



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
41ST CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
MARCH 16, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor McClellan in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237. (248) 691-7544.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, Council Member Radner, Council Member Whitehead, Council Member Crawford

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, City Clerk Norris, City Attorney Krause

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

Voice Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026
CM-03-97-2026
- B. Payment request from Neumann Smith Architecture for Architectural Services on the Event Hub Project for the total amount of \$3,000.00.
CM-03-98-2026

- C. Payment request from Neumann Smith Architecture for Architectural Services on the Community Center Project for the total amount of \$26,939.20.
CM-03-99-2026
- D. Approval of Pay Application No. 1 to DVM Utilities of Sterling Heights, MI for the 2026 Sewer Lining Project, M-791 in the amount of \$9,270.00
CM-03-100-2026
- E. Request to approve Pay Application No. 2 to Taplin Group, LLC of Kalamazoo, MI for the 2025 Sewer & Catch Basin Cleaning & TV Inspection Project, M-783 in the amount of \$63,088.24.
CM-03-101-2026
- F. Payment request from MDOT for the 2025 Nine Mile Construction Project from Cloverlawn to Greenfield Road M-771 for the total amount of \$7,559.80.
CM-03-102-2026
- G. Request to approve the 2026-2027 Liquor License Renewals.
CM-03-103-2026
- H. New and Renewal Licenses for March 16, 2026
CM-03-104-2026
- I. Payment request from Landscape Forms for outdoor furniture at the 11 Mile Road, Alleys, and Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project for the total amount of \$17,335.00.
CM-03-105-2026
- J. Maintenance agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for street sweeping, litter picking, and lawn mowing services on Greenfield Road from Eight to Ten Mile Roads and on Ten Mile Road from Greenfield to Maplefield.
CM-03-106-2026
- K. Request to approve Payment Application No. 5 for the 2025 Block Pruning Project, to Limb Walkers Tree & Snow, LLC of Kenosha, WI in the amount of \$4,125.00.
CM-03-107-2026

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no elected officials present who wished to speak.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Youth Assistance Presentation - Xondra Clark

Ms. Clark invited council to attend the Youth Assistance Recognition event held April 29, 2026.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Foreclosure Prevention Letter from Oakland County Treasurer Robert Wittenberg

City Manager Tungate read the following letter from Oakland County Treasurer Robert Wittenberg:

Oakland County Treasurer's Office Foreclosure Prevention

The Oakland County Treasurer's Office is in the final stretch of our foreclosure prevention efforts. The tax foreclosure deadline for the 2023 and/or prior year taxes is on March 31, 2026.

That means if these taxes aren't paid off by March 31st or any interested party hasn't entered into a repayment schedule with the Treasurer's office by then, the property will be foreclosed. Since December of 2025, the Treasurer's office has conducted over a thousand Taxpayer Assistance Meetings to assist taxpayers with keeping their properties by working with them to get on a repayment schedule and/or by identifying resources that may be beneficial to them and their situation. We are here to help and strongly encourage taxpayers to contact us before the tax foreclosure deadline if they have delinquent taxes for 2023 and/or prior tax years. Taxpayers interested in scheduling a Taxpayer Assistance Meeting may call us at 248-858-0611 or they may visit www.oakgov.com/treasurer.

9. SPECIAL LICENSES

- A. Request for a Special Event License submitted by Train Station Sports LLC., 14661 W. 11 Mile Rd. Suite #700, for the Cub Day Family Social Event to be held on April 11, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CM-03-108-2026

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to approve the request for a Special Event License submitted by Train Station Sports LLC., 14661 W. 11 Mile Rd. Suite #700, for the Cub Day Family Social Event to be held on April 11, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Voice Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

10. ACCOUNTING REPORTS

- A. Approval for payment of an invoice submitted by Shifman Fournier for legal service's retainer for April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, in the total amount of \$20,000.00

CM-03-109-2026

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve payment of invoice #17000 submitted by Shifman Fournier for legal service's retainer for April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, in the total amount of \$20,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

- B. Approval for payment of invoices submitted by Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC for legal services in the amount of \$15,874.76.

