



**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
36th OAK PARK CITY COUNCIL
October 2, 2017
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, Council Member Radner, Council Member Speech (Arrived at 5:53 PM)

ABSENT: Council Member Rich

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Tungate, City Clerk Norris, City Attorney Duff, Director of Strategic Planning & Special Projects McClain, Library Director Bowman, Communications Director DeSantis, Assistant City Manager Yee and Recreation Director Stasiak

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

(AGENDA ITEM #3A) Library Discussion

City Manager Tungate presented a memo regarding proposed initiatives in response to library safety concerns and teen-based recreation programs. The proposed initiatives were in response to concerns expressed during the city council meeting held September 5, 2017 and a subsequent meeting that was held with students, the Oak Park High School principal, teachers, and parents. Mr. Tungate indicated the initiatives would help improve safety at the Library as well as implement new programs geared toward teens during the hours of 3-6 p.m. in the Community Center. He also outlined the following past actions the City has taken to address safety concerns at the Library:

1. Implemented a "zero-tolerance" policy regarding teen behavioral issues in the Library. (FY 2015-216)
2. Started a new policy requiring a Security Log and Incident Report in 2015. (FY 2015-16)
3. Invested approximately \$9,000 annually to open a designated area for teenagers in the Library called the Teen Center. (FY 2015-2016)
4. Began requiring a "check-in" policy for the Teen Center in which patrons would have to provide school identification in order to enter. (FY 2015-2016)
5. Invested approximately \$10,000 in new security cameras in the Library. (FY 2016-2017)

Council discussed the new initiatives and there was consensus among Council Members to postpone action on the following:

- Adding one drinking fountain to recreation rooms 3 and 4. (cost: up to \$2,500)
- Adding storage space for both the Library and the Department of Technical & Planning, as to make the operations within the Municipal Services building run more smoothly and free up more floor space for activities and programming. (cost: up to \$2,500)

**SCM-10-414-17 AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT ACTIONS PERTAINING
TO THE OAK PARK LIBRARY – APPROVED**

Motion by Radner, seconded by Burns, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to authorize the following actions pertaining to the Oak Park Library:

- Placing a new television on the wall behind the front desk of the Library that displays security camera footage and is faced outward so that patrons can see it. (cost: up to \$1,000)
- Moving bookshelves and orienting them to limit the access between the Teen Center and the rest of the Library. (no additional cost)
- Adding Community Center rooms 3 and 4 to the Teen Center. Room 4 will hold passive, non-structured programming, while room 3 will hold active, structured programming.
- Hiring an additional security professional for up to 15 hours per week at \$10 per hour to monitor the Library and Teen Center from 3-6pm. (cost: up to \$7,500 annually)
- Hiring a teen recreation instructor(s) for programming. (cost: up to \$2,500 annually)
- Buying miscellaneous equipment and supplies. (cost: up to \$1,000 annually)
- Moving between 2 and 4 computers to the Teen Center for the purpose of video gaming. (cost: no additional cost)
- Adding double doors between the Municipal Services building and the Teen Center rooms. (cost: no additional cost)
- Having the Department of Public Safety be present, via a squad car near the entrance of the Library, during “trouble times”. (cost: no additional cost)
- Adding 2 to 4 picnic tables in the open green space between the Library and City Hall. (cost: no additional cost)

Roll Call Vote:	Yes:	McClellan, Radner, Burns Speech
	No:	None
	Absent:	Rich

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED

(AGENDA ITEM #3B AND #3C)

Mayor McClellan announced that Agenda Items 3B, Closed Session and 3C, Settlement Agreement – District Court Litigation would not be needed for this meeting and were removed from the agenda. There were no objections from Council Members.

City Manager Tungate provided an update on the court settlement discussions that have taken place and indicated that an additional meeting with the principal parties is scheduled for October 5, 2017.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:

There were no members of the audience wishing to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

Marian McClellan, Mayor