

**City of Hazel Park  
City Council Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2021**

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:01 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-05-058-21 Motion to approve Revised Agenda:** Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Agenda as revised. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. Gun Violence Awareness Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in June

The above-listed proclamation was read into record by Mayor Webb.

2. Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month – May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>

The above-listed proclamation was read into record by City Manager Klobucher.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

County Commissioner Charlie Cavell spoke regarding COVID-19, for which 55% of Michigan residents have now been vaccinated. Additionally, plans have begun for the American Rescue Plan stimulus funds that will soon be received by Oakland County.

City Manager Klobucher advised that a cleanup of local parks and the Eight Mile Blvd. corridor will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the 8 Mile Boulevard Association.

Councilmember McFall advised that the Community Center will host a walk-in COVID vaccination clinic and health screening on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Diana Darland of Mom’s Demand Action for Gun Sense in America spoke regarding the Gun Violence Awareness Day proclamation.

Rochelle Bono of Michigan Tourette Connect spoke regarding the Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month proclamation.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 4/27/2021
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
3. Boards & Commissions Supplemental Information (Informational)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Approve Res. #05-012-21: West Nile Virus Fund Expense Reimbursement Request
6. Approve Sale of Lots
7. Approve Business License for 22203 John R Rd. – 1 Off Solutions LLC: Product development
8. Approve Res. #05-013-21: Guidelines for Poverty Exemption from Property Taxes

**CO-05-059-21 Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-8:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Fossett of 1 Off Solutions spoke before Council regarding his business.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. License Consideration

**CO-05-060-21 Motion to approve Applications #1-8:** Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to approve Marihuana facility applications. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Ordinance & Bylaws establishing Beautification Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**CO-05-061-21 Motion to approve Ordinance establishing Beautification Commission on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Ordinance establishing a Beautification Commission upon 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Klobucher clarified that this Ordinance establishes the official beautification committee for the City of Hazel Park and voids previous Council actions that had transitioned that responsibility to a different organization.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Request for Appointments & Reappointments

**CO-05-062-21 Motion that Elected Officials Compensation Commission be reappointed and appointed with the following individuals – Peggy Burleson, Lisa Chrouch, Joy Heater and appointment of Leighton Watson:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to reappoint Peggy Burleson, Lisa Chrouch-Johnson and Joy Heater, and appoint Leighton Watson, to the Elected Officials Compensation Commission. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CO-05-063-21 Motion for appointment of Tom Jones to the General Building Authority:** Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to appoint Tom Jones to the General Building Authority. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CO-05-064-21 Motion for reappointment of Tina Caudill and Tom Jones to Recreation Board:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to reappoint Tina Caudill and Tom Jones to the Recreation Advisory Board. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CO-05-065-21 Motion to appoint to the Environmental Sustainability Committee Tim Young, Sala Wanetick, Andrea Washington, Ken Muha & Charles Winward:** Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to appoint Tim Young, Sala Wanetick, Andrea Washington, Ken Muha and Charles Winward to the Environmental Sustainability Committee, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Annual Reports (Informational)

**TABLED ITEMS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Webb raised the topic of road construction and commended Councilmember McFall for bringing the vaccination/health screening clinic to the Community Center.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS – None**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Schwartz thanked everyone who supported the “ForBruce.org” walk-a-thon on May 8<sup>th</sup> for Pancreatic Cancer awareness and research. The approximately \$10,000 raised will go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network for early detection methods of said disease.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Klobucher was grateful for the turnout at the ForBruce.org fundraiser, which was a chance to make the fight against Pancreatic Cancer a communal cause in the City of Hazel Park. Michigan’s system of municipal finance and taxation is fundamentally broken, including the perpetual underfunding of revenue sharing obligations.

Public discussion resumed with Jennifer Teed speaking regarding water shut-offs.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Councilmember McFall reminded everyone that May 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for the vaccination and health screening clinic at the Community Center.

Councilmember Sullivan advised that water bills are an area of concern for her, although there are City programs in place for those who have difficulty paying. External water bill assistance agencies and funding opportunities are also available. She commended the representatives in attendance for the gun violence and Tourette Syndrome awareness proclamations. Applications for the 2021 Hazel Park Art Fair are now open online, and the citywide and Eight Mile Blvd. cleanups are scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she congratulated City Attorney Schwartz on the ForBruce.org walk-a-thon and encouraged people to get vaccinated against COVID.

Councilmember Londo thanked Councilmember McFall for organizing the clinic, and advised that the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Court is still offering a “ticket amnesty” program to waive certain fees. He also highlighted the portion of the website where residents can submit questions and

concerns. Councilmember Londo also advised that he will be unable to attend the May 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, and thanked the representative of Michigan Tourette Connect for reaching out and raising awareness of Tourette Syndrome.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux highlighted the impacts of gun violence and Tourette Syndrome, the proclamations for which should help to raise awareness of these important topics. He hopes to see participation at the park cleanup and the Hazel Park Casual Bike Club, and is excited to see a business like 1 Off Solutions arrive.

Mayor Webb stated how things like cancer and Tourette Syndrome affect a great number of people. With new housing and businesses being built, Hazel Park is moving forward into an even better future. City Manager Klobucher added that local business Exlterra is currently ameliorating radiation in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, while two of the Midwest's preeminent electric battery manufacturers are located here as well. Lastly, Mayor Webb advised how technology is an emerging sector in Hazel Park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

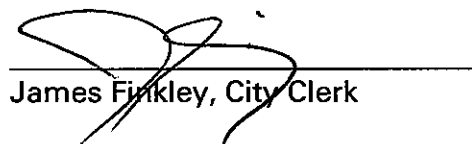
**ADJOURNMENT – 6:49 p.m.**

**CO-05-066-21 Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.



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Mayor Michael Webb



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James Finkley, City Clerk

(The preceding minutes are a synopsis of the City Council Meeting and do not represent a verbatim record).