



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
FEBRUARY 17, 2025
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 Radner, Council Member Whitehead, Council Member Crawford

EXCUSED: Council Member Edgar (Illness)

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Clerk Norris, Deputy City Clerk Williams-Elloitt, City Attorney Krause

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Omit Item #8.A.1 - MDOT Contract Approval
2. Add New Agenda Item #8.C - Appointment approval confirmation for Oak Park Youth Assistance Board

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

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

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2025.
CM-02-46-2025
- B. Special City Council Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2025
CM-02-47-2025

- C. Proposed payment request for Traffic Engineering Consulting Services
CM-02-48-2025
- D. Payment of invoices from OHM Advisors for Engineering Consulting Services for the total amount of \$3,110.75
- E. The Municipal Services Department is requesting authorization to advertise for bids for CDBG Program Year 2024 and CHORE Senior Yard Services, M-781.
CM-02-50-2025
- F. New fee for Zoning Verification Letter - Fee schedule
CM-02-51-2025
- G. Request to approve Payment Application No. 2 for the 2024 Block Pruning Project, to Limb Walkers Tree & Snow, LLC of Kenosha, WI in the amount of \$3,475.00
CM-02-52-2025
- H. New and Renewal Licenses February 17, 2025
CM-02-53-2025

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

Oakland County Commissioner (District 17) Yolanda Smith Charles was present and shared updates on several Oakland County SBA Programs including CEED Lending.

7. ACCOUNTING REPORTS

- A. Approval for payment of invoices submitted by Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC for legal services in the amount of \$15,340.48
CM-02-54-2025

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to approve payment of invoices submitted by Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC for legal services in the amount of \$15,340.48.

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

8. CITY MANAGER

- A. Municipal Services
- B. Public Safety
 - 1. Request to approve the purchase of a drone for the Public Safety Department.
CM-02-55-2025

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of the DJI M30T drone from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies in the amount of \$14,643.57 and authorize a budget amendment to use the General Fund (fund balance) for the expenditure.

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

Public Safety Director Cooper indicated his department is requesting approval for the purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), commonly referred to as a drone (DJI M30T), to enhance

public safety, improve emergency response capabilities, and support law enforcement operations. The use of the drone will provide real-time situational awareness, assist in search and rescue operations, aid in crime scene documentation, and improve officer safety. Drones have become valuable tools for law enforcement agencies nationwide, allowing for rapid deployment in emergency situations, providing aerial surveillance, and assisting in gathering critical intelligence while minimizing risks to officers and civilians. The proposed drone would be used for various public safety functions, including but not limited to:

- Assisting in locating missing persons and suspects of crime
- Aiding in search and rescue operations
- Crime scene processing/evidence collection
- Monitoring large public gatherings for security purposes
- Fire ground operations

The DJI M30T drone is capable of flying in all types of weather (high winds, snow and rain). It is equipped with high resolution thermal cameras, a range finder, loudspeaker, spotlight and mapping software for evidentiary purposes.

- C. Request to approve the appointment of Tim Ciechorski (Oak Park Administration) and Xondra Clark (Oak Park School Board) to the Oak Park Youth Assistance Board of Directors. **(Added to the agenda)**
CM-02-56-2025

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the appointment of Tim Ciechorski (Oak Park Administration) and Xondra Clark (Oak Park School Board) to the Oak Park Youth Assistance Board of Directors.

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

9. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ken Sherman, 23840 Jerome, spoke about the recent snow emergencies and how many residents ignored the declaration. He also expressed his concern again for the Oak Park businesses that will be impacted by the I-696 project.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk