

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:31 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane.

Mayor Robinson asked those present to join in a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members of the Council were present:

William C. Hoops, Jr.
Robert M. Aubuchon
Lesli M. Henderson
Kelly Wadlow
Matthew G. Robinson
Lisa M. Matlock
Robert C. Smith
Jen Hatton

Council Member Warren H. Taylor was not present. City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were City Manager David Leezer and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

AGENDA

There being no amendments proposed, Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon
Ms. Henderson
Ms. Wadlow
Mayor Robinson
Ms. Matlock
Mr. Smith
Ms. Hatton

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the minutes of the February 4 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

As his biography was read, Police Detective Makil Walker was presented with his 10-year service award.

GREEN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Green Committee Board Chairman Ron Darling reported on the committee's 2025 activities.

Mr. Darling stated that 2025 marked the 15th year of the Hazelwood Green Committee and its third year as an official City Board. Volunteers contributed a record 721 hours. The City diverted 16% of materials from the landfill, with a recycling contamination rate of 17%, which is below the regional average.

Mr. Darling reported that 23 litter and recycling events were held, during which approximately 3,700 pounds of trash and 450 pounds of recyclables were collected. The Recycle Day and Paint Day events were noted as successful.

A county grant and annual funding from Republic Services supported committee activities.

Plans for 2026 include continued litter and recycling efforts, expanded public education, and development of a Hazelwood Litter-Free Plan.

Mr. Smith asked how the City could assist in promoting Green Committee activities.

Mr. Darling responded that increased resident education on properly bagging trash and not bagging recyclables would be beneficial.

Mrs. Henderson asked if high school students would be eligible to receive volunteer hours through the Green Committee.

Mr. Darling responded affirmatively.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - None

CITIZENS HEARINGS AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Mayor Robinson explained the procedures to be followed during a hearing. He invited anyone desiring to make a comment to come forward at this time.

No one came forward to address the Council.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION An application for a Full Package Liquor License, with Sunday, was received from Stigi George for Elm Grove Partners, LLC d/b/a Elm Grove Liquor at 7433 North Lindbergh Boulevard.

Ms. Lowery stated that the requisite record check had been conducted, and Police Chief James Hudanick recommends approval. The application is due to a change in ownership.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the application by Stigi George for a Full Package Liquor License, with Sunday, for Elm Grove Partners, LLC dba Elm Grove Liquor, at 7433 North Lindbergh Boulevard. The motion passed by a vote of seven in favor and one opposed, with Ms. Wadlow casting the dissenting vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

MLMSTL NEWSLETTER The February issue of The Link was received from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

EWGCG BRIEFINGS The February 5 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

COMMITTEE RESIGNATION A letter of resignation from the Community Enrichment Commission was received from Heather Jones.

FLOOD INSURANCE A notice of changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study Report was received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Management Agency, Region 7.

NOTICE OF LAYOFFS A notice of mass layoffs affecting employees at Community Wholesale Tire Dis., Inc. at 9124 Pershall Road and 6034 Aviator Drive was received.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION Mayor Robinson suggested designating the March 11 work

AGENDA ITEMS session as a Special Council Meeting to allow residents to attend and provide public comment.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Mayor Robinson nominated Lindsey Manno for appointment to the Community Enrichment Commission.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CONTRACT NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends authorizing a contract with TRC Outdoor LC, for nuisance abatement services for a two year term with a one year renewal option.

Chief Hudanick stated one bid was received from TRC Outdoor. The Council was provided with the bid summary, which identifies the mowing charges for the various lot sizes and the costs for trash and limb abatement. The City has been satisfied with TRC Outdoor for the past several years.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize the contract for nuisance abatement services and to place the draft bill on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously, and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

AUTHORIZATION OF PENSION PAYMENT Mr. Leezer reported staff recommends approval of a \$2.6 million-dollar pension payment.

Mr. Leezer stated that the actuarial valuations of the Pension Plan (Plan) have been distributed to the City and presented to the Pension Board of Trustees. Based on the Plan actuaries' analysis, the recommended contribution is \$2,592,279. The actual payment to the Plan, reflecting this recommendation, will total \$2,663,459. The difference represents accrued interest from the July 1, 2025, valuation date to the date of payment, as well as a reduction for expenses previously paid by the City on the Plan's behalf. The required contribution is approximately \$200,000 higher than originally budgeted. Mr. Leezer stated that this increase is primarily attributable to salary increases over the past several years.

Ms. Wadlow inquired if the City contributed to the Pension Fund.

Mr. Leezer responded that the City funds the Pension Plan in its entirety.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve the annual pension contribution payment. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT Mr. Leezer gave the Council updates on current and upcoming events.

The U.S. Department of Justice launched an online portal for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) claims in late January/early February 2026. The system allows applicants to file claims electronically and upload supporting documentation.

Mr. Leezer stated that Department Directors were asked to provide annual summaries of activities and achievements. The report was distributed to the Council and is intended to highlight departmental impact and serve as a reference for Council when explaining City services.

Public Works limb pickup will occur from the week of April 13 through the week of June 15. Scheduling information will be posted online, mailed to residents, and shared via social media.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION RENEWALS Ms. Lowery requested Council action regarding vacancies and expired appointments on City boards and commissions.

Ms. Lowery noted that some boards and commissions are approaching the inability to conduct business due to a lack of quorum resulting from these vacancies. Currently, 10 of the City's 12 boards and commissions have vacancies and/or expired appointments.

Council was asked to prioritize the review of expired appointments and take steps to fill current vacancies. A current roster identifying vacancies and expired terms was provided for reference.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file the minutes of the December 11 Pension Plan Board of Trustees and the January 13 Community Enrichment Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

CONTRACT NUISANCE ABATEMENT Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract for nuisance abatement services.

There were no objections, and Bill 5211 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TRC OUTDOOR LC FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES FOR A TWO YEAR TERM, WITH A ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTION.

Bill 5211 will be on the agenda for second reading on March 4.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5210 Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5210 to
CONTRACT authorize a contract for the replacement of the Maintenance
OVERHEAD DOORS Garage overhead doors.

There were no objections, and Bill 5210 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE EDELEN COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2026 MAINTENANCE GARAGE OVERHEAD DOORS REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$59,700).

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, the adoption of Bill 5210 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 8</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Ms. Henderson	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	

Bill 5210 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5092-26.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

Julie Lowery, CMC - City Clerk
City of Hazelwood, Missouri