

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

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 13th, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-07-089-21 Motion to approve Agenda as revised: Motion by McFall, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Agenda as revised. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Pease spoke regarding a pending criminal case.

County Commissioner Charlie Cavell thanked the City of Hazel Park for passing a Source of Income Housing Ordinance. Oakland County is awarding \$50.00 gift cards for those who receive their first COVID vaccination dose until 70% of residents are vaccinated. Residents interested in the County's budget or how American Rescue Plan funds are spent should offer input to Oakland County. The County's Fair Housing Initiative includes sample ordinances and a "landlord mitigation fund" to incentivize landlords to treat tenants fairly.

Mayor Webb spoke of the increasing diversity in Hazel Park over the past decade.

Councilmember Sullivan advised that Hazel Park Art Fair will be held on August 28th & 29th. To date, more artists have registered than in any previous year. Attractions include arts and crafts, food vendors, and live performers.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No one from the public wished to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 6/22/2021
2. Historical Commission Approved Minutes 5/20/2021 (receive & file)
3. Approve Business License for 533 E. Nine Mile Rd. – Interstate Auto Wash
4. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
5. Invoice Approval List

6. Appointment of Representatives to Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Business Meeting: Andy LeCureaux as Representative & Ed Klobucher as Alternate
7. Application Opening
8. Deadline Extension
9. Revised Landlord Licensing Proration Schedule
10. Approve Dan's Excavating for Water Main & Hydrant Installation – MDOT Project 2021
11. Elected Officials Compensation Comm. Unapproved Minutes 6/17/2021
12. Approve Southeast MI Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Annual Membership Dues

CO-07-090-21 Motion to adopt Consent Agenda as revised, Items #1-12: Motion by Londo, second by McFall, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-12. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Special Land Use Request - Case 21-02: 1569 E. Eight Mile Rd.

Planning & Economic Development Director Jeff Campbell spoke before Council regarding the Special Land Use request.

CO-07-091-21 Motion to approve Special Land Use Request Case 21-02 at 1569 E. Eight Mile Rd. & also approve Business License & all recommendations from Planning Commission: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Special Land Use Request – Case 21-02, conditional upon recommendations from Administration, as well as to approve the Business License application for The Perfect Slice Haircuts LLC. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The business owner, Timothy Martin, spoke before Council regarding his business.

2. Approve Amendment to Ordinance to Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulation, Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities, Section 5.04.050, Entitled Application and Fee Requirements, 1st Reading.

CO-07-092-21 Motion to approve Amendment to Marihuana Ordinance: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, to approve the amendment to Ordinance to Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulation, Chapter 5.04, Commercial Marihuana Facilities, Section 5.04.050, Entitled Application and Fee Requirements, upon 1st reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve Amendment to Ordinance Title 2, Environmental Sustainability Commission, Chapter 2.51, upon 1st Reading, and associated Bylaws.

CO-07-093-21 Motion to approve on 1st Reading the Amendment to Ordinance Title 2, Environmental Sustainability Commission, Chapter 2.51 & Associated Bylaws: Motion by Sullivan, second by Londo, to approve the enabling Ordinance and related Bylaws for the

Environmental Sustainability Commission, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. 440 E. Woodward Heights Blvd.

Property representative Coen McGarity and owner Bessi Alexander spoke before Council regarding 440 E. Woodward Heights Blvd., requesting the opportunity to post a bond and bring the home into compliance with code requirements.

CO-07-094-21 Motion to grant request with several caveats; receipt of quiet title judgment showing that Jason Way LLC is the rightful owner of the real property known as 440 E. Woodward Heights, Hazel Park, MI 48030; all taxes must be paid and current as of July 31st, 2021, as well as work order invoices and water bill; that owner enters into an Affidavit of Responsibility; that owner gets business in good standing with LARA by July 31st; a \$5000 bond from the owner of the property; a copy of proof of quiet title action or quiet title judgment, bond, and Affidavit of Responsibility must be provided to the City of Hazel Park no later than October 31st, 2021; and to bring this matter back before Council in one month to review status: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to grant property owner's request to post a bond and bring 440 E. Woodward Heights into compliance with code requirements, pursuant to the specified conditions, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

TABLED ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell welcomed Mr. Martin, owner of The Perfect Slice Haircuts LLC, to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher stated that members of the public sometimes raise topics with the best of intentions, though a lack of firsthand knowledge may cause their perception of the situation to bear no resemblance to reality. Hazel Park is an open, friendly, caring and welcoming place. City Manager Klobucher thanked all municipal employees, particularly the Police and Fire Departments and the volunteers of the Mobile Communication Support Unit (MCSU). For those interested in participating in the community, the MCSU, Police Reserve Officers, and Community Emergency Response Team are accepting applications.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember McFall stated that he attended a free Oakland County workshop for business owners and entrepreneurs, entitled Local Business Connect - Training & Resources. It is designed to teach the skills needed to start and run a business, and he is hoping to host a similar event in Hazel Park later this summer.

Councilmember Londo advised that with I-75 currently closed and John R Rd. repairs and a road diet forthcoming, commuters should allot more time for travel and practice courtesy and grace.

Councilmember Sullivan indicated that drive-times have nearly doubled for her. She reminded people to be kind and courteous, as well as aware, especially with more pedestrians out during the warmer months. Additionally, she recommended keeping an eye out for one's neighbors when experiencing excessively hot temperatures. Hazel Park Youth Assistance recently instituted an innovative art program, whereby craftily painted rocks are hidden in parks around the city; said rocks contain instructions for redeeming gift cards at local businesses. Lastly, she thanked City staff for their hard work and effectiveness.


Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux thanked City staff for finding ways to save money, including a substantial saving realized by the Water Dept. through one of the meeting's Consent Agenda items. He is looking forward to volunteering for the Art Fair, and advised about the Hazel Park Casual Bike Club.

Mayor Webb warned drivers to look out for bicyclists and encouraged people to be happier. Recent incidents have spurred his belief that people need to work harder at getting along.


EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – 6:52 p.m.

CO-07-095-21 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Londo, 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).