



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
38th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
May 19, 2021
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Mayor McClellan called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Oak Park City Hall, 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237. (248) 691-7544.

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan (Oak Park), Mayor ProTem Burns (Oak Park), Council Member Radner (Oak Park) Council Member Edgar (Oak Park), Council Member Whitehead (Oak Park)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, Deputy City Clerk Vecchio, City Attorney Duff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**CM-05-156-21 (AGENDA ITEM #3) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AMENDED
– APPROVED**

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Add Agenda Item 11C - Request to bid the 2020 Yard Services Contract

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-05-157-21 (AGENDA ITEM #4A-J) CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2021 **CM-05-158-21**
- B. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 and April 27, 2021 **CM-05-159-21**
- C. Payment Application No. 2 for the 2020 Decorative Fence Project, M-695 Phase 2 to American Fence Co. of Warren, MI for the amount of \$86,042.85 (**Removed from the Consent Agenda**)
- D. Payment Application No. 1 for the 2021 Swimming Pool Repair Project M-719 to Advanced Pool Services, Inc. of Milford, MI for the amount of \$66,425.00 **CM-05-160-21**
- E. Licenses New and Renewals submitted for May 19, 2021 **CM-05-161-21**

MERCHANT'S LICENSES – May 19, 2021
(Subject to All Departmental Approvals)

<u>NEW MERCHANT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>BUSINESS TYPE</u>
DOG & PONY SHOW	14661 14661 ELEVEN MILE	\$150	CRAFTS

<u>2021 RENEWALS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>BUSINESS TYPE</u>
HUNTINGTON CLEANERS	8775 CAPITAL	\$150.00	DRY CLEANERS
DESIGN METAL	10841 CAPITAL	\$150.00	SHEET METAL
SFT FOOD	12930 CAPITAL	\$150.00	ICE CREAM AND BAKERY
VALLEY CITY LINEN	13165 CLOVERDALE	\$150.00	LINEN SUPPLY
VIP WEAR	22124 COOLIDGE	\$150.00	CLOTHING STORE
BUILDING BEDS 4 KIDS	14241 ELEVEN MILE	\$150.00	NON PROFIT
ROYAL CREST	14851 ELEVEN MILE	\$150.00	
PRINCE JEWELERS	21700 GREENFIELD 447	\$150.00	JEWELER
BORENSTEINS	25242 GREENFIELD	\$150.00	
EXPRESS CARE MEDICAL	25900 GREENFIELD 121	\$150.00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
ADVANCE AMERICA	26038 GREENFIELD	\$150.00	CHECK CASHING
HOMESITE DIRECT	25900 GREENFIELD 520	\$150.00	OFFICE
SUNNYSIDE ENRICHMENT	10440 NINE MILE	\$150.00	CHILD CARE CENTER
E Z PETROLEUM	13551 NINE MILE	\$150.00	GAS STATION
ALASKA FRESH FISH AND CHICKEN	13701 NINE MILE	\$150.00	CARRYOUT
J.A. GAGING	13250 NORTHEAST	\$150.00	OFFICE
OAK PARK DIALYSIS	13481 10 MILE	\$150.00	MEDICAL OFFICE

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

EDDIE'S GOURMET RESTAURANT CLASS C LIQUOR \$250

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-05-162-21 (AGENDA ITEM #4C) Removed from the Consent Agenda. Payment Application No. 2 for the 2020 Decorative Fence Project, M-695 Phase 2 to American Fence Co. of Warren, MI for the amount of \$86,042.85 - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve Payment Application No. 2 for the 2020 Decorative Fence Project, M-695 Phase 2 to American Fence Co. of Warren, MI for the amount of \$86,042.85.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

SPECIAL LICENSES: None

ACCOUNTING REPORTS:

CM-05-163-21 (AGENDA ITEM #10A) APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES SUBMITTED BY GARAN, LUCOW, MILLER, P.C. FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,028.48 - APPROVED

Motion by Edgar seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve payment of invoices #561846, #561847 and #561848 by Garan, Lucow, Miller P.C., for legal services rendered through April 30, 2021 in the total amount of \$13,028.48.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

BIDS:

