

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2019**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 13th, 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 Aubry, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Holland

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Webb called for a moment of silence in honor of former Hazel Park Police Officer and 43rd District Court Officer Roy Dickens, who recently passed away. City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding Mr. Dickens, who was held as a genuinely good man, a wonderful public servant, and a part of the City's history.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-08-071-19 Motion to Approve Revised Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Revised Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry advised that August 24th & 25th will host the Hazel Park Art Fair. The Art Fair is a fundraiser for the Hazel Park Arts Council, and showcases local artists and musicians.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Robert Babut spoke regarding Hazel Park Police Officers and a City Councilmember.

Leigh McLaughlin spoke regarding a City Councilmember.

Nick Benacquisto of GT Scrap Recycling thanked City Council and Planning Director Jeffrey Campbell for their work.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 7/9/2019
2. Approve Business License Application for 23375 Dequindre Rd. – Impact Collision, LLC: Auto body repair shop

3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Approve Business License Application for 24932 John R Rd. – Red Oaks Tattoo Co.
6. Resolution #08-018-19: Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary for Certification from Redevelopment Ready Communities Program
7. Appointment of Representatives to Michigan Municipal League Annual Business Meeting: Andrew LeCureaux as Representative & Edward Klobucher as Alternate
8. Approve Business License Application for 350 E. Nine Mile Rd. – Denon LLC
9. Approve Business License Application for 964 E. Ten Mile Rd. – Stage 26, Inc.
10. Approve Business License App. for 22822 John R Rd. – In-Joy Inc. DBA Grinderz
11. Agreement w/ Skerbeck Family Carnival Inc. for Memorial Day Weekend
12. Offer to Purchase Vacant Lot at 40 W. Granet Ave.
13. Approve Clerical Union Labor Agreement
14. Approve Fire Dept. Union Letter of Understanding
15. Approve Police Dispatchers Union Labor Agreement
16. Approve Police Command Union Labor Agreement, subject to Attorney review

CO-08-072-19 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-16: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-16. All in favor. Motion carried.

Aquil Dennison of Stage 26 (DBA M-26) spoke before Council regarding his newly-approved business license.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 15.20 – FIRE PREVENTION CODE, TO AMEND SECTION 15.20.010 TO ADOPT THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; TO AMEND SECTION 15.20.020 – ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES TO ESTABLISH VIOLATION PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 15.20.030 – GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS TO ESTABLISH GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK, First Reading.

City Manager Klobucher and City Attorney Melissa Schwartz spoke regarding the proposed Ordinance to update the City's Fire Prevention Code.

CO-08-073-19 Motion to Approve Adopting the New Fire Ordinance: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve adoption of the new Fire Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Holland raised the issue of addressing a problem house.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones provided Council with updates on the Nine Mile Rd., South John R Rd., and Woodward Heights Blvd. projects. Mayor Webb added that it is important to support local businesses during road construction. City Manager Klobucher and Superintendent Jones briefed Council on a possible application for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to enhance North John R Rd. Mayor Pro Tem Aubry inquired about the installation of permanent bicycle racks at local parks.

City Manager Klobucher and Recreation Director Sareen Papakhian spoke before Council regarding a recent arrest for defacement of the new play structure at Scout Park. Cameras have been installed and a park attendant has been hired to monitor Scout Park. The contract with Skerbeck Family Carnival for Memorial Day Weekend will be renewed.

City Manager Klobucher thanked Finance Director Alacia Christiansen for her work on contract negotiations. The latter briefed Council on the status of the budget and road construction costs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher addressed Mr. Babut's comments from Public Discussion. He thanked Police Chief Brian Buchholz for record-low crime rates and commended Fire Chief Rich Story, who was presently responding to a house fire.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry spoke regarding the distribution of gun locks in conjunction with an ongoing Hunter Safety Program.

Councilmember Sullivan welcomed new businesses to the city, and encouraged people to attend the Hazel Park Art Fair. She reminded people of the importance of truth, integrity, honesty, and being kind to one's neighbors.

Councilmember LeCureaux inquired about the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Scout Park, which is pending availability of the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Board who funded the project. Additionally, he is excited about the new bike lanes and reminded bicyclists that riding at night requires the use of lights. He hopes to see everyone at the Hazel Park Art Fair.

Councilmember Holland extended condolences to the family of Roy Dickens. There was a fire on Melville this evening, for which she thanked the first responders who watch over the community. Councilmember Holland was glad that the South John R Rd. construction is over and the road is being used by many bicyclists. She responded to Mr. Babut's comments from Public Discussion. Lastly, she stated that she was not certified to run in the election and will be running as a write-in candidate if not on the ballot.

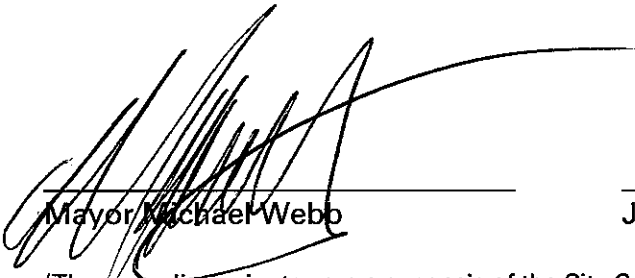
Mayor Pro Tem Aubry thanked Superintendent Jones for his work on the TAP Grant. She seeks to find and procure grant funding so that tax dollars can go further. The Hazel Park Nature Initiative, Mulberry Hill Wildlife, and the Flower Club recently worked together to install a pollinator garden outside City Hall. Additional proposals for improvements are in the works.

Mayor Webb thanked all the volunteers at the Scout Park project. He also stated that there are challenges within the various groups in the city, but the broader scope of things requires evaluating how to move forward. Additionally, Mayor Webb inquired as to the status of the old CVS building on John R Rd. City Manager Klobucher advised that the City has been in contact with the developers regarding their progress, but cannot control the timeline. The North John R Rd. road project bidding will close soon as well. Mayor Webb asked for confirmation that the center-lane on South John R Rd. is not for passing. Chief Buchholz duly confirmed, and added that it is also not a merging lane.

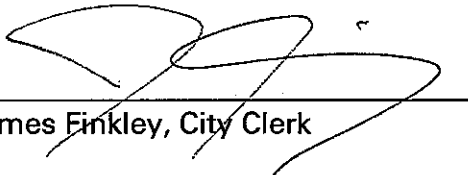
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:49 p.m.

CO-08-074-19 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).