CM-03-110-2026

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve payment of invoices submitted by Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC for legal services in the amount of \$15,874.76.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

11. BIDS

- A. Request to award the bid for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project, M-785 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the total amount of \$1,876,760.00

Motion by Radner, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to award the bid for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project, M-785 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the total amount of \$1,876,760.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
 No: None
 Absent: None

At the January 20, 2026 regular meeting of the Oak Park City Council, the request to bid the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project, M-785, was approved. The project was advertised and one hundred twenty-nine (129) contractors viewed the documents. On February 23, 2026, twelve (12) bids were received and opened. The low bidder, Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI submitted a bid of \$1,876,760.00 for the water main project. This project will replace the water mains in specific areas of the city. The city has recently worked with Eminent Excavating and has no issues with their work.

12. CITY ATTORNEY

- A. Resolution to approve request from MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corporation d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (MCImetro) for extension of Metro Act Right of Way Permit

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve a request from MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corporation d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (MCImetro) for the extension of Metro Act Right of Way Permit.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
 No: None
 Absent: None

- B. Appeal of an Excessive Fee Assessed for processing Freedom of Information Act Request for Public Record from Joshua Hunter of Berkley, Michigan.

Motion by Radner, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to uphold the city's fee assessed for processing the Freedom of Information Act Request for Public Record from Joshua Hunter of Berkley, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
 No: None
 Absent: None

Appeal of an Excessive Fee Assessed for processing a February 22, 2026 Freedom of Information Act Request (R001134-022226) for Public Records. Joshua Hunter filed an appeal of what he deems to be an excess fee for his Freedom of Information Act Request.

C. Appeal of a Public Record Request Determination for Joshua Hunter of Berkley, Michigan.

Motion by Radner, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to uphold the city's public records request determination for Joshua Hunter of Berkley, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Whitehead, Crawford
 No: None
 Absent: None

On Sunday, February 22, 2026, Mr. Joshua Hunter of Berkley submitted a request (R001134-022226) under the Freedom of Information Act seeking all existing email communications (including attachments) sent or received since January 22, 2026 between City staff, City officers, or the City's contracted law firm, that concern or reference the city attorney.

13. CITY MANAGER

A. Administration

1. Public hearing to consider whether to submit a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the non-renewal of the Class C Liquor License issued to Oak Park Social, LLC., 14691 W 11 Mile Rd.

A public hearing was held on March 16, 2026 to consider whether to recommend that the Liquor Control Commission not renew and/or revoke the Class C Liquor License issued to Oak Park Social, LLC. for failing to pay personal property taxes, real property taxes and utility charges due to the City in a timely manner. Oak Park Social, LLC had the opportunity to present evidence or any testimony that may refute or respond to reasons for the proposed action by the City at the public hearing.

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing and Alex Bishai, owner of Oak Park Social pleaded his case for an extension to April 1, 2026, to pay his delinquent financial obligations to the city. Mayor McClellan then closed the public hearing and Council debated the matter.

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, FAILED, to allow until April 29, 2026, for outstanding financial obligations to be satisfied before recommending non-renewal of a Class C Liquor License to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission issued to Oak Park Social, LLC., 14691 W 11 Mile Rd.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Radner
 No: McClellan, Edgar, Whitehead, Crawford
 Absent: None

The Council continued deliberation on the matter and the item was voted upon.

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Crawford, FAILED, to submit a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the non-renewal of the Class C Liquor License issued to Oak Park Social, LLC., 14691 W 11 Mile Rd.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Edgar, McClellan

No: Whitehead, Radner, Crawford
Absent: None

B. Finance/Assessing

1. Resolution authorizing the City Assessor to prepare Special Assessment Rolls, assessing unpaid charges together with a 10% penalty on private property for Delinquent Utilities - \$495,494.65; False Alarms - \$550.00; Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement - \$2,932.93; and Property Blight - \$24,334.17.

