

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2022**

A City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on the date listed above in Council Chambers, 111 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, MI 48030. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem McFall, Councilmember LeCureaux, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember Londo

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-09-102-22 Motion for approval of revised Agenda: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Laymac stated that the Beautification Awards have concluded for the year, the Halloween decorating awards will begin in October, and the sunflower-growing contest will soon end. Baldwin House is sponsoring a screening of the film "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale" on September 29th and is hosting a networking dinner on September 15th.

Councilmember Sullivan advised that the 2022 Hazel Park Art Fair was the largest yet, with big changes to come next year as well. She thanked Art Fair attendees, the City Administration, the Parks & Recreation Department, Police Dept., and the many volunteers for all their hard work.

Police Chief Brian Buchholz reported that five suspects from an armed robbery in Madison Heights were recently apprehended by the Hazel Park Police Dept., with two firearms being recovered in the process. Additionally, HPPD officers arrested suspects from a domestic violence case in Royal Oak.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mike Flores spoke regarding pedestrian safety considerations at the intersection of John R Rd. and Woodward Heights Blvd.

Darlene Shaughnessy spoke regarding the proposed redevelopment of 24520 N. Chrysler Dr., property taxes, and the City's pension system.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes 8/23/22
2. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)

3. Invoice Approval List
4. Road Construction Projects
5. Renewal of Michigan Municipal League (MML) Membership
6. Designation of Andy LeCureaux as MML Convention Voting Delegate and Ed Klobucher as Alternate
7. Business License for 21325 S. Chrysler: Grow Garden & Landscape DBA Grow Earth
8. Licenses & Applications
9. Agreement for Services Between City of Hazel Park/DDA & Madison Heights/Hazel Park Chamber of Commerce
10. Resolution #09-020-22: September as Entheogenic Plant & Fungi Awareness Month
11. Res. #09-021-22: Fourth SAD Resolution
12. Interlocal Agreement w/ City of Ferndale for S-1 Services
13. Applications
14. Participation in OCAT and Receipt of ATPA Grant Funds w/ Oakland County

CO-09-103-22 Motion for approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Consent Agenda with Item #10 being read aloud. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #09-020-22: September as Entheogenic Plant & Fungi Awareness Month, was read into record by Councilmember Londo.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Ordinance to amend HPMC Ch. 5.04 – Commercial Marihuana Facilities, 2nd Reading

CO-09-104-22 Motion for approval of Ordinance #08-22: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Ordinance to amend HPMC Ch. 5.04 – Commercial Marihuana Facilities, upon second reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance to add HPMC Ch. 10.27 – Distracted Driving, 2nd Reading

CO-09-105-22 Motion for approval of Ordinance #09-22: Motion by Londo, second by McFall, to approve the Ordinance to add HPMC Ch. 10.27 – Distracted Driving, upon second reading. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Licenses & Applications

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Klobucher advised that the John R Rd. entrance to City Hall will be temporarily closed while roof repairs are underway.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised that the recent GLWA main break in Port Huron has increased water pressure in southeast Michigan, leading to more local main breaks.

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Tom Jones informed Council that road repairs at the intersection of John R Rd. and S. Chrysler Dr. are due to a water main break and will soon be completed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher advised that the State government appears to be realizing that something needs to be done to address municipal finance concerns. He complimented the Hazel Park Arts Council and thanked Mayor and Council for their hard work. Drivers were warned to watch for pedestrians, and the complexity of timing traffic signals was discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan thanked Mr. Flores for his comments. She wished everyone a belated happy Labor Day, which marks a time to remember the contributions of organized labor in America. The Arts Council will be scheduling artist roundtables later this year.

Councilmember LeCureaux advised parents to make sure their children do not walk in the street, while drivers were warned to watch out for said children. He thanked the Arts Council for the wonderful culinary, musical, and artistic experience that is the Art Fair.

Councilmember Londo expressed excitement for the coming John R road diet and the recent Art Fair. He congratulated Jared Gajos on becoming Director of Human Resources and City Attorney Amanda Mason for joining on a full-time basis. Eligible residents were encouraged to register and vote. Lastly, "Entheofest" will be held on the University of Michigan campus on September 18th.

Mayor Pro Tem McFall thanked the Hazel Park Police Dept. for braving the dangerous situations they routinely encounter.

Mayor Webb raised the discussion topics of traffic regulations, crosswalks, and the coming road diet on John R Rd., as well as other potential safety considerations for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. He also thanked City employees, including members of the Police and Fire Departments, for doing a great job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

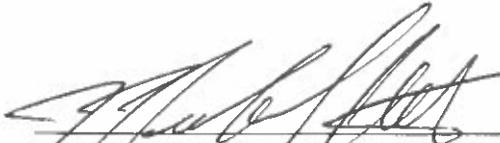
CO-09-106-22 Motion to go into Executive Session for pending litigation: Motion by Sullivan, second by McFall, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of pending litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

CO-09-107-22 Motion to accept recommendations of counsel as it pertains to litigation in three (3) ongoing cases: Motion by Londo, second by McFall, to accept the recommendations of legal counsel relating to pending litigation. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.

CO-09-108-22 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).