

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2019**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 10th, 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 Sullivan, Councilmember Aubry, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember McFall

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL VISITOR FROM THE NORTH POLE

Santa Claus ventured down early from the North Pole to deliver a message to the boys and girls of Hazel Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-12-112-19 Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Webb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Thomas Matyjasik of 23823 Dequindre Rd. spoke before Council regarding Medical Marihuana facility licensure.

Helaine Zack spoke before Council regarding mental health opportunities, Title X family planning services funding, a Michigan Indigent Defense issue, legislation regarding inter-governmental funding authorities related to regional transit, the new position of Oakland County Chief Diversity Inclusion Officer, and the Oakland County Business Roundtable.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding road construction and snow emergencies.

Mayor Webb thanked Administration for keeping construction contractors on schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 11/19/2019 & Study Session Minutes 12/4/2019
2. Approve Business License for 1843 E. Eight Mile Rd. – Walgreens #21244
3. Approve Business License for 21615 John R Rd. – United Staffing Agency, Inc.
4. Approve Business License for 1065 E. Nine Mile Rd. – Buscemi’s Party Shoppe
5. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
6. Invoice Approval List
7. Approve Contract w/ Michigan Office Solutions for digitization of Building Dept. & Code Enforcement Dept. files
8. Approve Fire Fighters Union Summary of Tentative Contract Settlement & Memorandum of Understanding
9. Approve Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Coverage Proposal
10. Approve Renewal of UHY as Auditors

CO-12-113-19 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-10: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to Approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. An Ordinance to Amend Title 8, Health and Safety, Chapter 2, Abandoned and Vacant Structures, Section 8.02.010, Findings, to Include the Findings of Deteriorated or Deteriorating Areas, and Amend Section 8.02.020, Definitions, to Include the Definition of Deteriorated or Deteriorating Areas, Second Reading.

CO-12-114-19 Motion to Approve the Ordinance on Second Reading: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to Approve the Title 8 Ordinance Amendment upon Second Reading. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. PC Case #19-03A Special Land Use: Green Garden Child Development Center

Planning & Economic Development Director Jeffrey Campbell spoke before Council regarding the above-mentioned Special Land Use case.

CO-12-115-19 Motion to Approve Special Land Use Case #19-03A for Green Garden Child Development Center including all Recommendations: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to Approve the Special Land Use case for Green Garden Child Development Center at 1123 E. Woodward Heights Blvd., provided that the Applicant installs a Knox Box, submits a signed property maintenance agreement provided by the City, submits a building permit to expand the classroom, submits a sign permit, and provides the City with license approval from the State of Michigan, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CO-12-116-19 Motion to Appoint Dawn Rice to Hazel Park Youth Assistance: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to Appoint Dawn Rice to Youth Assistance. All in favor. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS - None**NEW BUSINESS - None****COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones spoke before Council regarding Nine Mile Rd. construction, which is set to conclude shortly. Sand will be used in lieu of salt on the new concrete throughout the upcoming Winter, and permanent road markings will be done in the Spring. Leaf collection trucks are doing a pass around the City. City Manager Klobucher thanked Superintendent Jones and his department for their efforts.

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised about winterizing one's home and protecting water lines from freezing. Mayor Webb raised the topic of State water testing regulations, at which time Superintendent Young elaborated upon the new rules.

Fire Chief Richard Story advised residents to water their Christmas trees every day, to turn off Christmas lights when leaving home, and to be careful when cooking holiday meals. Councilmember McFall complimented the Fire Hall Christmas decorations. Mayor Webb added that residents should refrain from deep-frying frozen turkeys for safety reasons.

Mayor Webb complimented the recent Project Blue Light event, while Police Chief Buchholz thanked Father Bob Williams, Debbie Swofford, and all those who attended. Crime rates have been good in 2019. That being said, residents should be careful due to seasonal increases in robbery and theft at this time of year. Mayor Webb, Chief Buchholz, and Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan advised residents on possible security measures when it comes to package deliveries. Lastly, Chief Buchholz warned of the implications for water and sewer lines of parking on one's lawn and/or sidewalk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Schwartz wished everyone a happy holiday, Merry Christmas and New Year's. She wished everyone good health and prosperity in the new year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher thanked everyone on Council who attended Project Blue Light. He wished a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, and happy holidays to all. Ten years ago, in 2009, Hazel Park was facing a very uncertain future. Sacrifices made by employees, retirees, and residents allowed the City to survive and ultimately thrive. Heading into the 2020s, Hazel Park is now truly a destination for restaurants and homeowners.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Aubry wished everyone a good holiday and reminded people to utilize ride services like Uber to have a safe and happy season.

Councilmember McFall wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged people to shop local whenever possible.

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked Santa for visiting. He asked that people to keep an eye on older neighbors and help keep their sidewalks clear.

City Manager Klobucher congratulated Morgan Webb, the Mayor's daughter, on her special day. Mayor Webb recalled witnessing her graduate with two Bachelor of Science degrees. He advised college students to do what they can to pay their way through versus taking out student loan debt.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan wished everyone Merry Christmas and happy holidays. She advised people to be aware of neighbors that may need assistance. Additionally, it is wise to plan ahead when it comes to getting home safely.

Mayor Webb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He summarized some accomplishments over the preceding year, including the revitalization of parks and neighborhoods, residential and commercial new builds, and an influx of young people and families. Lastly, he reminded everyone to lift the spirits of people who may be depressed and/or contemplating suicide.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

CO-12-117-19 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, 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).