



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
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, Council Member Edgar, Mayor Pro Tem Burns, Council Member Radner, Council Member Whitehead

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, Deputy City Clerk Williams-Elliott, City Attorney Duff

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Burns, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Burns, CARRIED, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

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

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2024
CM-09-288-2024
- B. Special City Council Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2024
CM-09-289-2024
- C. Approval of Pay Application No. 5 for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project, M-764 in the amount of \$268,433.32
CM-09-290-2024

- D. Maintenance agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the 2024/25 winter maintenance on County roads.
CM-09-291-2024
- E. Payment of invoices from OHM Advisors for the GIS App Development for the total amount of \$1,755.75
CM-09-292-2024
- F. New & Renewal License for September 16, 2024
CM-09-293-2024

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no elected officials present who wished to speak.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Tribute to Kathleen Polidore
- B. Constitution Week Proclamation

8. SPECIAL LICENSES

- A. Request for a Special Event License submitted by Mark Odom, for the Vernon Street Block Party to be held on September 22, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
CM-09-294-2024

Motion by Burns, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve a Special Event License and waiver of fee submitted by Mark Odom, for the Vernon Street Block Party to be held on September 22, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. subject to departmental approvals.

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

9. ACCOUNTING REPORTS

- A. Approval for payment of an invoice submitted by Shifman Fournier for legal services retainer for October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 in the total amount of \$18,000.00
CM-09-295-2024

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED, to approve the payment of an invoice submitted by Shifman Fournier for legal services retainer from October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 in the total amount of \$18,000.00.

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

- B. Approval for payment of invoices submitted by Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC for legal services in the amount of \$16,861.33.
CM-09-296-2024

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 \$16,861.33..

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

10. CITY MANAGER

A. Administration

1. Approval of Oakland County Nine Mile Pathway Task Force Memorandum of Understanding
CM-09-297-2024

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the Oakland County Nine Mile Pathway Task Force Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Deputy City Manager Vanvleck indicated the city has been working with Oakland County communities that share the 9 Mile corridor (Hazel Park through Farmington Hills), along with Oakland County, to identify ways to collaborate with each other and connect the communities through a shared pathway along 9 Mile Road. Oakland County awarded a Planning and Assistance Program grant by SEMCOG to conduct a study along the Nine Mile Corridor to identify placemaking opportunities, ways to improve safe and equitable transportation options, and ultimately establish a cohesive 9-Mile Corridor. The Nine Mile Pathway Feasibility Study was completed in May 2023 and will serve as a guide for pathway development throughout the corridor. A memorandum of Understanding between the communities will solidify the commitment of each community to plan, coordinate and develop the trail through their community as proposed in the Nine Mile Pathway Feasibility Study as they are able.

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 - \$254,261.38; False Alarms - \$2,530.00; Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement - \$9,680.83, Property Blight - \$28,225.47; and Sidewalk Replacement - \$606.78.

CM-09-298-2024

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, 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 - \$254,261.38; False Alarms - \$2,530.00; Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement - \$9,680.83, Property Blight - \$28,225.47; and Sidewalk Replacement - \$606.78:

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, that 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 \$295,304.46:

Delinquent Utilities	\$254,261.38
False Alarms	\$2,530.00
Misc. Concrete	\$9,680.83
Property Blight	\$28,225.47, and
Sidewalk Replacement	\$606.78

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, Burns, Edgar, Radner, 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, Property Blight and Sidewalk Replacement 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 October 7, 2024 as the date for the Public Hearing on the rolls for unpaid charges for city expenses incurred on private premises for Delinquent Utilities #716, False Alarms #717, Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement #718, Property Blight #719 and Sidewalk Replacement #720
CM-09-299-2024

Motion by Burns, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve the following resolution receiving Special Assessment Rolls and establishing October 7, 2024 as the date for the Public Hearing on the rolls for unpaid charges for city expenses incurred on private premises for Delinquent Utilities #716, False Alarms #717, Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement #718, Property Blight #719 and Sidewalk Replacement #720:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

DISTRICT NO. 716, 717, 718, 719 and 720

Meeting of the City Council held September 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The Assessor reported Special Assessment Rolls No. 716, 717, 718, 719 and 720 to the City Council. Attached to said Special Assessment Roll was the certificate of the City Assessor in form as required in Chapter XII of the City Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Special Assessment Rolls No. 716, 717, 718, 719 and 720 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 in the City Council room in the City of Oak Park, Michigan, on the 7th day of October, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment contained in said Special Assessment Rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and 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 the Daily Tribune, a newspaper circulating in said City of Oak Park, the first 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 in 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, Carolyn Burns, Radner, Whitehead
 No: None
 Absent: None

C. Department of Public Works

1. Request to award the bid for the 2024 Camera Upgrade Project to Interstate Security for a total amount of \$138,523.00.
CM-09-300-2024

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to award the bid for the 2024 Camera Upgrade Project to Interstate Security for a total amount of \$138,523.00.

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

Deputy City Manager DeCoster indicated the request to bid the 2024 Camera Upgrade Project was approved at the November 20, 2023 regular meeting of the Oak Park City Council. The project was advertised and one hundred twenty-four (124) contractors viewed the documents. On September 9, 2024, five (5) bids were received and opened. The low bidder, Interstate Security of Shelby Twp., MI submitted a bid of \$138,523.00 for the replacement and installation of new security cameras at city properties. The vast majority of the cameras in our system are 10+ years old and have reached their useful life. The city has worked with Interstate Security on projects in the past and is comfortable with their work.

11. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ken Sherman, 23840 Jerome St. spoke to his disappointment that the Kroger located on Greenfield was ranked 20th of 20 Krogers rated by Yelp and Google reviews as reported in the Metro Times and asked that someone from the City sit down with Kroger and try to remedy the reported issues.

Shamarr Wilder, spoke of an issue he had with Park Rangers at an event he hosts annually at Shepard Park. He is also excited to have moved back to the City after living in Detroit for 9

years.

12. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 08:06 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk