



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 18, 2025
5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 Whitehead, Council Member Crawford

ABSENT: Council Member Radner

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, Deputy City Clerk Williams-Elliott, Municipal Services Director Marrone, Library Director Schaaf and City Attorney Krause, Deputy City Manager Oweczarszak, Deputy City Manager DeCoster

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. Board and Commission candidate interviews and re-appointment and new appointment consideration.

Council conducted interviews with the following candidates to fill vacancies on city boards and commissions:

Antoinette Mills	Jim Head
Kevin Keys	Brenda Richard
Lauryn La Torre	Talitha Johnson
Eric Love	Jennifer Szonye
Verslala Parish	Ian Cochran
Carrie Muxlow	Dana Braxton
Kyle Gierada	

Council considered the following candidates who interviewed previously and are currently serving on another board:

Ann-Marie Parish

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to authorize the following reappointment of members to city boards and commissions:

REAPPOINTEE	BOARD/COMMISSION	NEW TERM TO EXPIRE
Sarah Davidson	Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2028
Tannis Cummings	Board of Review	August 2028
Steven Gold	Board of Review	August 2028
Leslye Harlik-Richie	Library Board	August 2027
Cheryl Daniel	Library Board	August 2027
Carian Taylor	Parks and Recreation Commission	August 2028
Ajai Tice	Parks and Recreation Commission	August 2028
Theresa Lorick-Henderson	Parks and Recreation Commission	August 2028
Beverly Wiggins	Parks and Recreation Commission	August 2028
Michael Eizelman	Planning Commission	August 2028
Howard Tkatch	Planning Commission	August 2028
Leslie Ellis	Recycling Commission	August 2028
Jonathan Nachman	Recycling Commission	August 2028
Richard Readus	Recycling Commission	August 2028
Kenneth Sherman	Recycling Commission	August 2028
Kemi Jackson	Traffic Safety Board	August 2028
Sharrista Brown	Traffic Safety Board	August 2028
Talesa Anderson	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2028
Aaron Kleid	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2028
Sharrista Brown	Zoning Board of Appeals	August 2028

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

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to authorize the following removal from the Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	REASON
Avi Snider	Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	Attendance

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

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, FAILED, to authorize the following appointments to the Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Kevin Keys	Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2028

Voice Vote: Yes: Whitehead, Crawford
 No: McClellan, Edgar
 Absent: Radner

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Crawford, FAILED, to authorize the following appointments to the Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Lauryn La Torre	Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	August 2028

Voice Vote: Yes: McClellan, Edgar
 No: Whitehead, Crawford
 Absent: Radner

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Ian Cochran	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	August 2028

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

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Crawford, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointments to the Beautification Advisory Commission:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Jennifer Szonye	Beautification Advisory Commission	August 2028
Jim Head	Beautification Advisory Commission	August 2028
Talitha Johnson	Beautification Advisory Commission	August 2028

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

Absent: Radner

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointments to the Corridor Improvement Authority:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Versala Parish	Corridor Improvement Authority	August 2028

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

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointment to the Board of Review (Regular Member):

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Ann-Marie Parish	Board of Review	August 2028

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

Motion by Edgar, seconded by Whitehead, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointment to the Board of Review (Alternate Member):

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Eric Love	Board of Review (Alternate Member)	August 2028

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

Motion by Whitehead, seconded by Edgar, CARRIED, to authorize the following appointment to the Library Board:

APPOINTEE	BOARD	TERM TO EXPIRE
Dana Braxton	Library Board	August 2027

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

4. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McClellan adjourned the special meeting at 6:59 PM.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk