

**City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2018**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 – 7:08 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CO-09-106-18 Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Agenda as Revised. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Hitchcock of 22688 Maple Ct. wishes to honor the Hazel Park Police and Fire Departments on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, by hosting an honorary dinner at Hazel Park High School at 6:00 p.m. Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard will be the event speaker.

Mike Jones of 505 W. Nine Mile Rd. announced the “Artober” Alley Party on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The event will include local artists, live music, food, and a refreshment tent.

Jeff Brough, the new Director of Hazel Park Youth Assistance, introduced himself and addressed City Council.

Jared Gajos, Executive Director of the Hazel Park Community Coalition, advised that September is national suicide prevention month.

City Manager Klobucher announced the Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Councilmember Holland spoke to the Hazel Park Creative Arts annual fundraiser to be held on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Hazel Park Junior High School. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Resolution Honoring Donald Leal

City Manager Klobucher read into record Resolution #09-18-001, honoring the late Don Leal, a former Hazel Park Reserve/Auxiliary Police Officer. Mayor Webb presented the Resolution to Mr. Leal's family.

2. Resolution Honoring JoAnn Taylor

The Resolution Honoring JoAnn Taylor was postponed until a future meeting.

3. Oakland Comm. Health Network National Recovery Month Proclamation

Mark Jones read into record a Proclamation naming September as National Recovery Month for substance abuse.

At 7:31 p.m. the video recording system froze; audio recording was employed for the remainder of the meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 8/28/2018
2. Approve Business License Application for 20919 John R Rd. – Color & Ink Studio Ltd.: A photography/art studio and gallery
3. Approve Business License Application for 21601 Dequindre Rd. – Rightway Collision Center, Inc.
4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Removed
7. Approve Traffic Control Order #531 Section IV, right-turn only for eastbound George Ave. at Dequindre Rd.

**CO-09-107-18 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-5 & 7:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 - 5 & 7 following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Public Hearing for Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Plan

City Manager Klobucher advised that the City of Hazel Park is working with Ashley Capital to develop a Brownfield Plan for the former Hazel Park Raceway property. Having once been the Highland Park dump, the site has a substantial amount of environmental factors to consider. A Brownfield Plan was thus necessary to allow the project to continue. The plan will facilitate redevelopment of the site, as well as provide tax revenues for the City.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Webb advised residents that the City of Hazel Park will receive 23% of the taxes captured on the site. No one from the public wished to speak. Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

Councilmember LeCureaux and City Manager Klobucher discussed the portion of the Hazel Park Ice Arena parking lot abutting the former Hazel Park Raceway site.

Councilmember Sullivan believes this is a good development for Hazel Park, and is proud of the Administration for its hard work on the project.

**CO-09-108-18 Motion to Approve Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Plan:**

Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Freedom of Information Act Appeal

City Manager Klobucher asked the audience if anyone was present from the firm of Ficano & Rosenthal (the Appellant) that wished to speak. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Administration recommended that the Appeal be denied.

City Attorney Schwartz advised that information a municipality obtains from an applicant under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act is exempt from disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, the requested information being Appealed cannot be provided as it is exempt under MCL 333.27205(4).

**CO-09-109-18 Motion to Approve the Denial of the Freedom of Information Act**

**Appeal:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve the Denial of the Freedom of Information Act Appeal. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Appoint Richard Ayers II to the Arts Council

**CO-09-110-18 Motion to Appoint Richard Ayers II to the Hazel Park Arts Council:**

Motion by Aubry, second by LeCureaux, to Appoint Robert Ayers II to the Hazel Park Arts Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

**TABLED ITEMS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Administration requested that Council consider conditionally granting a license for Medical Marijuana Facility Applicant #34, with the approval of the Administration to review the plan.

**CO-09-111-18 Motion to Approve Medical Marihuana Facility Application #34 with Discussion:** Motion by Aubry, second by LeCureaux, to Approve Medical Marihuana Facility Application #34, with Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Buchholz thanked everyone for thinking of Patriot Day and honoring Mr. Leal. He thanked Mr. Hitchcock for honoring the Hazel Park Police and Fire Departments. 9/11 was a sad, tragic day that people vividly remember. He also wanted to thank Hazel Park, which has always stood behind its Police Dept.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher mentioned the citywide garage sale being organized by Neighborhood Enrichment from September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He then related how, on September 11, 2001, he watched on television as both towers of the World Trade Center collapsed. Following that tragedy, the community of Hazel Park came together and was prepared for anything that might have followed. City Manager Klobucher also mentioned how in 2006 he was an attendee of the Harvard University Senior Executive Program with two individuals who had been part of New York City's 9/11 response. One of them was the head of counter-terrorism with that City's Fire Dept., who related sending a battalion of firefighters up into one of the towers of the World Trade Center moments before it fell; among those firefighters was the man's own brother. Consequently, City Manager Klobucher advised all to remember the heroism of the men and women who must run toward danger. He also thanked the people of Hazel Park for donating care packages to his step-son's military unit while it was fighting in Iraq. The events of 9/11 changed things in America, some for better and some for worse. At the core of it all, there were very brave people who passed that day, during subsequent events, and even still today. Their sacrifice and dedication is not forgotten.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilmember Sullivan echoed City Manager Klobucher's sentiment about 9/11. It is one of the most emotional days in our nation's history. She thanked our first responders and those who keep us safe. It is important to remember loved ones on days like 9/11, as it will hopefully help us grow and progress as a nation. Additionally, she advised that as it is Suicide Prevention month, individuals should reach out to friends and family who may be in need.

Councilmember Holland advised that the Hazel Park Historical Museum will be open on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. She wished to recognize Officer Gomez, who personally visited a resident to explain parking options on Street Maintenance Day. Additionally, she recounted her own experiences on 9/11, including receiving a call from the mother of an old friend with

whom she had not spoken with for several years. The caller asked if she had heard from her daughter, who worked in the World Trade Center. Over 3000 people were lost that day, but over 30,000 were saved by the men and women who went into the damaged buildings. For being one of the worst days in our country's history, it was a proud day to be an American. She does not take the men and women in uniform for granted, and she is grateful for each of them.

Councilmember LeCureaux reminded everyone that schools are once again in session, so watch out for children who are walking to school. Per Councilmember LeCureaux, if you love someone, tell them; if you have children, hug them and tell them you love them.

Mayor Webb related how September 11<sup>th</sup>, much like December 7<sup>th</sup>, is a date which will live in infamy in our souls. We are all a family of Americans, no matter how we may feel about each other, and are a strong and free-thinking society.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**


**ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.**

**CO-08-112-18 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.



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Mayor Michael Webb



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James Finkley, City Clerk

(The preceding minutes are a synopsis of the City Council meeting and do not represent a verbatim record).