

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

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

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, Assistant City Attorney Schwartz

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Webb called for a moment of silence for the victims of September 11, 2001.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-09-082-19 Motion to Approve the Revised Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Agenda as revised. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution #09-019-19: National Recovery Month – September 2019

City Manager Klobucher read the above-titled Resolution into record. Mayor Webb proclaimed September of 2019 as National Recovery Month.

2. Proclamation Honoring the Skerbeck Family Carnival

Mayor Webb read the Proclamation Honoring the Skerbeck Family Carnival into record, before presenting it to Bob and Carly Skerbeck.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Commissioner Helaine Zack spoke regarding new Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter and the pending County Budget. To support the Patriot Week Foundation, an ad hoc committee on Women's Suffrage is hosting a free event on Saturday, September 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hoffman Farms Winery (2521 Rose Center Rd., Highland Charter Twp., 48356). The Women's Suffrage Committee is also holding a contest for students to design a new "I Voted" sticker; designs must be submitted online by Friday, October 18th. Commissioner Zack is hoping for a budget amendment for the local road improvement program.

Community Coalition Director Jared Gajos advised that from 2017 to present, opiate overdoses in Oakland County have been reduced by 28% thanks to a variety of groups. A free Naloxone training will be held on Tuesday, September 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Lamphere Schools Administration Building (31201 Dorchester Ave., Madison Heights 48071). September is National Suicide Awareness Month, while September 10, 2019 is National Suicide Awareness Day.

Councilmember Holland advised that from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13th is the Hometown Family Huddle at Hazel Park High School. In addition to the football game there will be free activities and giveaways.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mary Anna Masiwchuk spoke regarding the Hazel Park Lions Club and the public access cable channel.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding social media and civic events.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 8/27/2019
2. Approve Business License Application for JNZ Ventilation, Inc.: 21541 Dequindre Rd.
3. Approve Business License App. for Signature Metal Finishing: 21733 Dequindre Rd.
4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
5. Resolution #09-020-19: Right of First Refusal
6. Resolution #09-021-19: Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture
7. Resolution #09-022-19: Intent to Designate a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone; Notice of Public Hearing for Neighborhood Enterprise Zones
8. Resolution #09-023-19: Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies - MDOT
9. Approve Sale of Vacant Lots: 25-26-413-039 (East of 485 Manatee) & 447 W. Elza
10. Approve Interlocal Agreement Between Oakland Co. & City of Hazel Park Re: Grant Application Services for MIDC Continuing Legal Education Requirements

CO-09-083-19 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-10: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-10 following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - None

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Klobucher informed Council that the Recreation Board has adopted new rules for the Scout Park Play Area and that a sign stating the rules will be posted forthwith. Additionally, a draft Recreational Cannabis Ordinance is being worked on. As an update on North John R Rd. construction, work will take place this year between Ten Mile Rd. and Chestnut Ave. The remainder of the work will begin in 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Aubry advised that the Melville BMX Park is a great outlet for teenagers who are too old to use the Scout Park Play Area. City Manager Klobucher added that further teenage and adult recreational opportunities are presently being sought.

Councilmember Holland advised about a sinkhole on the site of a recently demolished house. Two additional demolition sites may be subject to the same issue.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Brian Buchholz stated that there have been multiple thefts from unlocked cars within the past few days. Additionally, a traffic stop was made recently for speeding in Hazel Park, which led to the capture of a suspect wanted for murder in another state. He thanked everyone for their support on Patriots' Day. Chief Buchholz will be a guest of the Michigan House of Representatives for their ceremony in recognition of said day.

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones advised that curbs and sidewalks will soon begin to be poured on Nine Mile Rd. Restriping of North John R Rd. will occur next year following the construction. The I-75 project is set to begin in 2020 as well.

Water Superintendent Tim Young showed Council a sample of the liner put into catch basins and manholes along John R Rd. to protect the mortar joints contained therein. The Water Dept. will look into the issues with the demolished houses raised by Councilmember Holland.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated that tomorrow is Patriots' Day and recounted his experiences on September 11th, 2001. He was proud of how the City of Hazel Park responded and prepared. Recalling the sense of unity on September 12th, 2001, he stated that we need to concentrate on the things that unite us and to find common ground in order to heal our country's divisions.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Holland stated how many individuals who were children on September 11th, 2001 are now in uniform serving in the same theater of operations. She remembered Hazel Park's own John Wilson Dearing, who was killed in 2005 in service of his country.

She thanked exemplary landlords and expressed excitement for the road diet on John R Rd. She also informed everyone that her first grandchild is on the way.

Councilmember Sullivan echoed the sentiments of others on September 11th, 2001 and recalled her own experience. She reminded people to thank their police and firefighters every day for keeping the community safe.

Councilmember LeCureaux wished his sister-in-law a happy birthday. He advised drivers to watch out for bicyclists and for kids to avoid walking in the street. Lastly, the Casual Biking Club meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. behind Hazel Park High School.


Mayor Pro Tem Aubry echoed what others had said regarding September 11th, 2001 and recounted where she was at that time. She appreciates all first responders at every level.

Mayor Webb remembered all those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. He expressed how shocking the attacks were and how they put things into perspective. He spoke of how the U.S. has healed and rebuilt in the intervening time period since those attacks. City Manager Klobucher added that Hazel Park has always come through with tremendous generosity to support our troops, including his own step-son. Mayor Webb asked drivers for patience in regards to the construction, for it means that the roads are getting fixed. Similarly, it is important to support local businesses during the construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.

CO-09-084-19 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, 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).