

City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2020

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A moment of silence was held for the late Hazel Park City Attorney Arnie Shifman. Mayor Webb, Councilmember LeCureaux and City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding Mr. Shifman's legacy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-01-007-20 Motion to approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember LeCureaux and City Manager Klobucher advised residents regarding the upcoming Hazel Park Fire Dept. charity bowling event.

Councilmember Aubry announced that artist applications have opened for the 2020 Hazel Park Art Fair.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Sherry A. Wells spoke regarding the availability of historical records for the host of cities that used to comprise Royal Oak Township.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding a recent incidence of theft.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 1/14/2020
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
3. Invoice Approval List
4. Approve Resolution #01-006-20: Neighborhood Enterprise Zones

CO-01-008-20 Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-4: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Consent Agenda, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - None

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Nowfal Akash spoke before Council regarding licensing.

CO-01-009-20 Motion to grant a temporary license to Trucenta with stipulation that medicinal facility will be open within 60 days and for both licenses to be active immediately for recreation on a temporary basis until such time as the application process is completed for recreational marijuana: Motion by McFall, second by Aubry, to approve temporary conditional licensure for Trucenta, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young updated Council regarding water and soil sampling pertaining to the chemical situation at 945 E. 10 Mile Rd. in Madison Heights. City Manager Klobucher added that at this time there is no discernible contamination in the city of Hazel Park, though if concerns do arise residents will be advised immediately. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan also added that Michigan's Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy will be hosting a community forum at 915 E. 11 Mile Rd. in Madison Heights on February 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated that Michigan's system of municipal finance remains fundamentally broken, though Hazel Park still finds a way to persevere.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember McFall advised that the Michigan Dept. of Transportation will be holding an open house at the Hazel Park Recreation Center on February 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding the next phase of the I-75 Project (from 8 Mile Rd. to I-696).

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked everyone for their presence and participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan advised that it is the breeding season for many wild animals, so they may be more visible than normal but should present a cause for concern.

Mayor Webb thanked Superintendent Young for his update and stated how Mr. Shifman's integrity and wisdom will be missed.

City Manager Klobucher advised that a resolution will be composed for Mr. Shifman, about whom he then shared an anecdote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CO-01-010-20 Motion to enter Executive Session for Pending Litigation: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to enter Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of Pending Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session was reentered at 8:15 p.m.

CO-01-011-20 Motion to Reopen: Motion by Sullivan, second by LeCureaux, to reenter Open Session. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-01-012-20 Motion to accept recommendation of attorneys on Dado v. Hazel Park: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to accept the recommendation of attorneys in regards to Dado v. Hazel Park. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding an issue with the Hazel Park Historical Commission and Hazel Park Historical Museum. While the framework for an agreement between the City and Hazel Park School District was in place, another decision was made which appears to indicate that members of the Historical Commission have exceeded the authority granted them by Ordinance and Charter. Consequently, he was compelled to request that Council take action in this matter.

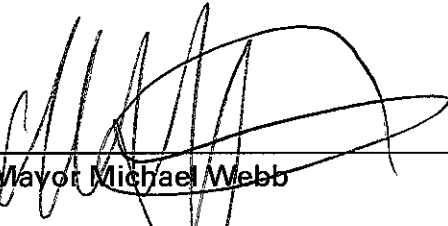
City Attorney Schwartz stated that the agreement believed to have occurred creates priority for individual special interests and fails to keep balance and impartiality for the preservation of the building and historical artifacts for the welfare of the city as a whole.

Councilmember Aubry added that the decision in question was made with personal interests in mind, rather than in the best interests of the community. The Historical Society did not make a good-faith effort to come to the City to negotiate an agreement for changing the organization of the Historical Museum.

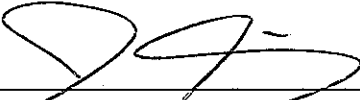
CO-01-013-20 Motion to suspend all activities of Historical Commission pending an investigation: Motion by Aubry, second by Sullivan, to suspend all activities of the Hazel Park Historical Commission. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 p.m.

CO-01-014-20 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.



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).