

**City of Hazel Park
Work Study Session Minutes: February 27, 2018**

A City of Hazel Park City Council Work study Session was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the City Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem Aubry, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Holland

Absent: Councilmember Sullivan

Also Present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Drumm

CALL TO ORDER – 7:15 p.m.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

FY 2019 Budget & Road Repair Costs

- Finance Director Alacia Christiansen discussed the tentative timeline for the FY 2019 Budget. She also mentioned the grand opening of CareHere in Ferndale which, along with the existing facility in Madison Heights, will soon be usable by Hazel Park employees. Lastly, she spoke to the plan for road repairs to John R Rd. and Nine Mile Rd.
- Councilmember Holland inquired about easing the transition from four lanes to two lanes on Nine Mile Rd. where Hazel Park meets Ferndale.
- Councilmember LeCureaux asked about the possibility of using a Special Assessment District for the road repairs in question.
- Mayor Webb brought up potentially creating a flat tax rate for sidewalk repair, which would replace the current system of citizens paying for their sidewalk replacement on an as-needed basis.

Police Department updates

- Lieutenant William Hamel spoke to Council about the use of body cameras by Hazel Park Police Officers. Said body cameras have been instituted as part of a one-year free trial agreement. Per Lt. Hamel, a positive of the cameras is that individuals seemingly behave in a more moderate manner when they are aware of being filmed. Moreover, officers are predominantly happy with the cameras. That being said, potential negatives include the time necessary to train officers on the use of the cameras, as well as the cost of digital record storage.
- Mayor Webb inquired about the efficacy of in-car cameras, as opposed to body-worn versions. He also asked for a report in a few months on how the body camera trial period is going.

- Chief Buchholz informed Council that online crime-mapping is live in Hazel Park. Said mapping overlays icons onto an overhead view of the City, with each icon representing various crime categories.
- Councilmember Holland asked about locker room accommodations for female officers.
- Mayor Pro Tem Aubry brought up House Bill 5540, which would allow police departments to recoup training costs from officers if the officers leave said departments within certain time periods.

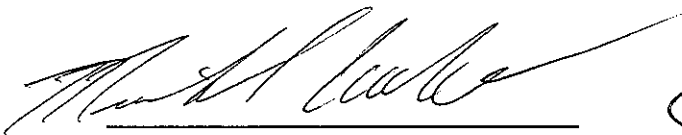
Code Enforcement update

- City Attorney Drumm advised that recycling notices are being passed out to local businesses. "Operation Clean Sweep" has been instituted to provide notices to highlight what is needed in terms of code compliance. Eleven blighted properties have been demolished in the past few months. Additionally, several Show Cause hearings will be coming soon.
- City Manager Klobucher informed Council that an additional Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Green, was recently hired.
- Code Enforcement Supervisor Pam Patterson discussed how she has been distributing commercial code information to businesses and encouraging them to recycle. Moreover, several complaints have been received about a local church which will likely need to have a Nuisance Per Se Hearing for various code issues.

Date for upcoming Show Cause Hearings

- City Manager Klobucher suggested the scheduling of a Special City Council Meeting for the Show Cause Hearings that will be necessary on various properties.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 p.m.



Mayor Michael Webb



James Finkley, City Clerk

(The preceding minutes are a synopsis of the Work Study Session and do not represent a verbatim record.)