



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
39th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
August 7, 2023
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

(AGENDA ITEM A) Consider revised ballot proposal language for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

SCM-08-236-23 (AGENDA ITEM B) RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT PROPOSAL LANGUAGE FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION - APPROVED

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adopt the following resolution approving ballot proposal language for the November 7, 2023 General Election:

**CITY OF OAK PARK
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION APPROVING LANGUAGE FOR BALLOT PROPOSALS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oak Park, Michigan, that:

1. At the November 7, 2023 General Election, in addition to any other matters which may appear on the ballot, the following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Oak Park:

BALLOT PROPOSAL No. 23-01

RECREATION MILLAGE PROPOSITION

This ballot proposition, if approved, will authorize the levy of 2.4033 mills of the City of Oak Park Charter-authorized millage, which has been reduced by operation of Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, the so-called Headlee amendment, by levying 2.4033 mills for a period of twenty (20) years, from 2024 through 2043, inclusive. Revenues from this millage will be available only for the purpose of funding

capital improvements for facilities, parks, amenities, and general operating costs for the Department of Recreation, and paying any and all other costs associated with or related to such purposes.

Shall the City of Oak Park, Oakland County, Michigan, be authorized to increase its tax levy by 2.4033 mills on each dollar (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of the taxable value of all property in the City, for a period of twenty (20) years, from 2024 through 2043, inclusive, thereby increasing the Charter-authorized millage in excess of the limit to which it has been reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, all of which tax revenues will be disbursed to the City of Oak Park and used for the purpose of funding capital improvements for facilities, parks, amenities and general operating costs for the Department of Recreation, and paying any and all other costs associated with or related to such purposes? The 2.4033 mills will raise the sum of approximately \$1,560,863 in 2024. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the City of Oak Park Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Corridor Improvement Authority.

Yes
No

BALLOT PROPOSAL No. 23-02

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDING PROPOSITION

This ballot proposition, if approved, will authorize the City of Oak Park to issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each series, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the costs of constructing, reconstructing, and remodeling the community center, recreation center, and Department of Recreation building; furnishing, refurnishing, equipping and reequipping a new and remodeled community and recreation center; demolishing certain existing facilities; preparing, developing and improving sites, including entrances, approaches, parking facilities, and landscaping; and acquiring all necessary rights in land, together with all necessary and related costs.

Shall the City of Oak Park, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of not to exceed (\$44,000,000), and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each series, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the costs of constructing, reconstructing, and remodeling the community center, recreation center, and Department of Recreation building; furnishing, refurnishing, equipping and reequipping a new and remodeled community and recreation center; demolishing certain existing facilities; preparing, developing and improving sites, including entrances, approaches, parking facilities, and landscaping; and acquiring all necessary rights in land, together with all necessary and related costs? The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds is 4 mills.

Yes
No

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

(AGENDA ITEM B) Discuss City Council access to voicemail using the new Ring Central telephone system.

City Manager Tungate provided instructions to council members so they may access their emails on the new city telephone system.

(AGENDA ITEM C) Update on the Shepherd Park restroom project.

DPW Director DeCoster discussed material options for the proposed Shepherd Park restroom project and indicated the desired precast option has a six-month lead time. There was consensus that this construction option was best and would be worth waiting for. There was also consensus that temporary portable restrooms with a sink option should be provided for the remaining months of the season.

CLOSED SESSION (Added to the Agenda)

CM-08-237-23 MOTION TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING LAURENTIAN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to convene a Closed Session for purposes of conducting attorney-client privileged discussions about pending litigation regarding Laurentian Village Association.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

The closed session began at 6:45 p.m. and concluded at 6:53 p.m.

CM-08-238-23 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 8-7-23 CLOSED SESSION - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the minutes from the 8-7-23 Closed Session.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-08-239-23 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED CONSENT JUDGMENT TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DECLARING THE CONDOMINIUM UNITS ON THE DANTE SIDE OF LAURENTIAN VILLAGE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND SETTING A TIMELINE FOR THE CO-OWNERS TO COMPLETE REQUIRED REPAIRS TO REMEDIATE ALL OUTSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS. THE CONSENT JUDGMENT WILL FULLY RESOLVE THE PENDING LITIGATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAK PARK AND THE LAURENTIAN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to authorize the City Attorney to submit the proposed consent judgment to the Oakland County Circuit Court declaring the condominium units on the Dante side of Laurentian Village a public nuisance and setting a timeline for the co-owners to complete required repairs to remediate all outstanding code violations. The consent judgment will fully resolve the pending litigation between the City of Oak Park and the Laurentian Village Association.

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

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 6:55 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor