



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
JULY 7, 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 Edgar, Council Member Radner, Council Member Whitehead, Council Member Crawford

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Radner, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2025
CM-07-204-2025
- B. Payment of invoices from OHM Advisors for Engineering Consulting Services in the total amount of \$18,444.00.
CM-07-205-2025
- C. Approval of Pay Application No.1 for the 2025 Northfield Reconstruction Project M-770 in the amount of \$123,965.35.
CM-07-206-2025

- D. Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025
CM-07-207-2025
- E. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2025 and May 21, 2025
CM-07-208-2025
- F. Request to approve Payment Application No. 6 for the 2024 Block Pruning Project to Limb Walkers Tree & Snow, LLC of Kenockee, MI in the amount of \$8,625.00.
CM-07-209-2025
- G. Payment request from Neumann Smith Architecture for Architectural Services on the Event Hub Project for the total amount of \$10,530.00.
CM-07-210-2025
- H. Approval of Pay Application No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 to Luigi Ferdinandi and Son Cement Co. of Roseville, MI for the 2025 Catch Basin Line Replacement Project, M-779 in the amount of \$257,651.94 and (\$42,126.18) respectively.
CM-07-211-2025
- I. New and Renewal Licenses for July 7, 2025
CM-07-212-2025

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no elected officials present who wished to speak.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Special Retirement Recognition for Lieutenant Joseph Meier

City Manager Tungate presented a plaque recognizing Lieutenant Joseph Meier, who retired from the City of Oak Park last month.

8. ORDINANCES

- A. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Sections 18-211, 18-215, and 18-231 of Chapter 18, Articles V AND VI, of the Code of Ordinances. (The amendments update compliance provisions to align with state law and the 2021 version of the International Property Maintenance Code that the City of Oak Park has adopted by reference.)
CM-07-213-2025

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to approve the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Sections 18-211, 18-215, and 18-231 of Chapter 18, Articles V AND VI, of the Code of Ordinances.

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

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9. CITY MANAGER

- A. Municipal Services

1. Resolution approving purchase of a tax foreclosed parcel at 10670 W. Nine Mile Road and to request a budget amendment in the Corridor Improvement Authority Budget.

CM-07-214-2025

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of a tax-foreclosed parcel at 10670 W. Nine Mile Road and to request a budget amendment in the Corridor Improvement Authority Budget to fund the purchase.

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

Municipal Services Director Marrone indicated that a list was provided to the Oak Park Finance Department of all available properties for purchase from the Oakland County tax foreclosure process. The resolution allows the City of Oak Park to purchase 10670 W. Nine Mile Road with the intent of selling the property to a third party for redevelopment. The parcel is located within the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) and has the potential to be redeveloped into a "mixed use" and be a catalyst project. Once the property is acquired, a formal process to sell to a developer will be conducted in order to select the best applicant. The funding will come from the Corridor Improvement Authority budget (251-00.000-818) via a budget amendment. This has been approved by the CIA Board.

2. Approval of Pay Application No. 2 and Change Order No. 1 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, in the amount of \$293,970.43 and \$17,530.20 respectively.

CM-07-215-2025

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve Pay Application No. 2 and Change Order No. 1 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, in the amount of \$293,970.43 and \$17,530.20 respectively.

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

Municipal Services Director Marrone summarized Pay Application No.2 and proposed Change Order No.1 for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, by Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI. The project includes Water Main Replacement in specific areas of the city and is approximately 75% complete.

B. Department of Public Works

1. Approval of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Urban and Community Forestry, Inflation Reduction Act Grant in the amount of \$118,171.00.

CM-07-216-2025

Motion by Radner, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Urban and Community Forestry, Inflation Reduction Act Grant in the amount of \$118,171.00, allow the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the city, and to authorize the Finance Department to perform a budget amendment for the total

amount of \$118,171.00 to fund this project until reimbursements are received from the DNR.

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

Deputy City Manager DeCoster indicated that earlier this year, Public Works staff wrote a grant to the DNR for a comprehensive tree inventory and the planting of trees throughout the city. In June 2025, the city was notified that this grant was awarded in the total amount of \$118,171.00. This is a 100% reimburseable grant with zero match from the city. The tree inventory will be a valuable asset as we continue to utilize GIS in our day-to-day operations. This tree survey will include every right-of-way tree within the city and will log its location, size, species, condition, risk rating, as well as a picture. The amendment is for the current fiscal year (FY2025-26) with funds being moved from the Local Streets fund balance to the Local Streets, Professional Services account (203-18.479-801).

2. Award Albaugh Masonry the contract for the 2025 Event Hub Project in the total amount of \$600,800.00.

CM-07-217-2025

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Radner, CARRIED, to award the masonry contract for the 2025 Event Hub Project to Albaugh Masonry in the total amount of \$600,800.00 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the city subject to final review by the City Attorney.

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

Deputy City Manager DeCoster indicated the request to bid for the 2025 Event Hub Project was approved (CM-11-319-2024) at the November 4, 2024, regular meeting of the Oak Park City Council. The project was advertised and on April 29, 2025, bids were received and opened. Albaugh Masonry was the low bidder for bid category G - Masonry. While our Construction Manager holds the majority of our Event Hub contracts, the city will hold a few of the contracts. The Albaugh contract is one of those contracts. Frank Rewold will still manage this work. Post-bid interviews were held, and the administration is comfortable with this contractor. Funding is available from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund for this project.

3. Request from Limb Walkers Tree & Snow of Kenosha, WI for a contract extension of the 2024 Block Pruning Contract.

CM-07-218-2025

Motion by Radner, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to approve the offer for the contract extension from Limb Walker Tree & Snow for the 2025 Block Tree Pruning Contract for a total amount of \$95,000.00.

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

Limb Walkers Tree & Snow requested a contract extension of the 2024 Block Pruning Contract.

The city would also like to execute a one (1) year extension of this project to perform the 2025 Block Pruning Contract. The current contract allows for two - one (1) year extensions for the project that includes trimming, removal, and stumping of select trees around the City of Oak Park.

C. Elevate Oak Park

1. Community Pool Update

City Manager Tungate reported the city has spent \$368,354 on pool repairs and maintenance over the last 5 years including \$29,771 this year.

10. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Pamela (Pea Gee) Gerald, Southfield, MI, informed the Council and the audience about an upcoming Community Forum to address Synthetic Drugs and Human Trafficking. The event is scheduled for July 23, 2025, at the Southfield Pavilion from 5:50pm-8:30pm.

Cheryl Weiss, 24101 Norwood St., thanked those involved with the 4th of July planning and execution for a job well done. She also presented the results of a social media poll she conducted regarding the mini-golf course and discussed her desire to start using the box hockey equipment that was previously donated to the City.

Ken Sherman, 23840 Jerome St. expressed his concern about the cost associated with emergency repairs to the pool. He is also concerned that the fence protecting the Event Hub site poses a driving danger and that the Oak Park Schools rank third in the State for truancy.

Silva Haywood, 21750 Kenosha St., spoke about a traffic concern she has with drivers ignoring the stop signs at Pearson and Kenosha and also asked for guidance on how to have a block party.

11. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk