

**City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2021**

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Hazel Park, Oakland County, MI.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**CO-04-042-21 Motion to approve Revised Agenda as Presented:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to approve the Agenda as Revised. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sullivan advised that applications for the 2021 Hazel Park Art Fair will soon be available. The event will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in August.

City Manager Klobucher stated that May 15<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated date for a community-wide cleanup. Additionally, due to the recent spread of COVID-19 it does not appear possible that a Memorial Day carnival will be possible, although a ceremony and some type of parade are expected.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

County Commissioner Charlie Cavell provided a COVID-19 update. To date, the State of Michigan has administered over 6 million vaccinations, while Oakland County has provided over 621,000 doses. 40% of Oakland County residents have been vaccinated, including 70.5% of seniors. SMART is offering free rides to and from COVID shots. On April 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a second vaccination clinic at the Community Center in order to administer the second dose for the approximately 300 individuals that received the first round on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 3/9/2021
2. Hazel Park Historical Commission Minutes 2/18/2021 (Informational)
3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Award Bid to Hutch Paving for 2020 Woodward Heights LRIP Project

6. Removed
7. Sale of Lots
8. Community Center Reservation Fee Updates
9. Approve Business License for 420 W. Nine Mile Rd. – Ideation Signs and Communications, Inc.
10. Res. #04-011-21: Food Truck License Application Fees
11. Approve Business License for 22813 Dequindre Rd. – Executive Carpentry and Remodeling, LLC: cabinet building
12. Approve Business License for 23305 Dequindre Rd. – Light Show Bob LLC: Light show repair, storage & recording studio
13. Approve Business License for 23701 John R Rd. – Madison Heights Imaging, LLC: MRI center

**CO-04-043-21 Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-13:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Consent Agenda, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Ordinance to Add Title 18 - Human Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**CO-04-044-21 Motion to adopt Title 18, Human Rights:** Motion by Londo, second by Sullivan, to approve the Ordinance to Add Title 18 – Human Rights, upon 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ord. to Amend Title 5 – Health and Safety, by Adding Ch. 5.30, Food Trucks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**CO-04-045-21 Motion to approve Food Truck Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Ordinance to Amend Title 5 – Health and Safety, by Adding Ch. 5.30, Food Trucks, upon 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Amendments to Sections 17.02, 17.45.030, 17.45.040 & 17.48.020 of Zoning Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell spoke regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

**CO-04-046-21 Motion to approve Amendments to Sections 17.02, 17.45.030, 17.45.040 & 17.48.020 of Zoning Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to approve the Amendments to Sections 17.02, 17.45.030, 17.45.040 & 17.48.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, upon 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**CO-04-047-21 Motion to reappoint Ben Cronk, Sheri Gibson-Dirkse, Christopher Gariepy & Vicki Upcott to Historical Commission:** Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to reappoint Historical Commissioners Cronk, Dirkse, Gariepy and Upcott. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**TABLED ITEMS – None****NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Webb, City Manager Klobucher, and Planning Director Campbell collectively advised that Congressional grants have been applied for. One is for renovations to the Community Center pole barn, while the other pertains to roadwork on Woodward Heights Blvd.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones spoke regarding the tree trimming and removal program, as well as the sidewalk replacement program. Street sweeping and yard-waste pickup have begun. Compost is currently available to the public at Kennedy Park. Waste contractor GFL has recently introduced a partially-automated garbage truck, which is then followed by a manual truck, meaning that garbage may be collected in multiple passes. Garbage and recycling cans should be adequately spaced and not placed in the street. Payment options for the sidewalk replacement program include payment in full, installments, or as a tax lien.

Police Chief Buchholz expressed gratitude at the outpouring of support received in the wake of the recent loss of K-9 unit Lando. Yesterday's shooting near Couzens Ave. & Woodward Heights Blvd. did not result in any serious injuries and the suspects were quickly apprehended. Speeding on residential streets has been a concern lately, prompting additional radar monitoring activities. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which sheds light on a serious problem afflicting our motorways.

Councilmember Sullivan raised the topic of green dots painted on catch basins around the City, which Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised represent those that have already been cleaned. The dots also aid in preparing for West Nile Virus drain treatment.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None****COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding municipal finances in the City of Hazel Park. There will be a budgetary Study Session at the next City Council meeting. City funds are beholden to legacy costs, including those dictated by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan. Based on that organization's revised calculations, nearly \$1 million per year in additional funds must be diverted to pension costs. These looming expenditures were part of the reason for enabling marijuana facility licensure over the past few years.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember Sullivan advised that, in conjunction with the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, there will be a "Spring Cleanup" on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> is Dog Bite Prevention Week. She wished a happy holidays to those celebrating various springtime festivities.

Councilmember Londo recognized Recreation Director Sareen Papakhian, City Manager Klobucher, and all those who worked on the Community Center vaccination clinic. He expressed condolences for the loss of K-9 unit Londo, complimented the Hazel Park Police Dept. officers who caught the aforementioned shooting suspects, and is thankful that it will soon be illegal in Hazel Park to discriminate against any of the classes protected by Human Rights Ordinance.

Councilmember McFall commended the Police and Fire Depts. for their quick and effective service for residents. He reminded everyone that there are new, non-binding restrictions on restaurants, many of whom could certainly use continued patronage in these trying times.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux warned everyone to be watchful for pedestrians, bicyclists, and those who ride scooters. The Hazel Park Casual Bike Club, which meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. behind the High School, had its first ride of the year recently. He thanked the City staff for securing various grants that save money and/or improve services.

Mayor Webb thanked City staffers for keeping the Council updated on important issues, as well as Chief Buchholz and the police officers who apprehended the shooting suspects. At present, Hazel Park is more diverse and open-minded than ever. It is reflected in the social and economic growth of the community. Moving forward, the city will hopefully become an even friendlier, more welcoming place than it is today.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CO-04-048-21 Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session was reentered at 7:55 p.m.

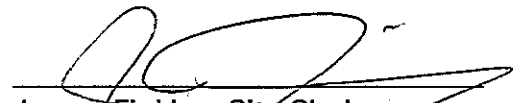
**CO-04-049-21 Motion to reconvene:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to reconvene in Open Session. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CO-04-050-21 Motion to adopt litigation conflict recommendation:** Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to adopt the recommendations of legal counsel from Closed Session. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT – 7:56 p.m.**

**CO-04-051-21 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).