

**City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 – 6:09 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CO-07-106-20 Motion to approve Agenda as Revised:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Agenda as revised. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CO-07-107-20 Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Pending Litigation:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

**CO-07-108-20 Motion to follow advice of legal counsel regarding DJR pending litigation:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to follow the advice of legal counsel regarding the pending litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the proposed Ordinance concerning false crime reports and the Hazel Park Historical Commission.

Pastor Stanley Scott spoke regarding his support of the Hazel Park Police Dept.

Regina Weiss spoke regarding her candidacy for the 27<sup>th</sup> District State Representative seat.

Ann Daschke spoke regarding her basement having flooded during a recent rainstorm.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 6/23/2020
2. Approve Business License at 1420 E. Ten Mile Rd. – Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC: Manufacturing & assembly
3. Approve Business License at 906 E. Nine Mile Rd. – We Juice LLC: Smoothies & juices
4. Pending New Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Approve Business License at 624 E. Nine Mile Rd., Suite C – Hazelwood Pharmacy

**CO-07-109-20 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-6:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. An Ordinance to Amend Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare to Amend Section 9.04.030 - False Report of a Crime, First Reading.

**CO-07-110-20 Motion to approve amending the Ordinance of Peace & Morals for Section 9.04.030 for false report of a crime:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the above-mentioned Ordinance upon First Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. An Ordinance to Amend Title 15 – Buildings and Construction, to add Chapter 15.45, Unsolicited Written Materials, Sections 15.45.010 through 15.45.016 to the Hazel Park Code of Ordinances, First Reading.

**CO-07-111-20 Motion to approve Ordinance to amend Title 15:** Motion by Aubry, second by Sullivan, to approve the above-mentioned Ordinance upon First Reading, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of Licenses

**CO-07-112-20 Motion to Table Item #3, Consideration of Licenses:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to Table Consideration of Licenses. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Brownfield Consortium Agreement w/ Oakland County

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell spoke regarding the Brownfield Consortium Agreement.

**CO-07-113-20 Motion to adopt Brownfield Consortium Agreement with Oakland County:** Motion by Aubry, second by Sullivan, to approve the Brownfield Consortium Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young explained the storm-sewer system both as it pertained to the City of Hazel Park and to the region as a whole.

County Commissioner Helaine Zack provided an update about CARES Act funding, COVID-19 mitigation efforts, grant funding and economic assistance, as well as the Oakland County budget presentation.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding the Hazel Park Historical Commission, including a recent meeting with the suspended members as well as expectations for the Commission moving forward. The Administration recommended that suspensions be lifted for the following individuals who attended said meeting: Rich Robbins, Jesse Robertson, Chris Gariepy, Chuck Gladue and Leigh McLaughlin. The Administration also requested the appointment of Sheri Dirkse and Ben Cronk.

**CO-07-114-20 Motion to lift suspension of Rich Robbins, Jesse Robertson, Chris Gariepy, Chuck Gladue, Leigh McLaughlin & add Sheri Gibson-Dirkse & Ben Cronk to Historical Commission:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to lift the suspensions of five Historical Commission members and appoint two others as listed above, following discussion. The results of a roll call vote on the motion were as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Aubry, Councilmember McFall & Mayor Webb

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan

Abstentions: None

Motion carried 4-1.

**TABLED ITEMS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones provided an update regarding the I-75 and John R Rd. construction projects.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher advised that Michigan's system of municipal finance is fundamentally broken.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Aubry thanked Water Superintendent Young for explaining storm-water drainage in the City and providing flood-prevention measures for homeowners. She cited a new Executive Order from the State of Michigan mandating facemasks inside businesses, which retailers are required to inform customers of as they enter. Councilmember Aubry encouraged everyone to wear a mask in public to protect the health and safety of all. Lastly, she shared Councilmember's McFall's comments, which were to remind residents to shop local and to be safe.

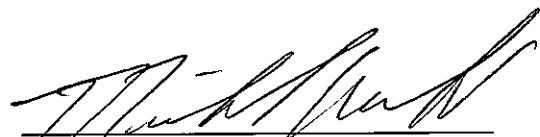
Councilmember LeCureaux appreciates the increased participation at *Zoom* meetings and advised people to stay safe by wearing masks. He also advised people to tell their loved ones and children that they are loved.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan added to previous comments about public health not being a political issue. She recommended that people consider donning a facemask as akin to wearing a shirt and shoes in public. The Detroit Institute of Art "Inside-Out" installation has been put in place via the Hazel Park Arts Council, with collaborative interactive contests forthcoming. Color Ink Studio is donating art books to be placed at the exhibits around the City. Given the high temperatures, residents were warned not to leave children or pets inside cars.

Mayor Webb reminded everyone to take the 2020 Census and thereby support their community. He appreciated Pastor Scott's comments in support of the HPPD. Police are vital in helping people through what is often their worst hour, and he feels that Hazel Park's officers are very good at mediating issues. He advised people to look to the future and move forward while focusing on what we currently have in light of our country's amazing degree of diversity.

### ADJOURNMENT – 7:42 p.m.

**CO-07-115-20 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.



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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).