

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2019**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 Mason, Deputy City Attorney/Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell

CALL TO ORDER – 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-10-090-19 Motion to Approve Revised Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Revised Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation to Celebrate the 200th Birthday of Oakland County
2. Proclamation Naming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Webb read the listed Proclamations into record.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike McFall congratulated the local entrepreneurs at the Build Institute.

Councilmember Holland advised that the Hazel Park Historical Museum will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17th.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bill Hitchcock spoke regarding the Hazel Park Promise Zone.

Michael Allen spoke regarding Landmark Community Church.

Darlene Shaughnessy spoke regarding the City's audit procedure.

Jake Slivatz spoke regarding Medical and Recreational Marihuana Ordinances.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the recent Hometown Huddle event.

Steve Mulder spoke regarding Medical Marihuana and the upcoming City Election.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 9/10/2019 & Special City Council Meeting / Study Session Minutes 9/16/2019
2. Approve Business License at 21738 John R Rd.: Central Land Agency, LLC – Title Company
3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. 2020 Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant w/ Oakland County
6. Sale of Hughes Ave. (north of Maplelane Ave.) to General Building Authority

CO-10-091-19 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Presented: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Holland, to Approve the Consent Agenda, following discussion of Item #6. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. An ordinance to amend Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities, of the City of Hazel Park's Code of Ordinances, to protect the public's health, safety and welfare and to implement certain provisions of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act of 2008, MCL 333.26421 et seq., the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act of 2016, MCL 333.26421 et seq., the Marihuana Tracking Act of 2016, MCL 333.27901 et seq., the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018, MCL 333.27951 et. seq., the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3101 et seq., and the State of Michigan Marihuana Administrative Rules, as amended and future amendments, First Reading.

Jenn Zielinski of Dunaskiss Consulting & Development was invited to join the extensive dialogue among Council and Administration regarding the proposed Ordinance.

CO-10-092-19 Motion to Approve Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities of the City of Hazel Park: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to Approve the Ordinance to amend Chapter 5.04 upon First Reading, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

CO-10-093-19 Motion to Place Meeting Materials on Website for Every Council Meeting: Motion by Aubry, second by Sullivan, to post Council Packet materials online. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Holland raised the matter of a listing of licensed businesses along John R Rd., an update on a problematic property, as well as a Town Hall meeting on marihuana.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief Brian Buchholz spoke regarding the K-9 Unit of Ofc. Michael Kasdorf and Lando, who are national finalists to win a Chevrolet Tahoe. A Community Watch meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th at Hazel Park High School (23400 Hughes Ave.) to introduce the "Paw Patrol" program. Residents who see something suspicious were encouraged to call the Police Dept. in a timely manner. The HPPD is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink badges. City Manager Klobucher thanked the Chief and members of the City Manager's Office staff for creating a new HPPD Facebook page. So far, three platoons have received animal CPR and First Aid. Chief Buchholz thanked Kim DuBerg and others for helping with the aforementioned Facebook page.

Dept. of Public Works Director Tom Jones advised that the Nine Mile Rd. project is on schedule. Saw-cutting has begun on North John R Rd., with concrete pouring to begin soon. Repaving of Woodward Heights Blvd. will begin later in the month. The Sidewalk Replacement Program is currently focusing on Tawas Ave., Vassar Ave. and Cayuga Ave. Lights have been installed at Scout Park, and the pavilion and restrooms will receive new metal roofs. City Manager Klobucher advised that the road diet is not creating traffic backups, but rather it is related to I-75 construction and chokepoints caused by other current roadwork. Planning Director Campbell advised that since the Scout Park Playground rules have been posted, the number of complaints have dropped dramatically. City Manager Klobucher informed everyone that he is in discussion with the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation to create a new recreational outlet for teens in Hazel Park.

Fire Chief Richard Story thanked everyone who attended the Fire Dept. Open House. He also informed Council that the Fire Dept. was awarded a FEMA grant for new self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. Moreover, the "Thumper" mechanical CPR machine resuscitated the first five individuals it was utilized on. The Fire Dept. has been in discussions to acquire CPR and First Aid training for animals.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher advised that Michigan's system of municipal finance is fundamentally broken. He stated that no one can say that the City Council doesn't work hard, for they painstakingly went over the proposed Ordinance one item at a time. The Ordinance itself is a work in progress and will remain so as the nascent marijuana industry develops. Lastly, he respected the individual from the Public Discussion period who apologized when presented with facts contradicting his statements.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan stated how it is nice to have many members of the public in attendance to see the fruits of the hours of preparatory work performed by Council and staff members to craft each Ordinance. As part of the 200th Anniversary of Oakland County, there will be a tree-planting at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 19th at Kennedy Park. City Manager Klobucher added that there may also be a park dedication ceremony by the Sutar-

Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation on the same day. Councilmember Sullivan expressed her appreciation for the Fire Dept. Open House.

Councilmember Holland wished to see a Resolution declaring October as bullying-prevention awareness month in Hazel Park. The Michigan Municipal League Convention offers a great learning and networking opportunity, including sessions on the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census and on human trafficking. People were encouraged to vote daily for Lando. Lastly, she wished for an Executive Session in the near future.

Councilmember LeCureaux was proud of the Council and the City when he found out that all five Councilmembers and the City Manager had donated to the MML Foundation, which provides scholarships to elected officials who may not otherwise be able to attend the Conference. He echoed the sentiments of a former Councilmember about cherishing one's loved ones and encouraged voters to exercise their rights on November 5th.

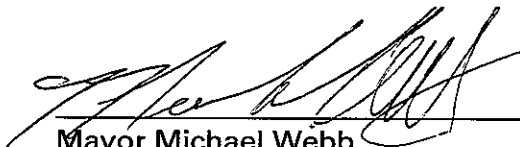
Mayor Pro Tem Aubry was recently at Green Acres Park and was excited to see fresh paint and a new bicycle rack there. The Fire Dept. Open House was a great event, including being able to try some of the life-saving tools. A major focus of the MML Convention this year was human-trafficking, which affects local communities and the region as a whole. Council meetings can be viewed live on cable or at any time on the City's YouTube channel. Councilmembers put a tremendous amount of work into their tasks, making it inappropriate to accuse the same of not working hard. Michigan House Bill 4325, which is designed to protect the diagnostic privileges of over 10,000 Licensed Professional Counselors in the state, passed the House unanimously and will now move on to the Senate. City Manager Klobucher added that some of the best clinicians he has ever seen were LPCs. Also, the Hazel Park Community Coalition has previously hosted a presentation on human trafficking.

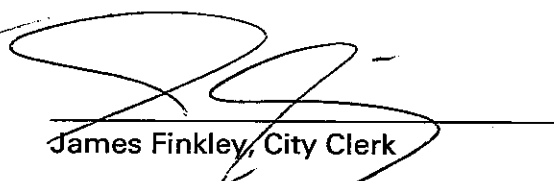
Mayor Webb wished his daughter a happy birthday. He also advised of how the Council does a large amount of research when it comes to Ordinances. Roads, parks, homes, and commercial buildings are currently being built and renovated. Hazel Park is trying to build diversity and inclusiveness in a variety of fashions, including socially and economically.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 10:01 p.m.

CO-10-094-19 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).