

**City of Hazel Park
Work Study Session**

Mayor Mike Webb
Mayor Pro Tem Amy Aubry
Councilmember Andy LeCureaux
Councilmember Bethany Holland
Councilmember Alissa Sullivan

City Manager Ed Klobucher
City Attorney Jan Drumm
City Attorney Arnold Shifman
City Clerk James Finkley

The City of Hazel Park City Council Meeting will be held at Hazel Park Council Chambers,
111 E. Nine Mile Rd. Hazel Park, MI 48030 www.hazelpark.org

November 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:


Updates from Administration and Department Heads.

- Finance Director Christiansen and Treasurer Bowling discussed how they are trying to make online payments easier and autopay available for utility billing. Mayor Webb asked what will be focused on in next year's budget, to which Finance Director Christiansen replied that she would like to develop a two-year projected budget and 5-year capitalization plan. Councilmember Holland asked what potential difficulties await the City; Finance Director Christiansen advised that pensions may become problematic.
- Recreation Director Papakhian spoke about the installation of a new playscape at Karam Park, incoming youth programs including ballet, and a strategy for long-term tree planting. Mayor Webb asked about future parks plans and increasing participation. Recreation Director Papakhian stated that she has created a 5-year parks plan. Councilmember Holland stressed the importance of small neighborhood parks, specifically Maxlow Park.
- Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell spoke about the status of economic development in the City. Mayor Pro Tem Aubry asked how many jobs from the recent job fair went to Hazel Park

residents, to which Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell replied that Michigan Works! will provide such information.

- Fire Chief Story spoke to council about the work of the Fire Department over the past year and expenses anticipated to be necessary in the coming years.
- DPW Director DuBerg stated that a list of tree types that can be planted in easements will be placed online; such planting requires a permit. Councilmember Holland asked about the restriping of Woodward Heights, which DPW Director DuBerg advised would be completed within the week. Councilmember Sullivan asked how long the City-wide tree-trimming program will take. DPW Director DuBerg stated that it was expected to take approximately 15 years until completion.
- Police Chief Buchholz spoke about the status of the Hazel Park Police Department, including staffing levels and community policing.
- Animal Control Officer Justin Holland spoke about the increased rates of return for animals brought to the Animal Control facility, among other topics. Councilmember Sullivan inquired about a standardized protocol for posting information online about animals recovered by the facility.
- Code Enforcement Officer Patterson updated the City Council on current code enforcement topics, as well as recent actions.
- City Manager Klobucher spoke about the City of Hazel Park's Manager-Council form of government.
- City Attorney Drumm spoke to the City Council about the show cause process.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 p.m.



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.)