CM-05-164-21 (AGENDA ITEM #11A) REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2021 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT M-718 TO PAMAR ENTERPRISES OF NEW HAVEN, MI, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,139,591.00 - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to award the bid for the 2021 Water Main Replacement Project M-718 to Pamar Enterprises of New Haven, MI, for the total amount of \$1,139,591.00.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-05-165-21 (AGENDA ITEM #11B) REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2021 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT M-718 TO PAMAR ENTERPRISES OF NEW HAVEN, MI, FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,139,591.00 - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to award the bid for the 2021 Water Main Replacement Project M-718 to Pamar Enterprises of New Haven, MI, for the total amount of \$1,139,591.00.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

**CM-05-166-21 (AGENDA ITEM #11C) Added to the agenda. REQUEST TO BID
THE 2020 YARD SERVICES CONTRACT - APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to bid the 2020 Yard Services Contract.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

ORDINANCES:

**CM-05-167-21 (AGENDA ITEM #12A) FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO
REPEAL AND REPLACE ZONING, OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
- APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, Seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the first reading of the following ordinance to repeal and replace Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan:

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “City of Oak Park Zoning Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. Purpose

a. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community as a wholesome, serviceable, and attractive municipality, by having regulations and restrictions that:

1. Promote compatibility of existing and future land uses.
2. Increase the safety and security of home life.
3. Preserve and create a favorable quality of life for residents.

4. Develop good citizenship.
5. Protect and enhance property and civic values.
6. Facilitate efficient traffic operations, minimize congestion, and accident potential.
7. Enhance the environment for pedestrians and other non-motorized types of transportation.
8. Restrict building in floodplain areas as a means of protecting property owners.
9. Protect wetlands in recognition of their irreplaceable environmental value.
10. Promote aesthetics and minimize blight.
11. Provide for convenient vehicular parking.
12. Provide parks, recreation, schools, religious institutions, and community facilities.
13. Encourage a variety of quality housing.
14. Encourage preservation of environmental features through flexible design standards.
15. Promote clean air and water, access to sunlight, sufficient infrastructure, and public services.
16. Assist in implementing and accomplishing the objectives of the City's adopted Master Plan.
17. Provide reasonable means of protecting and safeguarding the City's economic structure.
18. Provide each property owner with a reasonable and economic use of their land.
19. Lessen congestion, disorder and infringement on property values, safety, and quality of life which are often aggravated due to unregulated development.
20. Prevent overcrowding of land and undue concentration of population.

b. In order to effectively meet this purpose, the City is divided into districts of such number, shape, and area, and of such common unity of purpose, adaptability, or use, that are deemed most suitable to provide for the best general civic use, protect the common rights and interests within each district, and the City as a whole, preserve the property owners right to use their land, and to promote quality of life and business vitality. The regulations of this Ordinance accomplish these purposes by controlling land uses within each district; acknowledging the unique impacts of special land uses through specific standards for their development in appropriate locations within selected districts; promoting quality by limiting the location, height, bulk, occupancy, and uses of buildings, and other structures; defining maximum residential density, specifying the percentage of a site available for a building; and requiring building and parking setbacks from property lines and public street rights-of-way.

SECTION 3. Conflicting Regulations

a. This Ordinance is not intended to abrogate or annul any easement, covenant, or other private agreement, provided that where any provision of this Ordinance is more restrictive or imposes a higher standard or requirement than such easement, covenant, or other private agreement, the provision of this Ordinance shall govern.

b. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Ordinance, every building and structure erected; every use of any lot, building, or structure; every structural alteration or relocation of an existing building or structure and every enlargement of, or addition to, an existing use, building, or structure shall be subject to all regulations of this Ordinance which are applicable in the zoning district in which such use, building, or structure is located.

No setback area or lot existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance shall be reduced in dimensions or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Yards or lots created after the effective date of this Ordinance shall meet at least the minimum requirements established herein.

The regulations herein established shall be considered the minimum regulations for promoting and protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 4. Vested Rights

Nothing in this Ordinance should be interpreted or construed to give rise to any permanent vested rights in the continuation of any particular use, district, zoning classification or any permissible activities therein; and, they are hereby declared to be subject to subsequent amendment, change or modification as may be necessary to the preservation or protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 5. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006), as amended.

