

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2020**

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11th, 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, Deputy City Attorney Campbell

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-02-015-20 Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper spoke regarding the role of a prosecutor in the criminal justice system.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oakland Co. Commissioner Helaine Zack spoke regarding the Census, the Coronavirus, the State of the County address, a new Health Initiative, the “Oakland 80” secondary education program, mental health, transit, speaker Michelle Duster, the Oakland Co. Bicentennial group, and the distribution of free Oak trees throughout the county.

Mayor Webb advised that an I-75 project update will be provided from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on February 13th at the Recreation Center. Residents were encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Brian Lane spoke regarding his application for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the suspension of the Hazel Park Historical Commission and the difference between it and the Hazel Park Historical Society.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 1/22/2020
2. Approve Business License for 24110 John R: Doug's Delight
3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Resolution #02-007-20: Neighborhood Enterprise Zones
6. Approve Purchase of Vacant Lot at 460 W. Maxlow Ave.

CO-02-016-20 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-6: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Neighborhood Enterprise Zones

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:33 p.m. Beth Holland, George Lakotish, John Cova, Jill Conley, Jake Slivatz, John Meacham, April Beaton, Anja Wriedt and Josh Wood spoke. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 15.54, ENTITLED NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES, TO TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 54, ENTITLED NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES, TO STATE THAT ALL PROPERTIES ELIGIBLE FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONE CERTIFICATE MUST BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO SALE BY THE HAZEL PARK BUILDING DEPARTMENT, First Reading.

CO-02-017-20 Motion to Approve Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Ordinance upon first reading: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Temporary License

CO-02-018-20 Motion to Approve Temporary License for Steadfast, LLC: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Temporary License, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

After discussion, it was decided that a Study Session would be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the February 25th Council Meeting to interview pending Board & Commission applicants.

CO-02-019-20 Motion to officially include email address on Boards & Commissions Application: Motion by Sullivan, second by Aubry, to add a line on the Boards & Commissions application for provision of an email address. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS - None**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Webb advised that an unknown substance was found at the former Hazel Park Raceway property, for which the Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy has been contacted. City Manager Klobucher added that it is not related to the chemical situation in Madison Heights, though it is being tested to determine if remediation procedures are necessary.

Mayor Webb stated again that MDOT will be at the Recreation Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones invited community members and business owners to the I-75 open house. MDOT's timetable is to simultaneously demolish the I-75 bridges at Meyers Ave., John R Rd., Woodward Heights Blvd., and the Harry Ave. pedestrian bridge at the end of February. Additionally, Nine Mile Rd. from Dequindre Ave. to Pilgrim Ave. and John R Rd. from Ten Mile Rd. to Woodward Heights Blvd. will not be salted this winter; sand will be used instead due to the new concrete.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher advised that the City of Hazel Park strongly objected to MDOT regarding the bridges specified by DPW Superintendent Jones being scheduled for simultaneous demolition. If MDOT proceeds to do so, it will be extremely hard on residents and on first responders. He also expressed his condolences to City Attorney Melissa Schwartz on the passing of her husband Bruce, who fought valiantly against Pancreatic Cancer. Residents are advised that most City Hall departments will be closed at 4:00 p.m. on February 12th so that municipal employees may attend the visitation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Aubry is glad to see such attendance at the Council Meeting and hopes that residents' questions regarding NEZs were answered.

Councilmember McFall advised that Hazel Park's first marijuana Provisioning Center is now open and employing nearly twenty Hazel Park residents.

Councilmember LeCureaux sent his condolences to Melissa Schwartz. He also echoed the compassionate words of a former Councilmember and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Lastly, he hoped to see a good turnout at the upcoming Fire Dept. bowling charity event.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan offered condolences to Melissa Schwartz and her family. She thanked people for voicing their concerns and helping to seek facts, and encouraged people to use ride-sharing services when drinking.

Mayor Webb gave his condolences to Melissa Schwartz and thanked those present for taking part in the democratic process. He wished his wife a happy birthday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CO-02-020-20 Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation:


Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-021-20 Motion to Reenter Open Session: Motion by Sullivan, second by McFall, to reenter Open Session. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

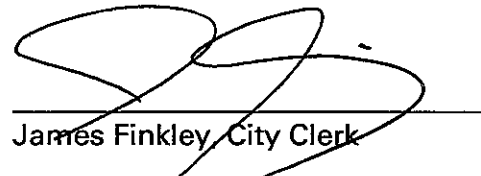
CO-02-022-20 Motion to Accept the Recommendations of the Administration and City Attorneys: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the recommendations of Closed Session. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:09 p.m.

CO-02-023-20 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).