

**City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2019**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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 Aubry, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Holland

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CO-05-050-19 Motion to Approve Revised Agenda:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Revised Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Resolution #05-011-19: National Police Week

*Resolution #05-011-19: National Police Week* was read into record by Mayor Webb. The Resolution was presented to Police Chief Brian Buchholz.

2. Proclamation Honoring Laura Mohamed

The *Proclamation Honoring Laura Mohamed* was read into record by City Manager Klobucher and presented to the honoree by Mayor Webb. Councilmember Holland presented Ms. Mohamed with a bouquet.

3. Proclamation Honoring Pride Month for 2019

The *Proclamation Honoring Pride Month for 2019* was read into record by Mayor Webb, which named June of 2019 as Pride Month in Hazel Park.

**CO-05-051-19 Motion to Approve National Police Week Resolution, Proclamation Honoring Laura Mohamed & Resolution Naming June as Pride Month 2019:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve Resolution #05-011-19: National Police Week, the Proclamation Honoring Laura Mohamed, and the Proclamation Honoring Pride Month for 2019. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

County Commissioner Helaine Zack spoke before Council regarding the SEMCOG "Walk Bike Drive Safe" initiative, a 911 telephone surcharge increase, the "Live Healthy Oakland" program, an Oakland County "Complete Count" Census drive, and the planned ORV Park coming in 2020 in Groveland and Holly Townships.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry recognized Commissioner Zack for being honored by the Area Agency on Aging 1B for volunteerism and leadership. She also advised of the pride flag-raising outside City Hall on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at which State Rep. Robert Wittenberg and State Senator Jeremy Moss will be in attendance.

Lois Reithel of Neighborhood Enrichment spoke regarding the upcoming citywide garage sale and the Hazel Park Beautification Awards.

Richard Gage spoke regarding his support of Mara Magyarosi-Laytner, who is seeking nomination to the Hazel Park Arts Council.

Councilmember Holland advised of the discounted pet vaccination clinic being held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at All About Animals (23451 Pinewood St., Warren, MI 48091) on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember LeCureaux advised that on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. a Senior Services Summit would be held by State Rep. Robert Wittenberg and Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel at the Berkley High School Collaborative Center.

Councilmember Sullivan advised that Latido at Joebar (23839 John R Rd.) will be hosting a WDET-NPR "smart politics" event on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Webb advised that there will be a parade route change for Memorial Day; this year the parade will begin at Hazel Park Junior High School. Additionally, redevelopment is on-track for 23722 John R Rd.

City Manager Klobucher advised that on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> construction is set to begin on the South John R Rd. resurfacing project, which necessitates alteration of the Memorial Day parade route as mentioned by Mayor Webb. Road repair is also set to begin for North John R Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. later this year.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chase Brown of 23089 Battelle Ave. recently completed his Eagle Scout project and has decided to donate the leftover funds to the City of Hazel Park.

Darlene Shaughnessy (1122 E. Granet Ave.) of Neighborhood Enrichment spoke regarding the potential purchase of new municipal flower-pots in the downtown area.

Leigh McLaughlin (23029 Stauber Ave.) of the Hazel Park Historical Commission read a statement before Council regarding said Commission.

Charles Gladue (339 W. George Ave.) of the Hazel Park Lions Club spoke regarding Councilmembers and the Memorial Day beverage tent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 4/23/2019
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
3. Approve Business License Application for 400 W. Nine Mile Rd. – Motor City Steam Team, LLC: Restoration services
4. Approve Business License Application for 23231 John R Rd. – Fresenius Kidney Care Hazel Park: Dialysis center
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Approve Transfer of City-Owned Vacant Lots
7. Approve Updated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures & Guidelines
8. Licensing – Shifting Operations within the Property Portfolio
9. Approve SOCRRA Representative (LeCureaux) and Alternate (Jones) to Board of Trustees
10. Approve Hazel Park Patrol Officers Tentative Agreement
11. Approve Business License Application for 803 E. Nine Mile Rd. – 24/7/365 Inc.: Commercial janitorial service

**CO-05-052-19 Motion to Approve Items #1-11 on Consent Agenda:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 9.39 SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS, TO ADD SECTION 9.39.045, CONSUMING OR SMOKING MARIHUANA IN A PUBLIC PLACE, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OR SMOKING OF MARIHUANA IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO AMEND TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE, TO ADD SECTION 9.39.046, TO PROVIDE THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND TO AMEND SECTION 9.39.070 TO ESTABLISH PENALTY EXCEPTION FOR SECTION 9.39.046, Second Reading.
2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE TO AMEND SECTION 9.90.010, SELLING TO A MINOR PROHIBITED TO INCLUDE TOBACCO PRODUCT, VAPOR PRODUCT, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCT, IN ANY FORM; SECTION 9.90.030, NOTICE POSTING; SECTION 9.90.040, TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE, POSSESSION OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, VAPOR PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS BY MINORS IN PUBLIC, AND TO PROVIDE THE PENALTY THEREOF; SECTION 9.90.060, VIOLATION-PENALTY, TO AMEND THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 9.90.010 AND 9.90.030; AND TO ADD SECTION 9.90.011, DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS SECTION, Second Reading.

