

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2019**

A City of Hazel Park City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 – 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-10-095-19 Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Aubry, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Naming October 2019 as Bullying-Prevention Month

Mayor Webb read the listed Proclamation into record.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Krueger spoke regarding the Neighborhood Enrichment Halloween home decoration awards.

Mayor Webb recognized the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation and all those who helped build the Scout-McPherson Park play structure, which was dedicated on October 19th.

City Manager Klobucher thanked the City Council for participating in the Scout Park play structure build, and thanked the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation for their generosity.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Michael Allen spoke regarding the “Trunk-n-Treat” event at Scout Park on October 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ken Muha spoke regarding the Sidewalk Replacement Program, the recent tree planting at Kennedy and Felker parks, and the need for insulation in older homes.

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the proposed medical and recreational marihuana ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 10/8/2019
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational – Receive & File)
3. Invoice Approval List
4. List of Licensed Businesses on John R Rd. (Informational – Receive & File)

CO-10-096-19 Motion to Accept and Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-4: Motion by Holland, second by LeCureaux, to Approve Consent Agenda Items #1-4, following discussion. The results of a vote on the motion were as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Holland, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Sullivan, Mayor Webb

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Aubry

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

5. Letter from Hazel Park Arts Council (Informational – Receive & File)

CO-10-097-19 Motion that Recommendation is Not Accepted: Motion by Holland, second by LeCureaux, to deny the recommendation of the Hazel Park Arts Council to remove Richard Gage from said Board, following discussion. The results of a roll call vote on the motion were as follows:

Ayes: Councilmember Holland, Mayor Webb

Nays: Councilmember LeCureaux, Mayor Pro Tem Aubry, Councilmember Sullivan

Abstentions: None

Motion failed.

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, Second Reading.

CO-10-098-19 Motion to Approve Commercial Marihuana Facilities Ordinance: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to Approve the Ordinance to amend Chapter 5.04 upon Second Reading, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

TABLED ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Department of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones advised that Nine Mile Rd. has switched traffic flow to the outside lanes and is scheduled to finish in three weeks. Work is also underway on John R Rd. from Chestnut Ave. to Ten Mile Rd. Woodward Heights Blvd. has been repaved from Pilgrim Ave. to S. Chrysler Dr., with the area from Battelle Ave. to Hazelwood Ave. still under construction. Residents were reminded not to rake leaves into the street. Leaf bags or 35 gallon garbage cans with "yard waste" stickers are acceptable; 95 gallon cans are not due to weight concerns. Woodward Heights Blvd. will be restriped from the Recreation Center to Hazelwood Ave. once the surface is completed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher advised Council that Hazel Park, like virtually every other city in southeast Oakland County, ended up in the action-level for lead and copper standards. A press release will follow on October 23rd explaining the matter in greater detail. He thanked Mike Palchesko of DTE for aggressively trimming trees in the wake of several recent power outages northeast of John R Rd. near Nine Mile Rd. There was an extraordinary turnout of volunteers for the tree planting on October 19th. City Manager Klobucher thanked DPW Superintendent Jones for his hard work. He also mentioned the stability of the City's financial position, the resurfacing of every major road, low crime, rising property values, and new economic development.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember LeCureaux thanked everyone for hours of work on the marihuana ordinance and for all those who came out for the tree planting. City Manager Klobucher thanked Recreation Director Sareen Papakhian for her work in obtaining the grant for said trees. Councilmember LeCureaux stated how it has been a pleasure to serve on Council, wished everyone a happy Halloween, and stated the benefits of bagging leaves as opposed to raking them into the street.

Councilmember Holland extended love and compassion to the family of City Attorney Schwartz. The tree trimming was done extremely aggressively, which should help with power outages. She recounted visiting her recently-renovated grandparents' house for the

first time in several years. The bullying-prevention resolution is intended for not only children but adults as well, and should be used to reflect and be kinder. The concept of incompatible offices has been on her mind lately and is something she wishes to see further examined. It has been a privilege to serve on Council and be accountable to the citizenry.

Councilmember Sullivan thanked everyone who has worked on the marihuana ordinance, which she sees as a great opportunity for the community. Also, all those who volunteered for the tree planting were thanked. The dedication of Scout Park with the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation was wonderful. Trunk-n-Treat is a great opportunity for kids to get two uses out of their costume. Trick-or-treaters are encouraged to wear brightly-colored clothing while out at night. She thanked DTE for their tree trimming. Voters can find their precinct online or join the City's permanent Absent Voter list should they so choose.

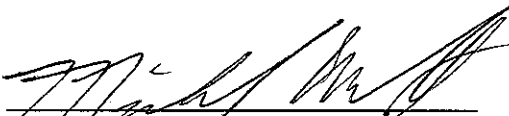
Mayor Pro Tem Aubry responded to a concern expressed during public comment regarding the instability inherent in the emerging cannabis market. She also feels voting against the recommendations of a board or commission is a dangerous precedent to set, and looks forward to legal clarification on said matter. The recent legislation protecting Licensed Professional Counselors passed the State Senate with unanimous accord. She was excited to help plant trees at Kennedy and Felker parks, and found the Scout Park dedication to be wonderful. Lastly, she reminded voters that they may vote for up to two Councilmember candidates, as well as on the Oakland County Community College millage renewal.

Mayor Webb believes the marihuana ordinance is a good compromise on a delicate subject. He advised trick-or-treaters to be careful. John R Rd. will have a complete bike lane on each side once construction is completed. Combined with the Sidewalk Replacement Program, these lanes will increase mobility in the community. As for the water issues, the State of Michigan has imposed unthoughtful regulations. City Manager Klobucher added that residents should promote a sense of community by handing out candy on Halloween from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

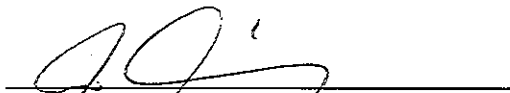
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 p.m.

CO-10-099-19 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).