SECTION 6. Validity and Severability

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any part of this Ordinance to be invalid, such ruling shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance not specifically included in such ruling. Further if any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare invalid the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular parcel, lot, use, building, or structure, such ruling shall not affect the application of such provision to any other parcel, lot, use, building, or structure not specifically included in such ruling.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days from the date of its passage and shall be published as required by the Charter of the City of Oak Park.

SECTION 8. Repeal of Prior Ordinance

The zoning ordinance previously adopted by the City of Oak Park prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed. The repeal of such Ordinances shall not have the effect of releasing or relinquishing any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under such Ordinance, or any part thereof, and such Ordinance shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of instituting or sustaining any proper action for the enforcement of such penalty, forfeiture, or liability.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-05-168-21 (AGENDA ITEM #12B) FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 1, SECTION 201 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CONTAINED THEREIN, BEING PART OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN, BY CHANGING THE USE DISTRICT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND CURRENTLY ZONED B1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND B2, GENERAL BUSINESS TO MX2, MIXED USE 2 DISTRICT - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, Seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the first reading of the following ordinance to amend Article 2, Division 1, Section 201 and the Official Zoning Map contained therein, being part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan, by changing the use district of certain parcels of land currently zoned B1, Neighborhood Business and B2, General Business to MX2, Mixed Use 2 District:

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 DIVISION 1 SECTION 201 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CONTAINED THEREIN, BEING PART OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN, BY CHANGING THE USE DISTRICT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND CURRENTLY ZONED B1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND B2, GENERAL BUSINESS TO MX2, MIXED USE 2 DISTRICT.

THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park is hereby amended by changing the use district of the following addresses and parcels currently zoned B1, Neighborhood Business or B2, General Business, according to the City's Official Zoning District Map, Article 2, Division 1, Section 201 to MX2 Mixed Use 2 District.

Coolidge addresses: 23137, 23001, 23100, 23090, 22150, 22100-22140, 22001, 22011, 22031, 22041, 22101, 22105, 22111, 22115, 22121, 22125, 22131, 22123, 22135, 22141, 22151, 22153-22155, 22173, 22185, 2221, Nine Mile addresses: 13770, 13600, 13500, 13400, 13300, 13351, 13631, 13641-13645, 13651, 13701, 13801, 13805-13807, 13821-13825, 13831, 13835, 13841, 13845, 13855, 13901, 13905, 13925, 13941, Parcel ID with no address: 52-25-31-228-021

SECTION 2. It is hereby ordered that the Official Zoning District Map of the City of Oak Park, as herein amended, be incorporated with this ordinance and be considered a part hereof and be published in connection herewith.

SECTION 3. It is further ordered that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, the above described parcels of land shall be in the MX2, Mixed Use 2 District, and be subject to the regulations pertaining to such a district.

SECTION 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect; provided that all other provisions of the Oak Park Code of Ordinances as heretofore amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Severability

No other portion, paragraph or phrase of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan shall be affected by this ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption and shall be published as required by the Charter of the City of Oak Park.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-05-169-21 (AGENDA ITEM #12C) FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 1, SECTION 201 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CONTAINED THEREIN, BEING PART OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN, BY CHANGING THE USE DISTRICT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND CURRENTLY ZONED LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO IF, INDUSTRIAL FLEX DISTRICT- APPROVED

Motion by Burns, Seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the first reading of the following ordinance to amend Article 2, Division 1, Section 201 and the Official Zoning Map contained therein, being part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan, by changing the use district of certain parcels of land currently zoned LI, Light Industrial to IF, Industrial Flex District:

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 DIVISION 1 SECTION 201 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CONTAINED THEREIN, BEING PART OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN, BY CHANGING THE USE DISTRICT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND CURRENTLY ZONED LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO IF, INDUSTRIAL FLEX DISTRICT.

THE CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park is hereby amended by changing the use district of the following addresses and parcels currently LI, Light Industrial District, according to the City's Official Zoning District Map, Article 2, Division 1, Section 201 to IF, Industrial Flex District.

