



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
MARCH 17, 2025
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Council Member Edgar, Council Member Radner, Council Member Crawford

ABSENT: Council Member Whitehead

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, City Clerk Norris, City Attorney Duff, Planning Commission Member Brown, Planning Commission Member Walters-Gill, Municipal Services Director Marrone, Economic Development and Planning Specialist Habhab, Resident Services Coordinator Ciechorski

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Parking Reform Presentation - Municipal Services Department

Economic Development and Planning Specialist Salam Habab made a presentation highlighting national and local parking reform strategies and their potential benefits. A complete copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

She indicated that one of the most pressing issues affecting many urban communities is the legacy of off-street parking mandates. These mandates, established decades ago, have shaped our cities into vehicle-centered communities, increasing real estate prices, encouraging dependence on cars, reducing the use of public transportation, and contributing to high levels of air pollution and carbon emissions. Many cities across the country are now prioritizing parking reform to create more people-centered communities.

In recent years, the Economic Development and Planning Department has incorporated parking reform practices into the zoning ordinance, including shared parking, parking reduction strategies, and requirements for bicycle parking. These changes have attracted businesses and promoted a pedestrian-friendly environment.

The Economic Development and Planning team believes that integrating further parking reform strategies into the zoning ordinance will enhance the city's ability to create a more sustainable, livable, and people-centered community.

4. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ken Sherman, Jerome St. was present and expressed concerns related to neighbors who park multiple, large vehicles, on the street in his neighborhood.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk