

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2018**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 – 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-07-087-18 Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificates of Recognition for HPPD Volunteerism

Mayor Webb read into record and presented Certificates of Recognition to Hazel Park Police Officers Conz, Fragnoli Grigsby, Porter, and Williams, all of whom were present except Officer Williams. This recognition was pursuant to volunteerism in escorting children with physical and mental disabilities around the Detroit Zoo. Councilmember Holland thanked each of the Officers in this platoon, and expressed appreciation for all HPPD Officers and their families. City Manager Klobucher stated that this is a great shift and, moreover, how Hazel Park is lucky to have such a Police Dept.

2. Pub Crawl Presentation of Funds

Robert Haskell, Michele Haskell, and Sue Barrows spoke regarding the Walk in the Park Pub Crawl of June 9th, 2018. Participating businesses were House of Shamrocks, Joebar, Cellarmen's, Madison Park Bowl and Kozy Lounge. The event benefited the Hazel Park Arts Council, Hazel Park Library Friends, and the Hazel Park Promise Zone. Mr. Haskell thanked the City Manager and City Council for their support, before making donations to each of the aforementioned non-profit organizations. Councilmember LeCureaux expressed enjoyment of the event, while City Manager Klobucher stated how the real thanks go those who organized,

patronized, and supported this event; it is further evidence of the great things that are happening in Hazel Park.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Commissioner Helaine Zack spoke to the Area Agency on Aging 1B, on which she serves. Said organization receives federal and state funds for six Michigan counties and oversees low-income senior services. Commissioner Zack encouraged people to seek out the AAA1B for assistance. Additionally, she wanted to address a recent article regarding concerning discriminatory housing practices in Oakland County. The article purported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development felt that small home repair funding should be used for rental assistance and/or affordable housing. On another topic, the Oakland Co. Health Dept. has many wonderful services, including vaccinations and initiatives such as suicide prevention and opioid safety programs. Lastly, she gave a reminder about the upcoming Primary Election on August 7th, 2018.

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell stated that LG is hosting a job fair to help staff their facility at the Tri-County Commerce Center on Friday, July 13th, 2018 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hazel Park Recreation Center.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Work Study Session Minutes 6/16/2018
2. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 6/21/2018
3. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 6/26/2018
4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Resolution #07-001-18 – Right of First Refusal
7. Business License Application for 24918 John R: Young Bloods Barbershop
8. Approve Michigan Association of Public Employees (MAPE) Letter of Understanding
9. Award Bid #2026 to RJ Hoffman – Demolition of 94 W. George

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry asked for clarification regarding Consent Agenda Item #6, Right of First Refusal. City Manager Klobucher explained why Right of First Refusal was exercised for the relevant properties.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry also inquired why City of Hazel Park business licenses ask if the Applicant has been convicted of a felony, as it may discourage some individuals from applying. City Manager Klobucher explained that such information is necessary and/or required by State law for some lines of business. City Attorney Schwartz stated that the question is an opportunity for an applicant to exhibit honesty. Councilmember LeCureaux added that approximately ten years ago, a business applicant lied on said question when the truth likely would not have precluded them from obtaining a business license.

CO-07-088-18 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with Discussion: Motion by Aubry, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Freedom of Information Act Appeal

CO-07-089-18 Motion to Uphold Denial of Freedom of Information Act Request with the Clarification that Item #3 of the Appeal was Denied because the Records Do Not Exist: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to uphold the denial of the Freedom of Information Act request with the clarification that Item #3 of the Appeal was denied because the records do not exist. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

CO-07-090-18 Motion to Approve Appointments: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the appointment of Tom Jones and the reappointment of Sareen Papakhian and James Paterson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Holland noted that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is composed entirely of current or former municipal employees. She would like to see Hazel Park residents added to this Board.

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Program Update

City Manager Klobucher stated that the City of Hazel Park operates a tree-removal program not to kill trees, but rather to ensure the health and safety of the community. Mayor Webb wanted to cover the issue at tonight's meeting to get important information out to the public. At the podium were Department of Public Works Superintendent Chris DuBerg and DPW Supervisor Tom Jones, the latter of whom advised that the tree-removal program was started last year to precede the sidewalk-replacement program. At that time, over 121 trees were trimmed and 50 were removed. J.H. Hart Urban Forestry was employed as the arborist in this venture; they go tree-by-tree, with daily recommendations made as necessary to DPW for removal and possible removal. Supervisor Jones then evaluates each tree and also performs a final walkthrough to determine the best course of action based on considerations regarding safety, utilities, sidewalks, etc.

Mayor Webb inquired about the disposition of wood from cut trees, to which Superintendent DuBerg stated that residents are entitled to the wood if they please. Supervisor Jones added that the trees are removed in two phases, such that a portion of a tree may be left standing for a matter of days until it can be fully removed. In

addition, Mayor Webb asked if J.H. Hart might also plant replacement trees. Judd Hart, President of the eponymous company, advised that planting could indeed be done provided that a comprehensive strategy is first created.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry requested an explanation of the tree-removal program be published on the City's website, as well as clarification on how street lights are considered when it comes to tree removal. Supervisor Jones, Superintendent DuBerg and Judd Hart addressed the aforementioned questions. Discussion included the fact that trees are best analyzed from aloft rather than at ground level, that streetlight luminescence shouldn't be obstructed by foliage, and how some trees must be temporarily skipped (e.g., if a vehicle is blocking access). Mayor Pro Tem Aubry also asked J.H. Hart about the relocation of wildlife found in trees slated for removal. Tyler Hart, a Foreman for the company, stated that attempts are made to relocate all animals to other trees. Mayor Pro Tem Aubry advised about Wild Wings Bird Rehabilitation, which accepts wild birds. She also asked how many proposals were received for tree trimming services. Councilmember and SOCRRA Representative LeCureaux advised that it is a difficult contract to fill. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Aubry fully supports the creation and implementation of a tree-replacement program.

Councilmember Sullivan asked about the provision of letters to residents when trees adjacent to their property are to be removed. She also advised that being proactive about tree removal keeps the city safe and better protected from potential liability.

Councilmember Holland shared that Wild Wings Bird Rehabilitation is a great option for displaced birds. Furthermore, she desires that Administration works with J.H. Hart to outline a tree replacement plan due to the positive effects of trees on property values and cooling.

Mayor Webb cautioned residents about unilateral tree planting, to which Councilmember Sullivan added that an application to the DPW is necessary to receive approval to plant a tree.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Buchholz warned residents to check on elderly relatives and neighbors due to the recent heat wave; by the same token, pets should not be left in cars at this time. Additionally, Oak Street Health (1142 E. Nine Mile Rd.) will be hosting a fraud awareness and safety empowerment event/luncheon on Wednesday, July 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mayor Webb requested increased enforcement of moped riders travelling on sidewalks and ignoring traffic control devices.

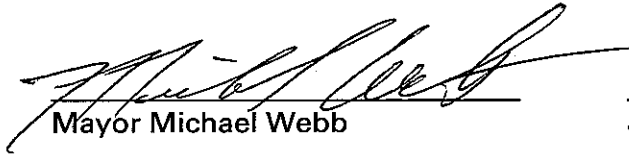
COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

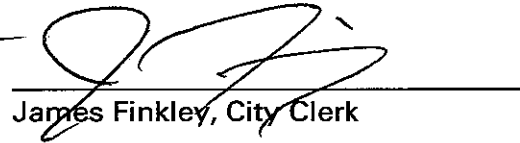
City Manager Klobucher thanked the DPW personnel and J.H. Hart for providing

ADJOURNMENT – 8:07 p.m.

CO-07-091-18 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.



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).