

CITY OF OAK FOREST
City Council Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers



15440 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452
(708) 687-4050

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| MAYOR: | Jim Hortsman | ALDERPERSONS: |
| CLERK: | Nicole Tormey | 1 st Ward – Kenneth Keeler |
| TREASURER: | JoAnn Kelly | 2 nd Ward – Joe McCarthy |
| TAXPAYER ADVOCATE: | Grace Bardusk | 3 rd Ward – Chuck Wolf |
| CITY ADMINISTRATOR: | Moses Amidei | 4 th Ward – Curt Kunz |
| FINANCE DIRECTOR: | Colleen Julian | 5 th Ward – Jim Emmett |
| FIRE CHIEF: | Garrick Kasper | 6 th Ward – Jim Stuewe |
| POLICE CHIEF: | Scott Durano | 7 th Ward – Ericka Vetter |
| BUILDING COMMISSIONER: | Michael Forbes | |
| PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: | Michael Salamowicz | |
| ASST. COMM. DEV DIRECTOR: | Paul Ruane | |
| EMA DIRECTOR: | David Rana | |
| IT DIRECTOR: | Tom Rieman | |
| CITY ATTORNEY: | Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. | |

Special Note: The April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting is scheduled to commence at 7:30 p.m. However, should the Special Meeting of the City Council / Committee of the Whole Meeting that is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. run past 7:30 p.m., the regularly scheduled 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting will commence a few minutes after the conclusion of said Special Meeting of the City Council / Committee of the Whole Meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Announcements
 - A. Reading of Proclamation 2026-04-0323P, Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (April 12th to April 18th)
4. Citizen Participation ([Policy](#))
5. Motion to establish Consent Agenda
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Consideration of the following list of bills dated:
 1. Regular Bills - FY 2025-2026
 2. Supplemental Bills - FY 2025-2026

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B. Consideration of the following minutes:

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| 1. City Council | - | 3/24/2026 |
| 2. Cable Commission | - | 1/8/2026 |
| 3. ETSB | - | 3/3/2026 |

C. Approval of Oak Forest High School Dance Team’s Request to host three (3) car wash fundraiser events at Fire Station 1 on June 20, July 18 and August 15, 2026. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Deputy City Clerk Kelly Oehrlein.

7. Police

- A. Consideration of the approval of bid award to Preferred Window and Door in the amount of \$38,475.09 for two lobby door replacements; this contract will require budget adjustment from CIP Line item 01-03-5607. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Chief of Police Scott Durano.
- B. Consideration of a motion to authorize increasing Police Department staffing level to 43 sworn officers (42 is current maximum), until May 29, 2026 – in conjunction with pending retirement of Chief of Police Scott Durano on said date. Fire and Police Commission/City Staff will be directed to offer conditional offer of employment to the first candidate on the lateral eligibility list. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Chief of Police Scott Durano.

8. Administration

- A. Consideration of the approval to authorize conditional issuance of Class F Oak Forest Liquor License to Astha Oak Forest, Inc. – 14701 Central Avenue. See attached memo and supporting documentation from City Administrator Moses Amidei.
- B. Consideration of the approval of bid award to Omega Sign and Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$56,400.00 for new City Hall Outdoor Digital Sign Board. See attached memo and supporting documentation by Communications Director Chrissy Maher.
- C. Consideration of the approval of Resolution 2026-04-0527R, Supporting the Illinois America250 Commemoration. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.il250.org/>
- D. Consideration of the approval of Resolution 2026-04-0528R, In Support of Municipal Housing Authority. See attached memo and supporting documentation from City Administrator Moses Amidei.

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- E. Consideration of the approval of Legal Representation Engagement with Dwight Pancottine, Esq. in conjunction with upcoming negotiations for successor collective bargaining agreements between the City of Oak Forest and Teamsters Local 700 (Clerical & Secretarial and Department of Public Works & Buildings and Grounds). See attached memorandum with supporting details from City Administrator Moses Amidei.
 - F. Consideration of the approval of concluding the lease between the City of Oak Forest and the County of Cook relate to use of City Hall office space. See attached memorandum with supporting details from City Administrator Moses Amidei.
9. Public Works
- A. Consideration of the approval to authorize purchase of a 2026 Envirosight RovverX HD Package Sewer Inspection Truck for the Sourcewell Price of \$261,997.41. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Public Works Director Michael Salamowicz.
 - B. Consideration of the approval of proposal from Global Data Specialists for the 2026 SCADA Radios Replacement Project in total budgeted amount of \$121,226.00 which includes the Base Bid and Alternate Bid items. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Public Works Director Michael Salamowicz.
 - C. Consideration of the adoption of Resolution 2026-04-0529R, Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Proposal for Project Management, Permit Review and Construction Observation Services By and Between HR Green, Inc. and the City of Oak Forest for the Clearwave Fiber Optic Installation Project. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Public Works Director Michael Salamowicz.
 - D. Consideration of the approval of proposal from Midwest Fence Corporation for Guardrail Repair for FY2027 based upon quoted bid price. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Public Works Director Michael Salamowicz.
 - E. Consideration of the approval of the purchase a new 2026 Ford F-350 Pick-Up truck from Sutton Ford through the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, in the amount of \$49,182.00. See attached memo and supporting documentation from Public Works Director Michael Salamowicz.



10. Community Development

- A. Consideration of the approval of Resolution 2026-04-0526R, Approving a Plat of Consolidation at the Property Commonly Known as 15319-21 Lavergne Avenue. See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.
- B. Consideration of the approval of Ordinance 2026-04-1144O, Authorizing a Variation to Allow a Garage Height Larger Than Allowed (15537 Lamon Avenue). See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.
- C. Consideration of the approval of Ordinance 2026-04-1145O, Authorizing a Variation to Allow a Garage Size Larger Than Allowed (15537 Lamon Avenue). See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.
- D. Consideration of the approval of Ordinance 2026-04-1146O, Authorizing a Special Use Permit (Good Shepherd – Community Garden – 5251 West 147th Street). See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.
- E. Consideration of the approval of Ordinance 2026-04-1147O, Authorizing a Text Amendment to Amend Article III Applications Contests and Procedures of the Oak Forest Subdivision Code To Allow for Plats of Condominium to be Approved Administratively. See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.
- F. Consideration of the approval of Ordinance 2026-04-1148O, Authorizing a Text Amendment to Amend Section 8-101 Accessory Structures and Uses of the Oak Forest Zoning Code for Garages and Sheds. See attached memorandum with supporting details from Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ruane.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment