



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: August 24, 2026

TOPIC Recommendation from Village Manager on Combination of DDA Board with Planning Commission

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

At its April 13, 2026, regular meeting, Council considered a request from Council Member Papacek to seek a recommendation from the Village Manager on the combination of the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors with the Planning Commission. Council directed the Village Manager to provide an updated recommendation from the February 2025 report.

The Village Manager has reviewed the request and any change in circumstances which would give cause to consider the consolidation of the DDA Board of Directors with the Planning Commission as permitted by Act 57 of 2018. The Village Manager finds that there is no change in circumstances that would warrant such a combination and that his February 2025 report to Council is still relevant. However, the Village Manager also finds that the recommendation set forth in the February 2025 report to amend the Village ordinance to designate the Village Manager as the chief executive officer responsible for recommending appointments to the DDA Board and to serve as voting member of the Board continues to be an important solution in addressing ongoing issues relating to Village/DDA communication, adequate Village oversight of DDA staff and projects, administrative coordination of functions, and other issues. The Village Manager recommends that Council proceed with this ordinance change.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

11/25/2024 - Council adopted a motion to direct the Village Manager to enter a discussion with the DDA Executive Director, to weigh the relative merits of the proposal and make the recommendation to Village Council on what they feel may be in the best interests of the community.

02/10/2025 – Council accepted the report and recommendation of the Village Manager to maintain separate DDA Board of Directors and Planning Commission as requested by the Village at its November 25, 2024, regular meeting.

04/13/2026 – Council directed the Village Manager to provide an updated report outlining the pros and cons of aligning the DDA Board with the Planning Commission and to present the findings to Council in a few weeks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To direct the Village Manager and Village Attorney to draft an amendatory ordinance for consideration by the Village Council to designate the Village Manager as the chief executive officer of the Village pursuant to Sections 201(h) and 204(1) of the Michigan Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended.