



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
38th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL**

March 1, 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, Mayor ProTem Burns, Council Member Radner,
Council Member Edgar, Council Member Whitehead

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**CM-03-058-21 (AGENDA ITEM #3) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS
AMENDED – APPROVED**

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

Add Item #14E - Resolution approving purchase agreement for the sale of Jackson Park to Ferndale Public Schools

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-03-059-21 (AGENDA ITEM #4A-G) CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

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

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2021 **CM-03-060-21**
- B. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2021 **CM-03-061-21**
- C. Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2020 and January 14, 2021 **CM-03-062-21**
- D. Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2020 **CM-03-063-21**
- E. Corridor Improvement Authority Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020 **CM-03-064-21**

- F. Recycling Commission Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020 **CM-03-065-21**
G. Licenses New and Renewals submitted for March 1, 2021 **CM-03-066-21**

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS:

County Commissioner Charlie Cavell provided an update regarding Oakland County.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

(AGENDA ITEM #6A) Director of Strategic Planning and Special Projects VanVleck presented an update on the Nine Mile Redesign and introduced the Patronicity Campaign whereby the community can help fund the project.

(AGENDA ITEM #6B) Joy Wells Director of SOAR Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the area organization.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

SPECIAL LICENSES: None

ACCOUNTING REPORTS: None

BIDS:

CM-03-067-21 (AGENDA ITEM #11A) REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2021 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM, M-713 TO GIORGI CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,873.00 AND TO TEMPORARILY TRANSFER \$150,873.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THIS EXPENDITURE - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to award the bid for the 2021 Sidewalk Repair Program, M-713 to Giorgi Concrete in the amount of \$650,873.00 and to temporarily transfer \$150,873.00 from the General Fund Balance for this expenditure.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Assistant City Manager Yee reported the request to bid the 2021 Sidewalk Repair Program, M-713 was approved (CM-02-032-21) at the February 1, 2021 regular City Council meeting. The project was advertised and 46 contractors viewed the contract documents. On February 19, 2021, nine (9) bids were received and opened. The low bidder, Giorgi Concrete of Detroit, MI submitted a bid of \$650,873.00. We have worked with Giorgi Concrete previously and they have performed very well for us in the past.

CM-03-068-21 (AGENDA ITEM #11B) REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2021 SWIMMING POOL REPAIR PROJECT M-719 TO ADVANCE POOL SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,500.00 AND TO TRANSFER \$41,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THIS EXPENDITURE - APPROVED

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to award the bid for the 2021 Swimming Pool Repair Project M-719 to Advance Pool Services, Inc. in the amount of \$151,500.00 and to transfer \$41,500 from the General Fund Balance for this expenditure.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Mr. Yee reported the request to bid the 2021 Swimming Pool Repair Project M-719 (CM-01-008-21) was approved at the January 4, 2021 regular City Council meeting. The project was advertised and 17 contractors viewed the contract documents. On February 15, 2021, one bid was received and opened. The low bidder, Advance Pool Services, Inc. of Milford, MI submitted a bid of \$151,500.00. References were checked and all had positive responses.

ORDINANCES: None

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report

CITY MANAGER:

Administration

CM-03-069-21 (AGENDA ITEM #14A) MOTION TO EXTEND CLOSURE OF CITY HALL, COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL APRIL 14, 2021 - APPROVED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to extend closure of City Hall, Community Center and Library to the public through April 14, 2021.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Public Safety Department

CM-03-070-21 (AGENDA ITEM #14B) REQUEST TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 160 SEC 1.27 MAKING THE INTERSECTION OF ROANOKE AND KENWOOD A PERMANENT ALL-WAY STOP - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve Traffic Control Order 160 Sec 1.27 making the intersection of Roanoke and Kenwood a permanent All-Way Stop.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Public Safety Director Cooper stated that at the November 10, 2020 City Council Meeting he presented Temporary Traffic Control Order# 160 Sec.1.25 to Council. The Traffic Control Order was adopted, making the intersection of Roanoke and Kenwood an All-Way Stop for 90 days then the order would be re-evaluated. He reminded everyone that the Public Safety Department had received continuous complaints dating back as far as December of 2014, regarding speeding motorists traveling northbound and southbound on Roanoke Street between Oak Park Blvd and Nine Mile. Residents have also complained about vehicle accidents and near accidents at this intersection. There was an initial traffic study requested which was conducted by the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA). The recommendation was to post Stop control for eastbound and westbound Kenwood and to remove Stop control for northbound and southbound Roanoke, allowing the traffic for northbound and southbound Roanoke to flow unimpeded.

