

ROYAL OAK PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

Special Meeting  
Monday, September 16, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
&  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order on Monday, September 16, 2024
2. Town Hall on Draft Master Plan 2050
3. Adjournment Until Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
4. Reconvene On Tuesday, 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
5. Review of Draft Master Plan 2050 with DPZ CoDesign
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

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**Monday, September 16, 2024**

**Present**

Sharlan Douglas, City Commissioner  
Jim Ellison  
Clyde Esbri  
Woody Gontina, Vice-Chairperson  
Gary Quesada, Chairperson

**Absent**

Michael Fournier, Mayor

**Staff**

Alexander Bahorski, City Planner  
Douglas Hedges, City Planner  
Joshua Marcum, Assistant City Attorney  
Joseph Murphy, Director of Planning  
Timothy Thwing, Director of Community Development

**Consultants**

Matthew Lambert, DPZ Co-Design  
Paul Urbiel, McKenna

**Facilitator**

Brett Tillander, Metro Detroit Youth Clubs

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**1. Call to Order on Monday, September 16, 2024**

Chairperson Quesada called the September 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, special meeting of the Royal Oak Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024.

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**2. Town Hall on Draft Master Plan 2050**

Mr. Tillander read written questions submitted by the public and facilitated responses from the Mr. Lambert, Mr. Urbiel, Planning Commissioners, and staff.

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**3. Adjournment Until Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Moved** by Mr. Gontina

**Seconded** by Commissioner Douglas

**To adjourn** the meeting at 9:02 p.m. until Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion adopted unanimously.**

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**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Present**

Sharlan Douglas, City Commissioner

Jim Ellison

Clyde Esbri

Woody Gontina, Vice-Chairperson

Gary Quesada, Chairperson

**Absent**

Michael Fournier, Mayor

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Joshua Marcum, Assistant City Attorney

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**4. Reconvene On Tuesday, 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairperson Quesada reconvened the September 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, special meeting of the Royal Oak Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**Moved** by Mr. Gontina

**Seconded** by Commissioner Douglas

**To amend** the motion from last night by striking the work "adjourn" and inserting the word "recess," as it was the clear intent of this commission, evidenced by the meeting noticed as a two-day meeting with

public comment scheduled for the second day, and that the meeting was being carried over from last night to tonight, and continuing with the same meeting agenda today.

**Motion adopted unanimously.**

The previous motion now reads:

**To recess** the meeting at 9:02 p.m. until Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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#### **5. Review of Draft Master Plan 2050 with DPZ CoDesign**

Mr. Murphy provided an overview of the planning division's memorandum. The Planning Commission addressed comments and questions to Mr. Lambert and Mr. Murphy regarding the first draft of Master Plan 2050.

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#### **6. Public Comment**

Chairperson Quesada invited members of the audience to comment on any planning related issues. After all interested members of the audience came forward Chairperson Quesada closed the public comment portion of the agenda.

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#### **7. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Mr. Esbri  
**Seconded** by Mr. Ellison

To **adjourn** the September 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, special meeting of the Royal Oak Planning Commission at 8:18 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**Motion adopted unanimously.**

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Gary Quesada  
Chairperson, Planning Commission



Timothy E. Thwing  
Director of Community Development