21955 Republic, 21950 Wyoming, 21930 Wyoming, Capital Street addresses:
13390, 13380, 13350, 13270, 13240, 13200, 13080, 13040, 13000, 12980, 12950, 12930,
12900, 12720, 12700, 11000, 10850, 10800, 10750, 10700, 10600, 10400, 10280, 10240,
10230, 10200, 10150, 10130, 10120, 10100, 10030, 10020, 10010, 8750, 8700, 8624, 8564,
8538-8544, 8500, Parcel ID's with no address: 52-25-32-151-035, 52-25-32-176-019, 25-
33-151-037

SECTION 2. It is hereby ordered that the Official Zoning District Map of the City of Oak Park, as herein amended, be incorporated with this ordinance and be considered a part hereof and be published in connection herewith.

SECTION 3. It is further ordered that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, the above described parcels of land shall be in the IF, Industrial Flex District, and be subject to the regulations pertaining to such a district.

SECTION 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect; provided that all other provisions of the Oak Park Code of Ordinances as heretofore amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Severability

No other portion, paragraph or phrase of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan shall be affected by this ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this ordinance or of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oak Park, Michigan.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption and shall be published as required by the Charter of the City of Oak Park.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report

CITY MANAGER:

Administration

CM-05-170-21

**(AGENDA ITEM #14A) EMERGENCY DECLARATION
RESOLUTION FOR REMOTE MEETINGS - APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the following Emergency Declaration Resolution for remote meetings:

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES
OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC
MEANS**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Park held on May 19, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, by electronic means.

WHEREAS, as recently as May 4, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

“The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

On March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 1, 2021, Michigan had seen 589,150 confirmed cases and 15,534 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. Michigan was one of the States most heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the pandemic, with new cases peaking at nearly 2,000 per day in late March. Strict preventative measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove daily case numbers dramatically down to fewer than 200 confirmed cases per day in mid-June, greatly reducing the loss of life. Beginning in October, Michigan again experienced an exponential growth in cases. New cases peaked at nearly 10,000 cases per day in mid-November, followed by increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protections to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan’s healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

Cases dropped to under 1,000 per day in mid-February. However, trends shifted and cases increased to a seven-day daily average of 6,555 on April 11. The statewide positivity peaked at 18.5 % on April 8. Metrics approached all-time highs, and in some cases surpassed the peaks from the fall/winter surge. While the spring 2021 surge saw more cases in persons who were under the age of 60, there remained a high number of cases seeking emergency care and hospitalizations. Healthcare capacity peaked in mid-April with 601 daily hospital admissions seen in Michigan. Individuals under the age of 60 accounted for nearly 50% of all new admissions.

Positivity, case rates, and hospitalizations have improved since the April peak, but all metrics remain high. Positivity remains above 12% and the case rate for Michigan is above 350 cases per million. As of May 3, there are still over 3,000 Michiganders hospitalized with COVID-19, and 15.9% of all available inpatient beds were occupied by patients who had COVID-19. During this time, Michigan had the highest number of

cases and case rate in the nation, as well as COVID-19 hospital utilization, and COVID-19 ICU utilization according to data from the CDC and U.S. Health and Human Services. The state death rate was 6.5 deaths per million people on May 1, and there are approximately 450 weekly deaths in Michigan attributable to COVID-19. This is an increase of over 350% from the 1.4 deaths per million on March 9, 2020.

Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of "long COVID." The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19, providing a path to end the pandemic. Michigan is now partaking in the largest mass vaccination effort in modern history and is presently working toward vaccinating at least 70% of Michigan residents 16 years of age and older as quickly as possible. As of May 3, 50% of Michigan residents 16 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. And an increasing number and volume of therapeutics are available, such as monoclonal antibodies, which can help to reduce the severity of COVID-19 cases.

