

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 – 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-09-137-20 Motion to approve Agenda as presented: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Agenda, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. National Recovery Month – September 2020
2. National Suicide Prevention Month – September 2020

The proclamations above were read into record.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one wished to speak.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding suspended members of the Historical Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 8/11/2020
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
3. Invoice Approval List
4. Amended Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Resolution No. 09-017-20
5. Applications for Additional Service Credit Purchase: HPPD David Vroman
6. Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase: HPPD Christopher Voorhies
7. Offer to Purchase Vacant Lot east of 435 W. Hayes Ave. (25-35-456-006)
8. Offer to Purchase Vacant Lot known as 447 W. Elza Ave. (25-35-410-046)
9. Purchase of Election Equipment

CO-09-138-20 Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Consent Agenda, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities, 2nd Reading.

CO-09-139-20 Motion to Approve Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities on 2nd Reading: Motion by Sullivan, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities upon 2nd Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment to Title 5, Adding Chapter 5.07 - Use of City Seal & Flag, 1st Reading.

CO-09-140-20 Motion to Approve Amendment to Title 5, Adding Chapter 5.07 - Use of City Seal & Flag: Motion by McFall, second by Sullivan, to approve the Amendment to Title 5, Adding Chapter 5.07 - Use of City Seal & Flag upon 1st Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Emergency Ordinance, Adding Chapter 5.44 – Short-term Rental Licensing.

CO-09-141-20 Motion to Pass Emergency Ordinance, Adding Chapter 5.44 – Short-term Rental Licensing: Motion by McFall, second by Sullivan, to approve the Emergency Ordinance, Adding Chapter 5.44 – Short-term Rental Licensing, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

County Commissioner Helaine Zack spoke regarding Oakland County grant opportunities, local schools, the upcoming County Budget, County Parks millage, and COVID testing.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CO-09-142-20 Motion for policy to be put into place to collect current contact information - email, phone number & address - of all active Boards & Commissions members: Motion by Sullivan, second by Aubry, to develop a policy to collect current contact information, specifically email, phone number and address, for all active Boards & Commissions members, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-09-143-20 Motion to Appoint Jeffrey Keeton & Reappoint any current Appointees who wish to continue serving whose terms have expired in July or may be expiring this upcoming term: Motion by Sullivan, second by McFall, to appoint Jeffrey Keeton and reappoint Ed Klobucher, Sareen Papakhian and James Paterson to the General Building Authority, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Buchholz stated how proud he is of the men and women of the Hazel Park Police Dept. Citizen vigilance help keeps crime rates low, so residents were encouraged to call if they see something suspicious. It is advisable to keep one's home and vehicles locked. Extra attention has been placed on traffic issues.

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised that work will soon begin in the Maxlow Ave. and Hughes Ave./Hoover Ave. areas. Residents were informed that a water bill "Frequently Asked Questions" page has recently been added to the City's website.

City Clerk James Finkley advised voters that Absent Voter ballots are not in the City's possession until approximately 45 days prior to an election. Third-party organizations and political parties are currently sending out AV ballot applications, even if the voter has already requested one or is on the Permanent AV Application List. The State of Michigan will be reimbursing postage on AV Return Envelopes for this election, meaning that voters will not need to pay that cost. Mayor Webb advised that additional AV applications are cross-referenced so that no one can receive more than one ballot.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Schwartz advised that she would provide Council with an updated Boards & Commissions list, as well as ensuring that all departments and the 43rd District Court have copies of the recently passed Ordinances.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher thanked City Attorneys Schwartz, Mason and Campbell. The City is fortunate to have their collective capabilities and for City Attorney Schwartz's work with FEMA and on the CARES Act funding. The State of Michigan road construction project has a targeted opening for the John R Rd. bridge of September 11th. In honor of that date, City Manager Klobucher thanked first responders and members of the U.S. Military for protecting us. Lastly, he advised that Michigan's system of municipal finance is fundamentally broken, which has only been exacerbated by the Coronavirus. He hopes that the State Legislature will be courageous and smart enough to fix that broken system.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Aubry reminded everyone that the DIA "Inside-Out" art exhibits are still on display around Hazel Park, including near City Hall, at Green Acres Park, Color-Ink Studio and the Jan Parisi Memorial Art Garden.

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked staff for the recent Ordinances. He also invited people to the Hazel Park Casual Bike Club, which meets behind the High School on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Residents should watch out for kids now that school is back in session.

Councilmember McFall reminded everyone that Code Enforcement issues can be submitted via a form on the City's website. He thanked the Police and Fire Depts. for all the hard work they do.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan thanked Chief Buchholz for rewriting policies and procedures. She also sent well wishes to a HPPD officer who is going through a difficult time. Lastly, she reminded everyone to social-distance, wear masks, wash hands and look out for one another.


Mayor Webb advised that the Police and Fire Depts. are the unsung heroes of our City. It's a team effort in Hazel Park, which has not always been the case in the past. He appreciates the cohesion of City Council and staff and thanked all volunteers who have donated their time and effort. Former Councilmember Tom Selman's sentiments are still appreciated.

City Manager Klobucher stated that County Commissioner Zack advised that there are grants available through Oakland County for museums and cultural organizations.

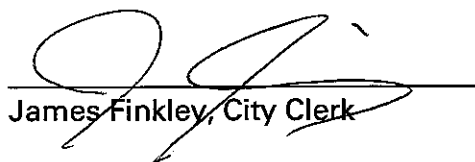
Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell added that Oakland County small business grants have been extended to September 14th.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:14 p.m.

CO-09-144-20 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.



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).