City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 via Zoom video/telephone conferencing in accordance with Executive Order 2020-15. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Deputy City Attorney Campbell, Assistant City Attorney Mason

CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-05-082-20 Motion to Approve Revised Agenda: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Declaring June 2020 as Pride Month

The above-listed Proclamation was read into record by City Manager Klobucher.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember LeCureaux reminded all residents about the 2020 U.S. Census. Mayor Webb urged those who have not yet filed their data to do so. Councilmember McFall advised that Hazel Park is currently ahead of the State of Michigan’s overall return rate. City Manager Klobucher praised Hazel Park’s rate of return.

Planning & Economic Development Director advised that as a Main Street community, Hazel Park is among the first in line to receive “reopening kits” composed of personal protective equipment from Oakland County.

Julia Music thanked Council for passing a resolution for Pride Month and advised of the “We’re Home, We’re Here” event and Pride festival in September.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Stanley Scott spoke regarding 5G cellular phone towers, I-75 construction, and the resumption of in-person church services.
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve 5/19/2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
3. Invoice Approval List

CO-05-083-20 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-3: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to Approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET & TRUTH IN TAXATION

1. Public Hearing

Public Hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m.

CO-05-084-20 Motion to Recess for five minutes: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to recess for five (5) minutes. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-05-085-20 Motion to return from Recess: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to return from recess. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Budget

Councilmember LeCureaux moved approval of the Budget. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Aubry moved to add a clause to the Budget Resolution that states that the Administration will bring back a Budget Amendment to City Council at the second meeting in September. Motion died for lack of a second.

CO-05-086-20 Motion to pass Budget: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to Approve FY 2020-21 City of Hazel Park Budget, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
1. Approval of 2020 Draft Master Plan Distribution

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell and Sarah Traxler and Adam Cook of Mckenna spoke before Council regarding the 2020 draft Master Plan distribution.

CO-05-087-20 Motion to Approve 2020 Draft Master Plan Distribution: Motion by Aubry, second by McFall, to Approve 2020 Draft Master Plan Distribution, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS
CO-05-088-20 Motion for Administration to come back to City Council the second meeting in August with an update on where the City of Hazel Park stands with the Budget: Motion by Aubry, second by McFall, for City Council to be provided with FY 2020-21 Budget update at the 2nd City Council Meeting in August of 2020. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-05-089-20 Motion for Administration to provide cost estimates by the second August Meeting for a dedicated head of Code Enforcement, Communications person, Economic Development person & general Grant-writer: Motion by Aubry, second by McFall, for City Council to be provided with cost estimates for hiring a dedicated head of Code Enforcement, Communications and Economic Development personnel, and a general grant-writer by the 2nd City Council Meeting in August, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-05-090-20 Motion that all Public Notices shall also be published through the City website and other appropriate social media and newsletters with accompanying information: Motion by Aubry, second by Sullivan, to have all Public Notices published on the City’s website, social media outlets and newsletters, along with accompanying information. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated the FY 2020-21 Budget is not a normal one. Quotes for specific positions can be obtained for Council, but the funding for new and possibly even current positions may not ultimately be available in the wake of COVID-19. Hopefully pent-up demand will lead to an economic bounce when Michigan reopens. For a number of years the City of Hazel Park has been advocating that Michigan’s system of municipal finance is fundamentally broken and the next shock to the economic system could result in a wave of municipal bankruptcies.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:16 p.m.

CO-05-091-20 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael Webb

James Finkle, City Clerk

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

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