

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilmember Sullivan was attending remotely from Clawson, Oakland County, MI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-02-014-21 Motion to approve Agenda as Revised: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the revised Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBER LUKE LONDO

Honorable 43rd District Court Judge Brian Hartwell gave the oath of office to Hazel Park City Councilmember Londo, and offered words of wisdom from his previous years of experience as a municipal official.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Black History Month

The Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the City of Hazel Park was read into record by City Manager Klobucher

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Melissa Baldwin thanked the Water Dept. for their prompt response to a recent water main break.

City Manager Klobucher advised that three separate water main breaks had occurred today due to the frigid conditions.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 1/26/2021
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
3. Invoice Approval List

4. Approve Purchase of M-Tech/Q-Cues Portable Remote Sewer Camera Crawler
5. Approve I.T. Services Agreement w/ Oakland County
6. Approve HIDTA Subrecipient Agreement w/ Oakland County
7. Approve Interlocal Agreement w/ Oakland County for Restaurant Funds
8. Lot Sales

CO-02-015-21 Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-8: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Brownfield Plan for 630-642 E. Ten Mile Rd. & Adjacent Parking Lot

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell spoke before Council regarding the proposed Brownfield Plan. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:14 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, it was closed at 6:15 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Brownfield Plan for 630-642 E. Ten Mile Rd. & Adjacent Parking Lot

CO-02-016-21 Motion to conditionally approve Brownfield Plan as recommended by Administration for 630-642 E. Ten Mile Rd. & Adjacent Parking Lot: Motion by McFall, second by Sullivan, to conditionally approve the Brownfield Plan for 630-642 E. Ten Mile Rd. and the adjacent parking lot. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution #02-006-21: Moratorium on Event Spaces

CO-02-017-21 Motion to adopt Emergency Moratorium on Event Spaces: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve an emergency moratorium on event spaces. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Conditional Agreement w/ McKenna

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell spoke before Council regarding the proposed agreement with McKenna.

CO-02-018-21 Motion to conditionally approve the Agreement with McKenna with the caveat that the scope of services may be modified to meet RRC standards, and the payment terms may be modified to state that the City of Hazel Park may pay \$20,000 and the MEDC may match those funds for this project: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to conditionally approve the agreement with McKenna. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Appointments & Reappointments

CO-02-019-21 Motion to reappoint Tom Jones, Ed Klobucher & Sareen Papakhian to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to reappoint Tom Jones, Ed Klobucher & Sareen Papakhian to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-020-21 Motion to reappoint Gary Harrison to Civil Service Commission: Motion by McFall, second by Londo, to reappoint Gary Harrison to the Civil Service Commission. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-021-21 Motion to require development of an annual reporting of activities and process of interview for initiative-based Boards & Commissions, including but not limited to Hazel Park Arts Council, Main Street Hazel Park, Environmental Sustainability Commission, Nature Initiative, Historical Commission, DDA projects & updates on Planning Commission projects: Motion by Sullivan, second by McFall, to require the development of annual reporting of activities and process of interviews for initiative-based Boards & Commission, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-022-21 Motion to reappoint to Charles Hemple, Bill Hitchcock, Marlene Pringle & Mike McFall, & appoint Matt Dudley to Downtown Development Authority: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to reappoint Charles Hemple, Bill Hitchcock, Marlene Pringle and Mike McFall, and to appoint Matt Dudley, to the DDA. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-023-21 Motion to reappoint Jake Slivatz & appoint Kevin Kresch & Andrea Washington to Planning Commission: Motion by McFall, second by Londo, to reappoint Jake Slivatz, and to appoint Kevin Kresch and Andrea Washington, to the Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-024-21 Motion to appoint Emily Testerman to Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to appoint Emily Testerman to the ZBA. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Klobucher advised that the majority of the remaining proposed Board & Commission appointments would be considered initiative-based. Additionally, the parameters of the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) have yet to be firmly established. Councilmember Sullivan added that those interested in more information on the ESC may contact either the Administration or herself.

