



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
38th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 2021
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mayor McClellan in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall, 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237. (248) 691-7544

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Burns, Council Member Edgar, Council Member Whitehead

ABSENT: Council Member Radner

OTHERS

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

All agreed to allow the following addition to the special meeting agenda: (Council member Radner provided a written statement supporting the addition to the agenda.)

- Conduct an interview and consider making an appointment to the Oak Park Library Board.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

(AGENDA ITEM A1) Added to the Agenda. Interview candidates for City Boards and Commissions

Council conducted an interview with Leslie Richie as a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Oak Park Library Board.

(AGENDA ITEM A) Reappointments to City Boards and Commissions

**SCM-09-286-21 REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
– APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to authorize the following reappointments of members to city boards and commissions:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Sudha Sekhar	Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2024
Avi Snider	Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2024
Michelle Stevenson	Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2024
Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw	Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2024
Herschel Goldstein	Board of Review	August 2024
James Gulley	Board of Review	August 2024
Jack Blumenkopf	Corridor Improvement Authority	August 2025
Zakiya Hollifield	Library Board	August 2023

Mickey Alderman	Parks & Recreation Commission	August 2024
Alexander Simpson	Parks & Recreation Commission	August 2024
Patrick North	Parks & Recreation Commission	August 2024
Joe Brown	Planning Commission	August 2024
Gary Torgow	Planning Commission	August 2024
Marie Walters-Gill	Planning Commission	August 2024
Steven Gold	Recycling & Environmental Conservation	August 2024
Alvin Lewis	Recycling & Environmental Conservation	August 2024
Aaron Tobin	Traffic Safety Board	August 2024
Jack Blumenkopf	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2024
James Huston	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2024
Avi Snider	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2024

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

**SCM-09-287-21 MOTION TO NOT REAPPOINT AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO
SEND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FOR PAST SERVICE
– APPROVED**

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to not reappoint and direct the City Clerk to send letters of appreciation for past service to the following:

Max Milstein	Library Board
Linda Morange	Library Board
Jina Sawani	Library Board
Paul Bannon	Recycling & Environmental Conservation Commission
Roselyn McKay	Recycling & Environmental Conservation Commission
Denise Trombley	Recycling & Environmental Conservation Commission

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

(AGENDA ITEM B) Added to the Agenda. Consider new appointments to City Boards and Commissions

**SCM-09-288-21 APPONTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
– APPROVED**

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to authorize the following appointments of candidates to city boards and commissions:

Appointments to City Boards and Commissions:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Leslie Richie	Library Board	August 2023

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

(AGENDA ITEM B) COVID-19 update and discussion

City Manager Tungate provided an update on COVID-19 and provided recommendations for protocol changes regarding mask wearing, vaccinations and booster vaccines.

**SCM-09-289-21 MOTION TO APPROVE PROTOCOL CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY
THE CITY MANAGER – APPROVED**

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the following COVID-19 protocol changes as of September 14, 2021:

Masks

1. All members of the public (whether vaccinated or not) must wear masks to enter and while in City facilities
 - a. New signage will be placed at all entrances to City facilities
2. Unvaccinated staff must wear masks while in the common areas of City facilities
3. All staff must wear masks when directly interacting with the public when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained

Vaccinations

1. Pending formal implementation of President Biden's OSHA directive (within the next 80 days), we could mandate vaccinations for all staff unless there is a medical or religious exemption
2. Unvaccinated employees must submit to weekly testing beginning October 1, 2021 or as soon as feasible thereafter
 - a. Testing will be conducted at one of our wellness centers
 - b. Testing kits cost approximately \$22 per kit
 - c. Employees must test negative before reporting to work
 - d. Employees may be charged for this time out of their own time banks (includes medical or religious exemptions)

3. To recover some of these additional out-of-pocket costs the City is currently examining the legality of charging a healthcare surcharge for unvaccinated employees
 - a. Average cost of a patient hospitalized for COVID is \$50,000

Booster Vaccine

1. When/if it is determined that a booster shot is warranted, employees will be allowed to leave work to receive their shot and recover from the after-effects of the shot without having to charge their own time banks
 - a. Currently trying to determine if HFHS can provide these shots at our Community Center

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the special meeting at 6:56 P.M.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor