

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2018**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem Aubry, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Holland

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Drumm, Assistant City Attorney Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-05-060-18 Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Honoring Pride Month for 2018

The proclamation honoring Pride Month in the City of Hazel Park was read into record by Mayor Pro Tem Aubry. Mayor Webb declared June to be Pride Month.

Mike McFall of 1405 E Madge spoke in favor of the upcoming Pride Month.

Jeffrey Oliver of 57 E Milton spoke regarding the same issue and presented a Pride Flag to City Council.

Charin Davenport of 23304 Cayuga echoed the comments of previous speakers in relation to Pride Month.

BUDGET & TRUTH IN TAXATION

1. Public Hearing

Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. No one wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

2. Approval of Budget

City Manager Klobucher stated that the FY 2018-19 Budget maintains the status quo. He complimented Finance Director Alacia Christiansen for her hard work on it. Increases were kept to 1.8%, which is below the local inflation rate.

CO-05-061-18 Motion to Approve Budget: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the FY 2018-19 Budget as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Representative Robert Wittenberg commended Hazel Park on its embrace of diversity. He also provided information on his upcoming "Coffee Hours," including on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntington Woods Library, June 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the Hazel Park Library, and June 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ferndale Library. Additionally, he will be holding an ice cream social in Oak Park on August 12th.

Mayor Webb declared the week of May 20th to be Police Memorial Week.

Jeffrey Oliver of 57 E Milton mentioned the Flower Power Committee, a volunteer group which plants flowers and spreads mulch around the City. Regular meetings are held at Green Acres Park on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Hazel Park Lions Club was recognized for placing flags along the Memorial Day Parade route.

Councilmember Holland mentioned that the Hazel Park Historical Museum will be open on Memorial Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will now be showcasing Hazel Park Raceway artifacts.

City Manager Klobucher advised that the Memorial Day festival will be open from Thursday, May 24th to Monday, May 28th. The opening ceremony for the parade itself will be held at 9:00 a.m. in honor of longtime Hazel Park performer Mr. Ronnie Bell.

Mayor Webb stated that the Memorial Day festivities are a great way to meet people and see old friends.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Donna Stafford of 1459 E Hayes spoke regarding the alleged scrap business run by her neighbor at 1457 E Hayes.

Brianna D. Kingsley of 397 Ferry St. in Pontiac spoke in support of Pride Month.

Karen Lane and Diane Danks of 1742 E Elza expressed concerns about a fallen tree at the back fence-line in the Community Garden, which abuts their property.

Andrew Measel of 23424 Easterling inquired about whether trees removed during the Sidewalk Replacement Program will be replanted.

Matt Brooks of 23827 Tawas spoke regarding a City-owned tree being removed from his yard and what he felt was a lack of notice of said removal.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry advised that residents should like and follow the City's Facebook page for news updates.

Councilmember Sullivan recommended signing up for the City's email alerts.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes, 5/8/18
2. Business License Application for 941 E. Nine Mile Rd. – Back & Beyond Physical Therapy, LLC
3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Traffic Control Order #537 Section IV, to establish a Handicap Parking Zone at 119 W. Hayes

CO-05-062-18 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Freedom of Information Act Appeal

CO-05-063-18 Motion to Uphold Denial of Freedom of Information Act Request: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to uphold the denial of the Freedom of Information Act request. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CO-05-064-18 Motion to Appoint Sara Takacs-McCombs to the Historical Commission: Motion by Holland, second by Aubry, to appoint Sara Takacs-McCombs to the Hazel Park Historical Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS - None

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. 1244 E. Granet

Public Hearing was opened at 7:46 p.m. No one wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

CO-05-065-18 Motion to Affirm Order of Hearing Officer to Demolish Property and to do so Within 21 Days as Unsafe: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to

Affirm the Order of the Hearing Officer and Demolish 1244 E. Granet and to do so within 21 days as unsafe. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. 1019 E. George

