



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
JULY 1, 2024
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor McClellan in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall located at 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237. (248) 691-7544.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Council Member Edgar, Council Member Radner, Council Member Whitehead

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Burns

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, City Clerk Norris, City Attorney Duff, Resident Services Coordinator CCiechorski, Library Director Schaaf, Human Resources Director Allen, Recreation Director Stasiak, Public Safety Director Cooper

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Discuss Summer Blast, Juneteenth, and City Event Planning

City Manager Tungate discussed safety issues that occurred during the city's Summer Blast event due to the presence of unruly teenagers around the carnival and Public Safety Director Cooper outlined the problems encountered by his department in policing the event. Recreation Director Stasiak indicated that it would be her recommendation to hold a different version of Summer Blast next year without the carnival. After discussion, there was a consensus that the city would not hold Summer Blast with a carnival moving forward.

Mr. Tungate also discussed the need for a contracted event planner that could have a role in planning city events such as Juneteenth and the Independence Day Parade. There was consensus for the city manager to research the idea and come back to the council with a proposal.

Mr. Tungate reported that the City of Oak Park is a finalist for an award from the MML for its Nine Mile Road Redesign project.

B. Discuss July 15, 2024 Council Meeting

City Manager Tungate indicated that he will be away from the city for the July 15, 2024 city council meeting and Deputy City Manager DeCoster will be present for the meeting in his absence.

4. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ken Sherman, 23840 Jerome, stated his support for not holding Summer Blast in the same way as before, citing caution and safety for the residents.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk