

City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2018

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, City Attorney Shifman

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-03-031-18 Motion to Approve Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. 1211 E. Muir Ave.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m. Michael Eichhorn spoke as the owner of 1211 E. Muir Ave. His attorney also spoke, a Mr. Brian Rich of 33533 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 140, Farmington Hills. So too did Pamela Breece of 1205 E. Muir and Lucy Jackson of 1335 E. Muir. Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

CO-03-032-18 Motion to Affirm the Decision of the Hearing Officer and order the Demolition of 1211 E. Muir with the following Amendment: The owner will be given a 90 extension to procure a buyer for the property who must, within 5 business days of closing, post a \$10,000.00 cash performance bond, pull all building and trade permits and sign an Affidavit of Responsibility that the repairs will be completed within 6 months; an extension of time to complete repairs will only be granted if there has been substantial completion and a request is made prior to the end of the 6 months; failure of any of these conditions will result in demolition at the owner's expense: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to Affirm the Decision of the Hearing Officer with the stated Amendments. All in favor. Motion carried.

CO-03-033-18 Motion for a Two-Minute Recess: Motion by Sullivan, second by LeCureaux, to Recess for two minutes at 7:20 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

27th District State Rep. Robert Wittenberg addressed Council regarding an upcoming Town Hall meeting on federal changes to the tax structure. 9th Congressional District Rep. Sander Levin will also be in attendance on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Berkley High School (2325 Catalpa Dr.) for the Town Hall meeting.

2. 134 E. Mapledale Ave.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m. No one from the public wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

CO-03-034-18 Motion to Affirm the Decision of the Hearing Officer and Order the Demolition of 134 E. Mapledale within 30 days: Motion by Holland, second by LeCureaux, to affirm the order of the Hearing Officer and demolish 134 E. Mapledale within 30 days. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from 3/13/18
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
3. Invoice Approval List
4. Ice Arena Fund Deficit Elimination Plan
5. Resolution Approving Increase in Civil Infraction Fines

CO-03-035-18 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Amended: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Discussion followed, upon which Consent Agenda Item #5 was amended to reflect Civil Infractions per ordinance 5.42 Landlord/Tenant and 5.03 Business License be increased to \$400.00 for reduced Civil Infraction pleas, beginning April 2, 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Drug and Alcohol Policy

CO-03-036-18 Motion to Approve Drug and Alcohol Policy: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy for part-time transportation employees. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CO-03-037-18 Motion to Nominate Mike McFall and Jacob Cooper to the Hazel Park Arts Council: Motion by Sullivan, second by Aubry, to approve the nominations of Mike McFall and Jacob Cooper to the Hazel Park Arts Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS

1. Issue Media Group Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan mentioned that the Hazel Park Art Fair has opened a call for art, which is now being handled entirely online.

Councilmember Aubry enjoyed her recent trip to the Michigan Municipal League's Capital Conference.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Drumm spoke to how the City of Hazel Park recently learned of a large-scale lawsuit regarding the costs municipalities must expend when combatting the opioid epidemic.


COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

In keeping with a time-honored tradition, City Manager Klobucher advised that Michigan's system of municipal finance is fundamentally broken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:07 p.m.

CO-03-038-18 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.)