Public Hearing was opened at 7:48 p.m. Terrance Jackson of 1920 Jenny Ct., Warren, who claimed to be part-owner of the property in question, addressed Council. Public Hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

CO-05-066-18 Motion to Affirm Order of Hearing Officer to Demolish Property Within 30 Days: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Affirm the Order of the Hearing Officer and Demolish 1019 E. George within 30 days. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Road Projects

City Manager Klobucher expressed the desire of all to begin repairing John R Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. The Federal Aid Commission has approved \$900,000.00 in such funding for the year 2021; the City of Hazel Park is awaiting State of Michigan approval for these funds. In the meantime, the Administration has developed three options to address these road repairs: 1) Issue a single bond and perform all repairs in 2019; 2) Issue two bonds and split the repairs between 2018 and 2019; or 3) Use existing funds for South John R Rd. in 2018, issue a single bond in early 2019, and use those funds to repay the 2018 repairs and facilitate the portion of the repairs to North John R Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. in 2019 that will not later be covered by the Federal Aid Commission.

CO-05-067-18 Motion to Authorize Administration to proceed with Option #3 for Road Repairs: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to authorize Administration to use existing funds for South John R Rd. in 2018, issue a single bond in early 2019, and use those funds to repay the 2018 repairs and facilitate the portion of the repairs to North John R Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. in 2019 that will not later be covered by the Federal Aid Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

DPW Director Chris DuBerg stated that in regards to the evolving tree removal program, a method of providing prior notice to residents can be developed. Additionally, a list of trees approved for planting by residents is located on the City's website.

Fire Chief Rich Story advised residents to check their smoke detector batteries. If anyone smells gasoline they should contact the Fire Dept. Lastly, only approved firepits should be used, which must be 15' from any structure.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

Assistant City Attorney Schwartz is very proud to be serving Hazel Park, which she believes is a wonderful place with wonderful people.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated that despite what has been purported in the news, there will be no fireworks at the recently-closed Hazel Park Raceway. New owners Ashley Capital may instead sponsor a family fun night or purchase playground equipment if they wish to do something for the community. City Manager Klobucher also met with Amazon's logistics managers with respect to drivers not using proper streets when coming and going from the Tri-County Commerce Center. This has resulted in a substantial number of tickets. Amazon is fully supportive of enforcement measures against the drivers, who are contractors from third-party companies. All were encouraged to attend the Memorial Day celebration. Lastly, the Pride flag bequeathed by Mr. Oliver will fly outside City Hall all throughout the month of June.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan thanked everyone for attending, especially since the Pride month is a cause very near and dear to her heart. She reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Opening Ceremony, which starts at 9:00 a.m., and the parade which starts at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, she mentioned how the Hazel Park High School Robotics Team won 1st Place in the Ambassadorship category and finished runner-up in a second category.

Councilmember Holland thanked everyone in attendance. She reminded that Memorial Day is about those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Fallen HPPD Officer Jessica-Nagle Wilson's family recently participated in a bicycle tour of those who have lost a family member in the line of duty. Lastly, she praised everyone who supported Pride Month, including Mr. Oliver, who has formed a club for students who need support.

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked Administration and staff for their work on the budget and on road repair planning. He mentioned that Saturday, June 2nd is Pride Fest in the City of Ferndale. He wished all a happy and safe Memorial Day Festival.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry wished a safe and happy Memorial Day to all, as well as to remember the sacrifices for which we pay tribute. She was very excited to write and present the Pride Month proclamation.

Mayor Webb congratulated the HPHS Robotics Team. He advised that the real meaning of Memorial Day is for those who fought and those who have fallen for our rights; it is a privilege to honor them. Mayor Webb encouraged people to say

hello to their neighbors, do nice acts for others, and attend the Memorial Day Parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m.

CO-05-068-18 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.



Mayor Michael Webb



James Finkley, City Clerk

(The preceding minutes are a synopsis of the City Council meeting and do not represent a verbatim record.)