



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 4, 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 Whitehead, Council Member Crawford

ABSENT: Council Member Radner

OTHERS

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2025
CM-08-242-2025
- B. Special City Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2025
CM-08-243-2025
- C. Payment of invoices from OHM Advisors for Engineering Consulting Services in the total amount of \$7,565.00.
CM-08-244-2025

- D. Approval of Pay Application No. 2 for the 2025 Northfield Reconstruction Project, M-770 in the amount of \$245,552.58
CM-08-245-2025
- E. Request to approve a contract extension to Watkins Ross for actuarial services
CM-08-246-2025
- F. Request Authorization to bid the 2025 Eleven Mile Road Alleys and Parking Lot Reconfiguration streetscape amenities and additional waste receptacles within the Corridor Improvement Authority boundaries.
CM-08-247-2025
- G. Request authorization to bid the 11 Mile Water Tower District Mural Project
CM-08-248-2025
- H. Request to approve Payment Application No. 2 for the 2025 Lawn Maintenance Contract, to Capital Landscapes of Ferndale, MI in the amount of \$9,650.87.
CM-08-249-2025
- I. Request to approve Payment Application No. 2 for the 2025 Landscape Maintenance Contract, to Capital Landscapes of Ferndale, MI in the amount of \$5,966.25.
CM-08-250-2025
- J. Payment request from Neumann Smith Architecture for Architectural Services on the Event Hub Project for the total amount of \$1,848.00.
CM-08-251-2025
- K. Corridor Improvement Meeting Minutes for April 16, May 15 and June 18, 2025
CM-08-252-2025
- L. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025
CM-08-253-2025
- M. Retirement Board Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2025
CM-08-254-2025
- N. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes April 22, 2025
CM-08-255-2025
- O. ACDC Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025
CM-08-256-2025
- P. New and Renewal Licenses for August 4, 2025
CM-08-257-2025

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no elected officials present who wished to speak.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Tribute to the Honorable Emile J. Duplessis, former Oak Park City Council Member

The Mayor and City Manager presented a tribute to the family and friends of former Oak Park Council Member Emile Duplessis, Jr.

8. SPECIAL LICENSES

- A. Special Event License Application for the Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission sponsored Native Michigan Plant Sale event to be held September 21, 2025
CM-08-258-2025

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to approve the following special event request subject to all departmental approvals:

NAME	EVENT	FEE
Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission	Native Michigan Plant Sale Sep. 21, 2025 10am - 2pm Community Center Parking Lot	App fee waived

Voice Vote: YES: McClellan, Edgar, Whitehead, Crawford
 NO: None
 ABSENT: Radner

9. BIDS

- A. Request to award the 2025 ARPA Minor Home Repair Projects to We Preserve Michigan, LLC of Southfield, MI for \$28,858.00.
CM-08-259-2025

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to award the 2025 ARPA Minor Home Repair Projects to We Preserve Michigan, LLC of Southfield, MI for \$28,858.00..

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

The Municipal Services Department accepted applications for the 2025 ARPA Minor Home Repair Program from February 1, 2025, through March 20, 2025. A total of forty (40) applications were submitted. Of the forty (40) applications, seven (7) were excluded as they did not meet the qualifications. A review group assessed eighteen (18) properties via an onsite inspection. These properties were prioritized based on the applicant's description of needed repairs. Eleven (11) of the eighteen (18) properties qualified to have a project performed based on the most immediate need for health, safety, and welfare concerns. Four contractors, approved by the Oakland County Neighborhood and Housing Development Department, were solicited to bid on the eleven (11) projects. Three bids were submitted with We Preserve Michigan LLC being the successful low bidder.

10. CITY MANAGER

- A. Municipal Services
1. Approval of Pay Application No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, in the amount of \$39,302.53 and \$12,342.38 respectively.
CM-08-260-2025

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve Pay Application No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 to Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, in the amount of \$39,302.53 and \$12,342.38 respectively.

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

Municipal Services Director Marrone summarized Pay Application No. 3 and proposed Change Order No. 2 for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project, M-769, by Eminent Excavating Local LLC of Dearborn, MI. Change Order No. 2 includes work to investigate a water leak on the project. This project includes Water Main Replacement along Nine Mile and on Sussex. The project is approximately 75% complete. This project is partially funded through a \$900,000 reimbursement grant that was received.

2. Request to Approve Mural Application for Offices at 11, located at 13691 11 Mile Rd.
CM-08-261-2025

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to approve the Mural Application for Offices at 11, located at 13691 11 Mile Rd.

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

The mural ordinance requires all murals to be approved by the City Council. The Mural Review Board is responsible for making a recommendation to the City Council and is comprised of the Economic Development and Planning Director, the Mayor, and local artist Robert Mirek. The board reviewed the mural to make sure it is in compliance with the size/dimension requirements of the City ordinance. The mural can only be regulated by those requirements and not the content, except to the extent of determining if it is a sign. The cost is to be paid by Chris & Ally Diroll, of Offices at 11, along with a façade grant from the Oak Park Corridor Improvement Authority. The artist is Krista Krautner, from Fraser, MI, who has done many projects in the Metro Detroit Area.

3. Request to Approve Facade Grant for Offices at Eleven, located at 13691 11 Mile Road for \$4,500.
CM-08-262-2025

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to approve a Facade Grant for Offices at Eleven, located at 13691 11 Mile Road for \$4,500.

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

The Corridor Improvement Authority has received an application for a Façade Improvement Grant from building owner Chris & Ally Driroll, of Offices at Eleven located at 13691 W 11 Mile Rd. The project consists of painting a 12 x 30 foot mural on the east side of the building. The project specifications have met city guidelines for the program. The CIA board has reviewed the grant application and recommends approving the façade grant for a maximum amount of \$4,500.

11. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Solomon Zeiler, 26061 Radcliff Pl., spoke to his on-going concerns with the sidewalk project that was performed in his neighborhood last year. He also spoke to a long grass notice he received due to a very tall weed that was growing on his street.

Don Jones, 24660 Westhampton, spoke about the Greater Grace Thrift Store and encouraged attendance at the Oak Park Cruise and Groove. He also encouraged residents to sign a ballot initiative for Ranked Choice Voting.

Delphine Drake, 13400 Irvine, came to protest a lawn cutting bill she received from the city.

Silva Haywood, 21750 Kenosha St., thanked Public Safety for putting the speed radar trailer in her neighborhood and indicated she felt it helped deter speeding drivers. She also inquired about the street flooding after heavy rains.

12. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk