



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
36th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

This Special Meeting of the 36th Oak Park City Council was held in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall located at 14000 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Notice of this Special Meeting was given in compliance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the "Open Meetings Act".

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor McClellan at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Burns (*arrived 5:33 p.m.*), Council Member Radner, Council Member Rich (*arrived 5:36 p.m.*), Council Member Speech

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, Assistant City Manager Yee, Deputy City Clerk Brown, Assistant to the City Manager McLain, City Attorney Duff, Community and Economic Development Director Marrone, City Planner Rulkowski, Director of Community Engagement DeSantis, Recreation Director Stasiak

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

(AGENDA ITEM #3A) Discuss amendments to various City ordinances

Council Member Radner requested that City Council wait to begin discussion until the arrival of Mayor Pro Tem Burns and Council Member Rich.

Regular Agenda items 13A & 13B. At 5:36 p.m. City Attorney Duff introduced the proposed ordinances regarding Smoking Lounges, and noted that multiple administrative meetings have been held on the issues with legal counsel, the City Manager and representatives of the Public Safety and Community and Economic Development departments.

City Planner Rulkowski confirmed the use will be restricted to the B2 district. Regarding Council Member Speech's concerns with neon signs, Planner Rulkowski noted neon is not specifically prohibited. Attorney Duff indicated sign legislation is being reviewed at the administrative level and the issue of neon may be added to that discussion. Council Member Speech noted she prefers that neon signage be turned off when a business is closed.

Attorney Duff noted Council has been provided with updated versions of the proposed ordinance which increases the amount of liability insurance required to \$500,000. The ordinance requires applicants to present a state issued exemption certificate as defined in the definitions section, a stipulation which does not impede constitutional rights.

Regular Agenda item 13C. Attorney Duff commented that the proposed ordinance regarding Dangerous Building is a one-line amendment that provides for a due process period if the property owner requests it. She indicated other communities have successfully implemented a similar provision.

Returning to the proposed ordinance effecting changes to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to Smoking Lounges, Council Member Radner questioned how the 500' measurement is applied. Attorney Duff agreed to insert language into the proposed ordinance clarifying the City will apply the State of Michigan's standard as defined in the regulated uses section.

Regular Agenda Item 15E. Council Member Speech questioned the removal from the agenda of the extension of the moratorium on accepting applications for Medical Marijuana Grow Facilities and Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Attorney Duff reported Governor Snyder passed revisions to the medical marijuana law on September 28, and the City's ordinance is being reviewed in light of the State's changes. The City's current ordinance bans the facilities, so a moratorium is unnecessary.

(AGENDA ITEM #3B) City Manager Update on Special Projects

Lead Service Locations

Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Yee asked for Council's input on contacting the owners of approximately 90 properties identified as having private lead service lines and offering a program whereby the City would replace the lines and allow the owners to finance the replacement with a 10-year assessment. There are a few other communities offering replacement programs. City Manager Tungate noted the DEQ is going to be pushing communities to replace these lines, and the City is trying to be proactive.

Council Member Rich advocated waiting for directive from the State. Mayor Pro Tem Burns and Council Member Speech indicated a general willingness to move forward.

Council Member Rich requested a closed session meeting with the City Attorney to discuss the issue. City Attorney Duff suggested postponing further discussion at this time..

Water Tower Project/696 Overpass

City Manager Tungate presented three renderings of water tower paint schemes. He also presented the idea of adding the same leaf that is planned to be used on the 696 overpass for branding purposes.

Council Members were opposed to the rendering showing black bands above and below green lettering. In general Members felt the renderings were boring and were in favor of adding the leaf graphic.

Council Members generally did not like the 696 overpass design with multiple arches, and did like the "City of Oak Park" rendering with the leaf graphic.

City Manager Tungate agreed to bring more renderings of both projects to Council for consideration.

Mayor McClellan recessed the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

City Newsletter

City Manager Tungate presented a proposal to replace the bi-monthly newsletter with a quarterly City magazine of at least 16 pages which would include Recreation, Senior and Library programming as well as general City content.

Council members were in general consensus to a one-year trial period for quarterly publication.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:

There were no members of the audience wishing to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Cherilynn Brown, Deputy City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor