

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember McFall

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz, Deputy City Attorney Campbell, Assistant City Attorney Mason

CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Sullivan attended remotely from Hazel Park, Oakland County, MI.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The Proclamation was read into record by City Manager Klobucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-01-001-21 Motion to approve Agenda as Revised: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Revised Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the recent riot at the U.S. Capitol, the subsequent death of Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, and what it means to be an American.

18th District County Commissioner Charlie Cavell provided a COVID update from Oakland County, as well as news that the Oakland County Nurse on Call has expanded its phone system. Starting on January 20th, 2021, those in Phase 1A & 1B may register to receive the vaccine at oaklandcountyvaccine.com.

27th District State Representative Regina Weiss advised that unemployment is her primary issue at the moment, with the Michigan Unemployment Agency recently issuing supplemental Pandemic Unemployment Compensation payments for those who comply. Further e-news updates are available online through her official webpage.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 12/8/2020
2. Approve Business License for 1500-1504 E. Nine Mile Rd. - Coats Powder Finishes: Industrial painting & powder finishes
3. Approve Business License for 1833 E. Eight Mile Rd. – Private Label Detroit LLC: Retail location for Private Label Brand hair/beauty products
4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
5. Invoice Approval List
6. Approve 2021 Public Meetings Calendar
7. Approve Resolution #01-001-21: Execution of Documents
8. Approve Resolution #01-002-21: Levy of Special Millage for Advertising
9. Approve Resolution #01-003-21: Poverty Exemption Guidelines
10. Approve Resolution #01-004-21: Allowance of Residents to Protest Property Taxes
11. Approve Resolution #01-005-21: GLWA Industrial Pretreatment Program
12. Offer to Purchase Vacant Lot
13. Expansion of Business License Services

CO-01-002-21 Motion to approve Items #1-13 on Consent Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Approve Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV) Service Agreement w/ Engineered Solutions

CO-01-003-21 Motion to Approve PRV Service Agreement with Engineered Solutions: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV) Service Agreement w/ Engineered Solutions. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1. 1408 E. Elza

Building Official Roger Pinch spoke before Council regarding the Show Cause Hearing for house and garage at 1408 E. Elza Ave. A Public Hearing was opened at 7:27 p.m. and, with no one wishing to speak, was closed at 7:28 p.m.

CO-01-004-21 Motion that based upon the findings of the Building Official of dilapidation, non-conformance and costs in exceedance of value in its present dilapidated condition, and the substantial repairs which are required, the Hearing Officer's order dated 11/18/2020 to demolish, within 30 days, the house and garage located at 1408 E. Elza, Hazel Park, is to be affirmed: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to demolish the house and garage located at 1408 E. Elza Ave. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 23386 Melville

The Show Cause Hearing for 23386 Melville was removed from consideration.

3. 1109 E. Pearl

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. and, with no one wishing to speak, was closed at 7:31 p.m. Building Official Roger Pinch spoke before Council regarding the Show Cause Hearing for the garage at 1109 E. Pearl Ave.

CO-01-005-21 Motion that based upon the findings of the Building Official of dilapidation and the required repairs necessary to the garage to otherwise make it safe exceed the value of the garage in its present dilapidated condition, and to affirm the Hearing Officer's order dated 10/21/2020 to demolish the garage located at 1109 E. Pearl, Hazel Park: Motion by McFall, second by Sullivan, to demolish the garage located at 1109 E. Pearl Ave. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Appointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

City Manager Klobucher advised that Michael Mazzuckelli has resigned from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and wished to thank him for his many years of service to the City of Hazel Park in various capacities.

CO-01-006-21 Motion to appoint Jared Gajos to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to appoint Jared Gajos to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-01-007-21 Motion to appoint Curt Goure to Main Street Hazel Park: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to appoint Curt Goure to Main Street Hazel Park. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Due to a significant number of applicants, City Manager Klobucher advised that the Administration has requested Council provide their top applicants for the vacant City Council seat so that interviews may be scheduled. There are many promising candidates but only one position available. Those who do not get selected were encouraged to volunteer and apply for Boards & Commissions.

Mayor Webb inquired about the previous Nine Mile Rd. construction project that left something to be desired.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised that the FY 2020-21 water rate was deferred by the Great Lakes Water Authority until January 1, 2021. The new rate has been implemented as of that date.

Police Chief Brian Buchholz expressed how thankful he was for his staff. He also thanked the volunteers, reserve officers, and the members of the Mobile Communication Support Unit, who donated 881 hours to the City of Hazel Park in 2020. The MCSU Director & Assistant Director performed over 600 of those hours between the two of them.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated how important it is to remember that all of us are Americans and should be committed to ideals higher than political party affiliation. In periods when people are especially angry at one another, it is vital not to dehumanize those whose opinions may differ from our own.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan wished everyone a happy new year and wanted to express her appreciation to those who applied for City Council. She looks forward to making this appointment to Council and future appointments to other Boards & Commissions as well. She quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. regarding the importance of what we can do for others.

Councilmember McFall thanked all those who applied for the City Council vacancy. While Main Street Hazel Park strove to support local businesses through the holidays, it is important for customers to continue that support through the tough winter months.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux wished a happy new year to everyone. He thanked and wished luck to the City Council applicants. Additionally, drivers were advised to watch out for bicyclists.

Mayor Webb was proud of the amount of applicants for the open Council seat. He looks forward for a better tomorrow and a great year in 2021, which can only happen together with the support of all. It cannot happen if we are divided. City Manager Klobucher added that the applicants for City Council all seemed so proud to potentially become a part of the City government. This spirit of civic-mindedness and excitement for the community is encouraging.

CO-01-008-21 Motion to have City Council meetings at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to move the regular meeting time of City Council meetings forward one hour to 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

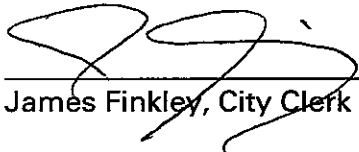
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

CO-01-009-21 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, 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).