This original recommendation was adopted by City Council at the December 1, 2014, City Council Meeting and since that adoption Public Safety continued to receive the same complaints on a regular bases. The Traffic Improvement Association conducted a second speed study at the location several months later and concluded the traffic conditions did not warrant changing the signage. Public Safety continued with various selective enforcement details at this location to address the problem, with complaints persisting from residents. Just prior to the Temporary Traffic Control Order on November 10, 2020, TIA conducted another speed study on Roanoke Street between Oak Park Blvd and 9 Mile Rd per my request. In January of 2021 I had TIA conduct a follow up study after the All-Way Stop had been put in place for comparison purposes.

The before study of Roanoke, between Kenwood and 9 Mile Rd indicated average speeds to be 26 MPH and the after study indicated a decrease in speeds to reflect 23 MPH (85th percentile speeds before were 29 MPH and after 27 MPH). The before study of Roanoke, between Oak Park Blvd and Kenwood indicated average speeds to be 25 MPH and the after study indicated a decrease in speeds to reflect 23 MPH (85th percentile speeds before were 29 MPH and after were 28 MPH).

Note: The average daily traffic during the after study period compared to the before study period was approximately 300 vehicles less. Director Cooper personally spoke with the Traffic Engineer from TIA, who stated he was not convinced that the reduction in speeds were a direct result of the signage change. He believes the 90-day sampling does not accurately reflect the driving behavior long term and the speed of drivers would possibly start to rise the longer you leave the All-Way Stop in place. His recommendation is to remove the temporary All-Way Stop at Kenwood and Roanoke intersection and return Stop control for eastbound and westbound Kenwood only.

Having directly dealt with this issue for the past 6 years, Director Cooper stated that he respectfully disagrees with his recommendation and is convinced that the change in signage, making Roanoke Street between 9 Mile Rd and Oak Park Blvd an All-Way Stop has effected the speed of motorists. He believes this is supported by the information contained in the "Summary of Speed Data" listed in TIA's report, indicating a decrease in vehicle speeds after the All-Way Stop was put in place.

Economic Development

CM-03-071-21 (AGENDA ITEM #14C) REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR THE RESTAURANT RELIEF PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY - APPROVED

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Radner, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve an inter-local agreement with Oakland County for the Restaurant Relief Program and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Economic Development Director Marrone reported that the Economic Development and Planning Department has applied for and received grant funding through the Oakland County Restaurant Relief Program. There were two phases of the program, phase 1 included the purchase of weatherization items to help support our local restaurants create outdoor dining spaces in the amount of \$8,502 and phase 2 includes a combination of items purchased in the amount of \$17,110 and reimbursement in the amount of \$43,567 to be made to our local restaurants in support of their weatherization efforts with a maximum award of \$10,000.

The products purchased will be owned by the City of Oak Park and leased for \$1 to businesses in need. The department has reached out to all restaurants in Oak Park both by numerous emails and phones calls. An application was developed and sent to all to complete and be considered for reimbursement. Before final determination is made by the department for reimbursement a final notice via U.S. mail was also sent with a deadline to reply by March 20, 2021. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by our City Attorneys.

Communications

(AGENDA ITEM #14D) Event and Activity Update

Communications Director Davis reported upcoming activities and events.

(AGENDA ITEM #14E) Added to the Agenda. Resolution approving purchase agreement for the sale of Jackson Park to Ferndale Public Schools

CM-03-072-21 REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF JACKSON PARK TO FERNDAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS - APPROVED

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adopt the following resolution approving purchase agreement for the sale of Jackson Park to Ferndale Public Schools:

CITY OF OAK PARK
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE
SALE OF JACKSON PARK TO FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2019, the Oak Park City Council resolved to approve the offer from Ferndale Public Schools to purchase the Jackson Park property for \$100,000.00, contingent upon deed restrictions for the property being successfully lifted, and the removal of Jackson Park from the City Master Plan;

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020, the Oak Park City Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to Amend the City Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park City Council finds that it is necessary and in the best interest of the public to sell the Jackson Park property to Ferndale Public Schools for the construction of a new elementary school;

WHEREAS, the Ferndale Public Schools has advised the City of Oak Park that it remains committed to seeking the input of City Council, and neighboring residents, in the design of designated park space to be included in the final site plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oak Park, Oakland County, Michigan resolves as follows:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached purchase agreement for the sale of the property formerly known as Jackson Park for \$100,000.00 .
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents to complete the transaction.
3. Any and all Resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

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

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor