring that communications remain open and transparent.

Alderman Rada expressed that this ordinance hinders efficiency and raises concerns about transparency.

City Attorney Ramello was instructed to create an ordinance to repeal Section 30.35b.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Alderman Greco thanked Melissa Headley for the Planning and Zoning workshops and felt that code reviews were good for the group. He asked about the gas markings throughout the city and what projects they are related to.

Alderman Beckwith thanked Melissa Healdey for the Planning and Zoning workshop she held a while back. He also thanked everyone involved with the Comprehensive Plan and Open House, including staff, residents, the task force groups, and all the stakeholders.

Alderman Rada brought up the credit card statement on the bills paid report. He wanted to know if it was possible to have a detailed report of who is charging what, along with a special events reconciliation report for review.

**XIII. CITY ATTORNEY RAMELLO**

City Attorney Ramello stated he would give his report during the executive session.

**XIV. CITY CLERK SHADLEY**

None

**XV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RITZ**

City Administrator Ritz commented on some of the enhancements taking place at Kreml Park and informed the City Council on the expected delivery of the new Blinkersigns over the next couple of weeks. City Administrator Ritz then advised that the FY 2025 budget calendar has been completed, and that meetings will be taking place at the end of October. He then congratulated Interim Fire Chief Johnny Turkovich on his new role as being sworn in as the new full-time Fire Chief of the Oakbrook Terrace Fire District.

**XVI. 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: Barbari, Beckwith, Fitzgerald, Greco, Rada, and Vlach**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion passed.**

**XVII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Vlach. An acclamation vote was taken:**

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

Motion passed.

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) Of The Open Meetings Act To Discuss Pending Litigation.**

**XIX. RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

Motion passed.

**XX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 24-36: An Ordinance Amending Schedule IV Entitled "Other Restrictions" Of Chapter 74 Entitled "Traffic Schedules" Of Title VII Entitled "Traffic Code" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois:**

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 24-36: An Ordinance Amending Schedule IV Entitled "Other Restrictions" Of Chapter 74 Entitled "Traffic Schedules" Of Title VII Entitled "Traffic Code" Of The Code Of Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois was made by Alderman Beckwith and seconded by Alderman Greco. A 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 Alderwoman Fitzgerald and seconded by Alderman Greco at 8:10 P.M.

Acclamation vote was made with all Ayes.

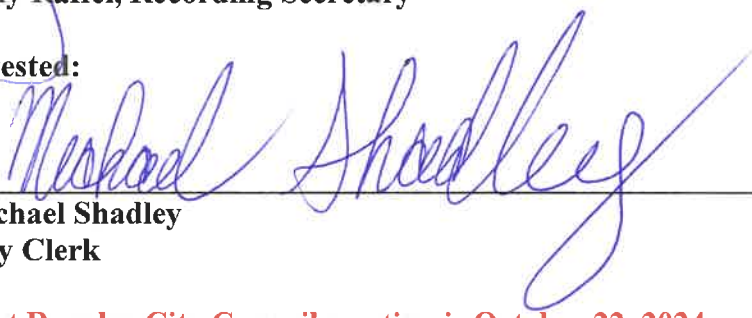
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

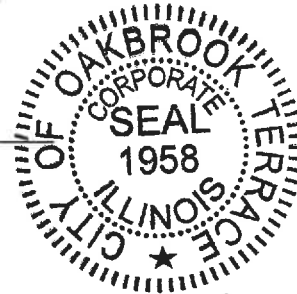


Amy Raffel, Recording Secretary

Attested:



Michael Shadley  
City Clerk



**Next Regular City Council meeting is October 22, 2024**

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