

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:28 p.m. on Wednesday, March 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:

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

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, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

**AMEND CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to amend the consent agenda by the addition of a closed session to consult with the City Attorney.

Ms. Matlock motioned, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the consent agenda as amended. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	

Mr. Hoops  
Mr. Aubuchon  
Ms. Henderson

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda, including a closed meeting immediately following the regular meeting to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(1), discuss a property acquisition in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(2), and to discuss personnel matters in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(3), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to approve the minutes of the March 4 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION**

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Area Engineer Tabitha Locke gave an update on the upcoming U.S. Route 67 corridor upgrades.

Ms. Locke stated the first phase would affect U.S. Route 67 from Highway 270 to Patterson Road. She noted that a new auxiliary lane would be installed at Taylor Road and Lynn Haven Lane. Due to a gas line being relocated, the ramp will be closed for approximately two months. However, the work is not expected to occur for at least one year, and detours would be in place to provide access to affected areas.

Ms. Matlock asked if sidewalks and ADA access would be handled before pavement is laid.

Ms. Locke responded affirmatively.

Mr. Smith asked about grass cutting.

Ms. Locke stated that MoDOT does grass cutting four to six times during the year and that, if concerns arise, to let them know.

Mr. Leezer asked about work on Lindbergh Boulevard south of 270.

Ms. Locke responded that repaving and drainage improvements would start in the fall.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION**

**P.D. PUBLIC SAFETY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution supporting a grant application through the Missouri Blue Shield Program that provides the Police Department with

financial assistance to reduce violent crime and enhance public safety.

Police Chief James Hudanick stated that the Hazelwood Police Department intends to apply for \$50,000 in grant funding through the Missouri Blue Shield Program. He stated that the Missouri Department of Public Safety requires a resolution from the governing body demonstrating support for participation in the program.

There were no objections and Resolution 2603 was read by title only:

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, the adoption of Resolution 2603. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Ms. Henderson	

## **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.

**COURT CONCERNS** Sharon Dash of 6 Meditation Way Court expressed concerns regarding a neighboring property and stated that the owner has failed to appear in court for numerous property-related violations.

Ms. Dash stated that she and other residents wish to be heard and acknowledged when raising concerns. She requested that positions be evaluated and that additional policies be implemented to address property owners who fail to maintain their homes.

**TRASH CONCERNS** Quinton Spurlock of 7049 Laupher Lane expressed concerns with the amount of trash and litter on City roadways.

He stated it negatively impacts the appearance of the City. Mr. Spurlock also stated that the Civic Center East building and grounds are in need of updates.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The February 26 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	Notice of upcoming changes to the channel lineup was received from Charter Communications.
MLMSTL NEWSLETTER	The March issue of The Link was received from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.
REQUEST FOR BUSINESS LICENSE WAIVER	A request for a waiver of their \$6,890.87 business license fee was received from Washington University School of Medicine, #15 Village Square Shopping Center.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The March 5 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
CDBG FUND APPLICATION	A letter regarding the 2026 Municipal Application for CDBG Funds and application requirements was received from St. Louis County Human Services.
NCI THANK YOU	A letter was received from North County Inc. thanking the City for their 2026 membership.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The March 12 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to waive the business license fee and to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

THANK YOU Mayor Robinson thanked City staff for their work constructing the St. Patrick's Day Parade float and for participating in the parade.

WORK SESSION Ms. Lowery stated that staff recommends scheduling the Mayor and Council Budget Work session for April 22 at 6 p.m.  
AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Lowery stated that Finance will have completed its internal budget review meetings and compiled departmental requests in accordance with the budget schedule, allowing staff to present the proposed budget and review key items with the Mayor and City Council.

No objections were made.

APPOINTMENT OF  
MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mayor Robinson provided the Council with notice that Judge Monahan has availability to meet with the Council the week of March 23.

Ms. Hatton motioned, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to move the discussion regarding his appointment until the next Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MAIL

Ms. Lowery stated she was in receipt of a request to consider eliminating the delivery of Council mail to members' homes and instead use individual mailboxes at City Hall.

After discussion, the option will be left open for delivery due to necessity.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

MOWING &  
LANDSCAPING  
SERVICES CONTRACT

Interim Public Works Director Jason Carothers reported staff recommends authorization of an agreement with MACC Contracting, Inc. for mowing and landscape services at a cost not to exceed \$215,000 for a term of two years.

Mr. Carothers stated that the agreement provides for mowing and landscaping maintenance of approximately 40 acres of City property and right-of-way. The contract term is two years, with an option for a one-year renewal upon mutual agreement. Mr. Carothers stated five bids were received, with MACC Contracting submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid of \$105,000 for year one and \$110,000 for year two, totaling \$215,000. The company provides similar services for nearby municipalities and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Henderson asked why the contract amount had increased.

Mr. Carothers explained that the previous contract covered a shorter time period than the proposed agreement.

Ms. Wadlow expressed concern about outsourcing the work rather than utilizing the Public Works staff.

Mr. Carothers responded that contracting these services allows Public Works staff to focus on sidewalk and street maintenance and repairs.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize an agreement with MACC Contracting, Inc. for mowing and landscaping services for a two-year term, with a one-year renewal option at a cost not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) and to place the draft bill on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed by a vote of eight in favor and one opposed, with Ms. Wadlow casting the dissenting vote, and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

CITY MANAGER'S  
STATUS REPORT

Mr. Leezer updated the Council on current and upcoming events.

He announced that Jason Carothers will serve as Interim Public Works Director.

Mr. Leezer announced the passing of Battalion Chief Gerard Hagedorn and extended condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

He stated that the Hazelwood Police Department will host the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Leezer announced that, effective January 1, 2027, all City properties will be designated as a smoke-free campus.

He stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28 at 10:00 a.m. at White Birch Park.

Mr. Leezer reminded residents that limb collection will begin the week of April 13 and encouraged residents to check the City website for their collection schedule.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None**

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None**

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

MOWING/LANDSCAPE CONTRACT Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize an agreement for mowing and landscaping services.

There were no objections and Bill 5215 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MACC CONTRACTING, INC. FOR MOWING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR A TWO YEAR TERM, WITH A ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000).**

Bill 5215 will be on the agenda for second reading on April 1.

**SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS**

BILL 5212 Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5212 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a social assistance establishment at 320 Brookes Drive, Suite 105.  
SLUP  
320 BROOKES DR, 105



BILL 5214  
FIRST AMENDMENT  
AVIATOR BUS. PARK

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5214 to approve an amendment to the Development Agreement with Aviator Business Park.

There were no objections and Bill 5214 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI AND AVIATOR BUSINESS PARK REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5214 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Ms. Henderson	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	

Bill 5214 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5096-26.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEETING** Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 1, 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 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

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