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve the following resolution authorizing the City Assessor to prepare Special Assessment Rolls, assessing unpaid charges together with a 10% penalty on private property for Delinquent Utilities - \$495,494.65; False Alarms - \$550.00; Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement - \$2,932.93; and Property Blight - \$24,334.17:

PROPOSAL FOR
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, as required by City Code, Article III, Sec. 12.14, the City Treasurer has reported the sums expended which represent City expenses incurred on private premises which remain unpaid, or in respect thereto, listed herewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 12.14 of the City Charter, the Assessor of the City is hereby authorized and directed to make Special Assessment Rolls for said expenses incurred, together with a penalty of ten percent (10%), and to assess the lands in the Special Assessment Districts therefore according to the benefits derived in the sum of \$523,311.75:

Delinquent Utilities	\$495,494.65
False Alarms	\$550.00
Misc. Concrete	\$2,932.93
Property Blight	\$24,334.17

THAT, Said Special Assessment Rolls shall be numbered to correspond with the number of the Special Assessment to which it pertains; and

THAT, The Assessor, when s/he shall have completed the said assessment rolls, shall report the same to the Council in the manner provided by the City Charter.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Crawford, Whitehead
No: None
Absent: None

The Deputy Treasurer is submitting a list of properties that have outstanding charges for Delinquent Utilities, False Alarms, Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement, and Property Blight and is requesting that the City Assessor be authorized and directed to prepare Special Assessment Rolls; assessing unpaid charges, together with a penalty of ten percent (10%), to the real property tax roll.

2. Resolution receiving Special Assessment Rolls and establishing April 8, 2026 as the date for the Public Hearing on the rolls for unpaid charges for city expenses incurred on private premises for Delinquent Utilities #731, False Alarms #732, Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement #733, and Property Blight #734.
CM-03-93-2025

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve the following resolution receiving Special Assessment Rolls and establishing April 6, 2026 as the date for the Public Hearing on the rolls for unpaid charges for city expenses incurred on private premises for Delinquent Utilities #731, False Alarms #732, Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement #733, and Property Blight #734:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION 8

DISTRICT NO. 731, 732, 733, and 734

The Assessor reported Special Assessment Roll 731, 732, 733, and 734 to the City Council. Attached to said Special Assessment Rolls were the certificates of the City Assessor in form as required in Chapter XII of the City Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Special Assessment Rolls 731, 732, 733, and 734 this day submitted to the City Council by the City Assessor, be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council and the City Assessor shall meet on the 6th day of April 2026 at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of reviewing the assessments contained in said Special Assessment Rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of said review and of the filing of said Special Assessment Rolls to be published once prior to said hearing in a newspaper circulating in said City of Oak Park, the publication to be at least one week before such hearing, and that said notice shall be in form as provided in Chapter XII of the City Charter.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to serve notice of said Special Assessment Hearing to each owner of, or party of interest in, property to be assessed, whose name appears upon the last general tax assessment records by mailing the notice first class mail, addressed to such owner or party at the address shown on the tax records, at least ten (10) days before the date of said hearing.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Edgar, Radner, Crawford, Whitehead
	No:	None
	Absent:	None

C. Elevate Oak Park

1. Event Hub - Monthly Report

Deputy City Manager Decoster provided an update on the Event Hub. The report is available with the City Clerk.

14. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Gregory Gunn, 21921 Beverly, thanked Mayor for second term as City Historian.

Michael Diskin, 15075 Lincoln, discussed his concerns with Oak Park Social and thanked Public Safety for the work they have done at his apartment building and their response to Temple Isreal. He spoke to the birth of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and also thanked Council for being responsive to his comments. He spoke to his concerns with pedestrian traffic at 10 Mile Road and Greenfield.

Crystal Bailey, 8646 Kenberton, spoke about her belief that taxes are too high as a homeowner and business owner.

Ken Sherman 23840 Jerome, spoke about his concern with Oak Park Social.

15. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk