

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing in accordance with Executive Order 2020-15. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 – 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-06-092-20 Motion to approve Agenda as presented: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CO-06-093-20 Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation of Hazel Park Provisioning Center, LLC v. City of Hazel Park, et al., personnel matters & property acquisition: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve enter Closed Session for the purposes of pending litigation, personnel matters and lease of real property. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reentered Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

CO-06-094-20 Motion to accept recommendations from City counsel and outside counsel in matter of Hazel Park Provisioning Center, LLC v. City of Hazel Park, et al.: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the decline of COVID-19 cases in Michigan and the proposed amendment to the Hazel Park Historical Commission Ordinance.

Melody Harris spoke regarding the Ordinance governing noise nuisances.

Shannon Williams spoke regarding the licensing of Recreational Marijuana facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Study Session & City Council Meeting Minutes 5/26/2020
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
3. Invoice Approval List
4. Approve Business License for 21502 John R Rd.: Ivy Room LLC – Event space

CO-06-095-20 Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1-4: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to Approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2.48.020 Composition - Vacancy of Chapter 2.48 of the Hazel Park Municipal Code - Historical Commission, First Reading

CO-06-096-20 Motion to approve proposed amendment to Historical Commission:

Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2.48.020 of the Hazel Park Municipal Code upon First Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CO-06-097-20 Motion to appoint Sharon Abramsky, Frank Accavitti III, Brian Patrick Lane, David Morabito, Jeff Campbell & Ed Klobucher *ex officio* to Main Street Hazel Park:

Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to appoint Sharon Abramsky, Frank Accavitti III, Brian Patrick Lane, David Morabiot, Jeff Campbell, and Ed Klobucher *ex officio* to Main Street Hazel Park. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Webb appointed Mike McFall to Main Street Hazel Park.

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Residential Grading: Chad Findley of Nowak & Fraus

Mr. Findley spoke before Council about residential grading concerns and solutions, specifically regarding methods to hold builders of new homes accountable for the proper grading of their work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Brian Buchholz spoke regarding contemporary training being conducted by the Hazel Park Police Dept., including videos, shift briefings, de-escalation techniques and racial intelligence training. City Manager Klobucher commended Chief Buchholz for his leadership of the HPPD and for personally interacting with all members of the recent protest outside City Hall.

City Clerk Finkley spoke regarding Absent Voter Ballot Applications for the upcoming August Primary and November General elections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher raised the prospective lease of the Erickson Building/Hazel Park Historical Museum from the Hazel Park School District.

CO-06-098-20 Motion to accept lease as stated and as recommended by Attorneys and Administration: Motion by Sullivan, second by Aubry, to approve the lease of 45 E. Pearl Ave. from the Hazel Park School District. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Klobucher advised that the City is continuing to monitor the actions of the State of Michigan with respect to budgeting and funding. The budgetary impacts will be provided to Council on an ongoing basis. Hazel Park will find a way as always, but the potential for economic devastation in communities across the state is a very real possibility in the absence of federal assistance. He is pleased with how municipal employees and residents have risen to the occasion during this crisis.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Aubry advised residents to stay cool during the current heat wave, especially with many cooling centers closed due to COVID-19. She encouraged people to wear masks, support their local businesses and be neighborly to one another.

Councilmember McFall appreciated how Chief Buchholz and other officers spoke with every attendant at the recent protest outside City Hall.

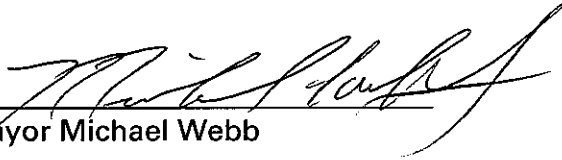
Councilmember LeCureaux thanked everyone for attending and echoed the words of a former Hazel Park City Councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan thanked Chief Buchholz and other officers who spoke with demonstrators. She believes that open communication is the best way to address the situation, as everyone has the ability to learn, grow and improve. Additionally, she looks forward to moving forward with the Historical Museum. Residents were encouraged to be cautious of the high temperatures and check on their neighbors. She thanked all Board & Commission applicants.

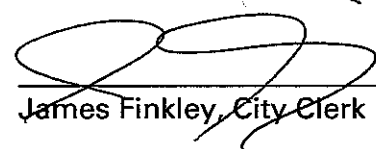
Mayor Webb addressed the 2020 Census and implored every Hazel Park resident to complete it in order for the City to be able to provide the best service possible. He stated that the City is much more diverse than in previous decades, which is a wonderful thing. He advised everyone to continue to be conscious of one another and stated that the Police and Fire Departments are here to help you. Lastly, there is room for improvement in every department and sometimes a reboot is needed to make a better community for ourselves.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:02 p.m.

CO-06-099-20 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, 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).