

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2018**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem Aubry, Councilmember Sullivan,
Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Holland

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Drumm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-01-015-18 Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Commissioner Helaine Zack discussed a ranged of topics of public interest, including the fact that Oakland County will be switching providers for its drug program and discounted family dental plans. The County Commission secured commitments and spent over \$500,000 to replace drinking fountains in elementary schools across the County. Hazel Park elementary schools will receive \$30,000 for said replacements. All residents were advised to obtain an influenza vaccination, as over 1700 cases of the flu occurred in Oakland County this winter as of January 18th. Funding is available to help those who cannot afford a vaccination shot. Oakland County has started a website to combat human-trafficking, while the Road Commission for Oakland County has launched an app for reporting potholes. Cases of Hepatitis are on the rise, which has led the State of Michigan to dispense vaccinations. Lastly, Commissioner Zack will run for another term in her current office.

Hazel Park Firefighter Sean Altman mentioned the 13th Annual Hazel Park Fire Department bowling fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Hazel Park Bowl & Lounge. The proceeds will be split between Youth Assistance and other charitable donations throughout the year.

Councilmember Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Hazel Park Arts Council and the Hazel Park District Library Friends, who have partnered to present an art show at the Library from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th.

Councilmember LeCureaux spoke to Hazel Park Youth Assistance and the free family swim night scheduled for March 8th. Additionally, HPYA is hosting a youth recognition night on March 10th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Youths can still be submitted for recognition. To do so, contact either Steve Morton or Beverly Hinton of the Hazel Park School District.

Councilmember Holland mentioned that the Hazel Park Historical Museum will be open on Thursday, February 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Additionally, from February 21st through February 23rd, the Hazel Park Ice Arena will hold dollar skating from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Carl Taylor of 440 W Otis made a complaint about the streets and sidewalks not being plowed and shoveled, respectively. He wanted to know why the streets have not been plowed. Mayor Webb, Councilmember Sullivan, City Manager Klobucher and City Attorney Drumm spoke in response to Mr. Taylor's comments.

Michael & Maria Eichhorn of 23376 Crossley spoke regarding the house they own at 1211 E Muir, which will appear before Council for a Show Cause Hearing in March.

Joel Holcomb, of 316 E Bernhard, spoke regarding an acquaintance who has an upcoming court date for non-compliance with sidewalk snow removal. The offender is elderly and has recently suffered a stroke, making it difficult for him to shovel snow. Mr. Holcomb pitched the idea of a snow removal program utilizing Hazel Park High School students, which Council discussed in due course.

Planning Commissioner Jake Slivatz stated that on his block neighbors assist each other with snow removal.

Mayor Webb stated his desire for the Recreation Center to create a list of seniors in need of snow shoveling and grass cutting services.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Finance Department – 2017 Financial Statement Presentation

Finance Director Laci Christiansen addressed Council regarding the 2017 financial statements, which were issued by our auditors with an unqualified opinion. In that fiscal year, general revenues stood at \$15.6 million, while total expenditures were \$15.5 million. The process of bonding for new road repairs will begin shortly.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from 1/9/2018 & 1/16/2018
2. Approve Business License for 20809 Dequindre - Secretary of State's Office
3. Approve Business License for 1071 E. Nine Mile - Longevity Testing, LLC; a substance abuse testing center

4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Approve Plan to Eliminate Deficits within the Auto Theft Prevention Fund

CO-01-016-18 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Increase the cost of tickets for non-compliance with Snow Emergencies to \$100.00.

City Attorney Drumm spoke to this report, advising raising the cost of non-compliance tickets for Snow Emergencies from \$35.00 to \$100.00, due to a lack of compliance. Mayor Webb suggested having the Department of Public Works post signs at the end of each street regarding Snow Emergencies. Councilmember Holland was uncomfortable with a \$100.00 fee, unless enforcement is consistent across the City. Mayor Pro Tem Aubry suggested posting a sign at City Hall regarding Snow Emergencies. City Attorney Drumm suggested posting the same on the CVS marquee on Nine Mile Rd. and at the City Clerk's Office. It was decided among Council to double the current fine to a new rate of \$70.00, rather than increasing it to \$100.00.

CO-01-017-18 Motion to Increase the Cost of Tickets for Non-Compliance with Snow Emergencies to \$70.00: Motion by Sullivan, second by LeCureaux, to increase the cost of tickets for non-compliance with Snow Emergencies to \$70.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry has received many complaints about LED lighting on local businesses and wishes for the issue to be tackled.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Buchholz addressed Council regarding upcoming updates on crime-mapping and the testing of body-worn cameras.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

Hazel Park's tax base has increased as much as possible given the fact that the City is fully built out. Legacy costs are increasing greater than the rate of inflation, which the City's property tax revenues are of course capped at. A recent Metromode article

praised Hazel Park. City Manager Klobucher thanked Commissioner Zack and Administrative Assistant Gajos for his work in Washington on behalf of the Community Coalition. He also wished his wife a happy anniversary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Drumm appreciates everyone's comments about snow removal, but hopes that it is understood that all three of Hazel Park's Code Officers are working diligently to address snow removal on top of their other tasks.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Holland thanked all for attending the meeting. She advised that Lt. Colley of the HPPD recently lost his father and offered her condolences. Councilmember Holland's neighbor Wilma recently passed away, a loss which was keenly felt by many.

Councilmember Sullivan wished all a happy Tuesday and happy Valentine's Day. The recent weather has been hard on everyone, and it is nice to hear residents concerns about what they wish Council to address.

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked everyone for coming out and hopes to see a great turnout at the HPFD fundraiser. Harkening back to the words of a former Hazel Park Councilmember, he advised that if you love someone, tell them you love them so.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry thanked residents for speaking to their concerns.

Mayor Webb believed that the preceding meeting was very productive. The democratic process, embodied through said meeting, is a great opportunity for the collective voice of the people to be heard. He wished a happy birthday and Valentine's Day to his wife.

CO-01-018-18 Motion to enter Executive Session regarding pending litigation:

Motion by Aubry, second by LeCureaux, to enter Executive Session regarding pending litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.


EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:20 p.m.

City Council re-entered Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

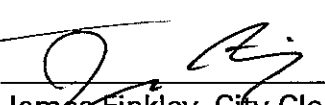
CO-01-019-18 Motion to Adopt Administrative Recommendations of Executive Session: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to adopt Administrative recommendations from Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:45 p.m.

CO-01-020-18 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Aubry, 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.)