**CO-05-053-19 Motion to Approve Administrative Report Items #1 & 2:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to Approve Ordinances 01-19 & 02-19 upon second reading, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY, CHAPTER 9, FIREWORKS, SECTION 8.09.030 AMEND DEFINITIONS TO ELIMINATE THE TERM NATIONAL HOLIDAY, 8.09.040 TO AMEND THE IGNITION, DISCHARGE AND USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS, AND 8.09.070 AMEND THE PENALTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE AMENDED MICHIGAN FIREWORKS ACT, First Reading.

**CO-05-054-19 Motion to Approve Amendment to Fireworks Ordinance:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve the Administrative Report #3 upon first reading. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None**

**TABLED ITEMS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Police Chief Buchholz thanked Council for the Resolution honoring National Police Week. He also thanked Jennifer Emmitt of the Dept. of Public Works for her memorial to fallen HPPD Officer Jessica Nagle-Wilson. Moreover, an under-reported element of police work is the mental health toll and high rate of suicide, though thankfully these issues are increasingly coming to light.

DPW Superintendent Thomas Jones advised that construction is set to start on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for John R Rd. Every effort will be made to keep commercial entrances open throughout construction, with a letter going out to affected businesses. Additionally, the Sidewalk Replacement Program has begun in the area of Battelle, Hazelwood and Reynolds Avenues. There are multiple payment options for residents involved in the program. Discussions have taken place with GFL regarding switching to five-day-per-week garbage collection, which may tentatively commence in July pending SOCRRA approval. Replacement garbage and recycling bins are available from the DPW. On Earth Awareness Day (May 4<sup>th</sup>) six palettes of electronics and about four palettes of paint were collected.

Water Superintendent Timothy Young wished to remind everyone about West Nile Virus awareness. Specifically, residents should check their yards for any standing water reservoirs, which provide breeding grounds for mosquitos; the City will treat roadway drains for the same reason.

Communications Director Jared Gajos urged people to volunteer and sign-up for the Scout Park renovation. Forms are available from the Recreation Dept., City Manager's Office, and Hazel Park School District. No building or construction experience is necessary, with childcare and meals provided (the last date to register for childcare is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>).

City Manager Klobucher recognized Jared Gajos and Linda Yono from the City Manager's Office, Recreation Director Sareen Papakhian, Superintendents Jones and Young, Chief Buchholz, Hazel Park School District Superintendent Dr. Amy Kruppe, Amanda Klein,

Amanda Taylor, Pastor Craig Brundage, Melissa Baldwin, Councilmember LeCureaux, and many others who have helped. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the project.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Schwartz thanked Mr. Gladue for his question earlier in the meeting. She also commended the City Council for enforcing the City Charter and Ordinances through hard work and tough decisions.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher state that it's amazing what the City has been able to be accomplish despite Michigan's broken system of municipal finance. Speaking of Police Week, policing is the toughest job in America. Officers deserve our respect and appreciation for keeping us safe. He wanted to let the men and women of the HPPD know how much they are appreciated and that, along with the residents of Hazel Park, much credit is deserved for the low crime rates at present. City is pleased to bring new development to the site at 23722 John R Rd., which has long been vacant. Efforts will be redoubled to bring uniform economic development across Hazel Park. The Memorial Day festival is coming, and City Manager Klobucher looks forward to seeing everyone there. Additionally, the much-needed John R Rd. repairs are set to begin.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Sullivan wished everyone a safe weekend and thanked them for attending. She stated that while it is difficult to please everyone, Council's best interests are often the community's best interests. She advised people to get their pets vaccinated at the May 18<sup>th</sup> clinic and she hopes to see people at Latido on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Holland congratulated Ms. Mohamed and relayed her appreciation. She also recognized the home-partners that support HPPD Officers, who are also deeply valued. She wished everyone a happy Mother's Day, which extends beyond biological mothers. People are still needed to sign-up and volunteer for the Scout Park project. Councilmember Holland warned prospective homebuyers/renters to perform due diligence, especially in light of the prevalence of fraudulent and predatory selling practices; she also wished to see better education for first-time homebuyers.

City Manager Klobucher added that potential buyers should be especially careful about putting down payments on houses that have yet to be built.

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked Ms. Mohamed and Mr. Brown, who are part of the fabric of Hazel Park. As a reminder, bicyclists riding at night must have lights. The Hazel Park Casual Biking Club meets at the High School at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. He also thanked the volunteers for the Scout Park project and hopes to see everyone on Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry was excited to see such participation in the democratic process as

exemplified by the turnout at the Council meeting. She also congratulated Mr. Brown on his achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mayor Webb thanked the Police Dept., along with other municipal employees for their commitment. He also congratulated Ms. Mohamed and thanked Mr. Brown for his initiative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 p.m.**

**CO-05-055-19 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Mayor Michael Webb



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James Finkley, City Clerk

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