TABLED ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Webb thanked Water Superintendent Tim Young for bringing up the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP), which can hopefully be of aid to residents.

CO-02-025-21 Motion to direct the Hazel Park Historical Commission to create committee to create event for next year to celebrate 80th birthday of Hazel Park: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to direct the Historical Commission to establish a committee to organize an event for the City of Hazel Park's 80th anniversary in 2022, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CO-02-026-21 Motion to adopt Bylaws for Historical Commission: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to adopt the proposed Bylaws of the Hazel Park Historical Commission pending minor revisions. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Webb raised the topic of plowing side-streets on street maintenance days.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Office Manager Linda Yono wished Mr. Klobucher a happy 19th anniversary as City Manager. Promise Zone event tickets are currently available for sale, with a virtual dinner to be held on Thursday, February 18th. Tickets are \$30.00 or two for \$50.00, with meals provided by Joebar.

Water Superintendent Young and City Manager Klobucher shared documentation regarding how to prevent pipes freezing during the winter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Schwartz congratulated Councilmember Londo on his appointment and City Manager Klobucher.

Assistant City Attorney Mason wished City Attorney Schwartz a happy belated birthday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher thanked everyone for recognizing his years of service. He stated how it sometimes feels like only yesterday that then-Councilmembers Webb, LeCureaux, and former Mayor Jack Lloyd appointed him as City Manager in 2002. It has been the honor and privilege of his life to serve in this role. He thanked the many dedicated Councilmembers, staff, and residents, who have helped shepherd the City through both good times and bad over the years. Additionally, he congratulated new Councilmember Londo.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Londo was proud to recognize Black History Month, and stated unequivocally that black lives matter. He thanked the public, Council, and staff for their warm welcome. He wished City Attorney Schwartz a happy belated birthday and congratulated City Manager Klobucher.

Councilmember Sullivan congratulated City Manager Klobucher and wished a happy belated birthday to City Attorney Schwartz. She also welcomed Councilmember Londo and all of the Board & Commission appointees to the team. In recognizing Black History Month, she is working with a local resident and the Hazel Park Memorial District Library on a virtual Q & A presentation from a 2nd generation Tuskegee Airman on Saturday, February 20th. Lastly, Oakland County is currently registering those who wish to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccination.

Councilmember McFall wished City Attorney Schwartz a happy birthday and thanked City Manager Klobucher for his longtime dedication to the City. He reminded everyone to continue to support local businesses. This includes restaurants, several have whom have outdoor seating available for dining-in, while others are open for carry-out. City Manager Klobucher thanked Councilmember McFall, Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell, and Main Street Hazel Park for their continued support of local businesses, many of whom are desperately in need of patronization in order to survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux wished City Attorney Schwartz a happy belated birthday. He stated how City Manager Klobucher has done an outstanding job in a very honored position. It takes a very unique skill set to succeed in the position, one which Mr. Klobucher possesses. City Manager Klobucher thanked Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux and Mayor Webb for the trust and confidence they placed in him when appointing him nearly two decades ago. Councilmember LeCureaux welcomed Councilmember Londo and expressed appreciation for the words of wisdom from Honorable Judge Hartwell. He also thanked all the volunteers on the City's Boards & Commissions for sharing their talents and skills.


City Manager Klobucher thanked his wife for her continued support during his tenure with the City of Hazel Park.

Mayor Webb thanked all those individuals who applied for the City Council vacancy and welcomed Councilmember Londo to what can sometimes be a thankless but rewarding position. He also wished City Attorney Schwartz a happy belated birthday. To City Manager Klobucher, he reminisced about how it has been an interesting road over the past 19 years. Disagreement has borne compromise, all in search of what best suits the community. Among the candidates for City Manager at the time, Mr. Klobucher and his psychology background was selected over more business-oriented candidates who were not attuned to the future direction the City. Mayor Webb thanked him from the bottom of his heart for standing up and taking on the job, and thanked the residents of Hazel Park for attending the meeting and thus supporting the democratic process.


EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 6:52 p.m.

CO-02-027-21 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, 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).