New and unexpected challenges continue to arise: in early December 2020, a variant of COVID-19 known as B.1.1.7 was detected in the United Kingdom. According to the CDC, this variant is roughly 50 percent more infectious than the original strain. On January 16, 2021, this variant was detected in Michigan. B.1.1.7 is currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Michigan and the United States. Michigan is second in the nation with respect to the number of B.1.1.7 variant cases detected. Michigan has also detected cases of variants B.1.351, P.1 and B.1.427/B.1.429, which experts continue to study and monitor closely. This further complicates the battle against COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic is necessary to protect the public health and requires restrictions on gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to conduct the public business of the City in a manner so as not to place at risk members of the public, City staff, or members serving on public bodies of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT pursuant to the authority contained at § 3 of the Home Rule Cities Act, MCL 117.3 (j) authorizing cities to provide for the public health and safety of persons; §3 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263 (2) permitting a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body; and §10 (b) of the Emergency Management Act permitting the Mayor to declare a local state of emergency;

I, Marian McClellan, Mayor of the City of Oak Park based on the findings made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains declare a local state of emergency to permit the City Council and all other public bodies of the City of Oak Park to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means, and respectfully request the City Council affirm this action through June 30, 2021.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Finance

**CM-05-171-21 (AGENDA ITEM #14B) REQUEST TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE
EXCEPTION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS - APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to receive and approve the following exception recommendations regarding Special Assessment Districts:

Placed back onto the Special Assessment District along with the 10% penalty:

Special Assessment District No. 690 Unpaid Utilities

52-25-29-407-023 23541 Oneida & 52-25-31-277-018 21660 Parklawn
52-25-32-104-119 22100 Dante & 52-25-32-104-101 22158 Dante
52-25-32-104-095 22166 Dante & 52-25-29-431-012 23500 Manistee
52-25-29-451-002 23270 Scotia & 52-25-30-404-025 23551 Cloverlawn
52-25-30-203-011 24640 Gardner & 52-25-30-302-047 23731 Radclift
52-25-29-377-014 12911 Rosemary & 52-25-32-151-081 21800 Coolidge

Special Assessment District No. 693 Unpaid Property Blight

52-25-32-151-014 13241 Albany & 52-25-30-129-003 24790 Sussex
52-25-30-201-026 24641 Kenosha & 52-25-30-353-004 23300 Avon
52-25-31-126-036 22261 Marlow & 52-25-19-453-027 14020 Winchester
52-25-30-102-010 15131 Dartmouth & 52-25-30-127-002 24620 Harding

Permanently Removed along with the 10% penalty:

Special Assessment District No. 690 Unpaid Utilities

52-25-30-102-021 15200 Sutherland & 52-25-29-329-017 23811 Scotia
52-25-29-102-088 12810 Dartmouth & 52-25-30-301-029 15310 Rosemary
52-25-30-379-005 23410 Sussex & 52-25-30-303-061 23201 Radclift
52-25-31-202-011 22160 Kenosha & 52-25-30-276-072 13651 Allan

Special Assessment District No. 692 Unpaid Miscellaneous Concrete Replacement

52-25-29-477-040 10250 Nine Mile

Special Assessment District No. 693 Unpaid Property Blight

52-25-31-177-002 14531 Pearson

Special Assessment District No. 694 Unpaid Sidewalk Replacement

52-25-30-404-024 23561 Cloverlawn

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Communications

(AGENDA ITEM #14C) Event and Activity Update

Communications Director Davis reported upcoming activities and events.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Stewart, Coolidge Square Condominium Association, addressed Council requesting they lower the late penalty on utility bills and only assess it on the late amount and not on compounded interest. Mr. Stewart also has submitted a written statement to Council regarding this matter.

CLOSED SESSION:

CM-05-172-21 (AGENDA ITEM #17) MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION WITH REGARD TO COOLIDGE SQUARE AND LAURENTIAN VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, Seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Attorney Client Privileged Communication with regard to Coolidge Square and Laurentian Village Condominium developments.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

The Closed Session began at 8:30 PM. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:01 PM.

CM-05-173-21 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the minutes of the 05-19-21 Closed Session.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CM-05-174-21 MOTION TO PROCEED WITH ROLL TO TAXES FOR LAURENTIAN VILLAGE UTILITY ACCOUNTS - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to proceed with roll to taxes for Laurentian Village utility accounts.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

**CM-05-175-21 MOTION TO PROCEED WITH ROLL TO TAXES FOR
COOLIDGE SQUARE UTILITY ACCOUNTS - APPROVED**

Motion by Burns, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to proceed with roll to taxes for Coolidge Square utility accounts.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 9:03 P.M.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor