CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 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:

Lisa Simpson
Robert C. Smith
Jen Hatton
William C. Hoops, Jr.
Charles McGhee
Lesli M. Henderson
Kevin Foley
Matthew G. Robinson
Lisa M. Matlock

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were Interim City Manager/Police Chief James Hudanick and Assistant City Attorney Phillip Boyd.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

<u>AYE - 9</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mrs. Simpson	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Ms. Henderson	
Mr. Foley	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to approve the minutes of the June 3 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE Ms. Lowery administered the oath of office to Jessica Platt and Sophia Downs, who were recently appointed to the Community Enrichment Commission.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS As their biographies were read, Maintenance Worker James Becker and Police Officer Robert Lunatto received their five year service awards, and Custodian William Simpson received his 25-year service award.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

OUTREACH SERVICES RESOLUTION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution approving an on-call outreach agreement with Vector Communications.

Chief Hudanick requested Council authorization to utilize Vector Communications for public information and community outreach services related to Proposition 1, the August 4, 2026 ballot measure concerning construction of a new fire station. Chief Hudanick stated that Vector Communications had previously assisted the City with communications, community engagement, outreach services, informational materials, social media content, event planning, media relations, and public engagement efforts.

Cordell Whitlock of Vector Communications provided an overview of the firm's services and outreach efforts. Mr. Whitlock stated that Vector Communications first began working with the City in July 2025 and had previously developed a communications plan, informational materials, a dedicated website, and community outreach strategies related to the proposed fire station project. He stated that a Proposition 1 website would be launched to provide residents with project information, frequently asked questions, photographs, videos, and contact information for submitting questions. Mr. Whitlock stated that Vector Communications would conduct neighborhood canvassing efforts through a twelve-person outreach team, participate in upcoming Food Truck Night events, distribute informational materials, and utilize geofencing technology and digital advertising to direct residents to the Proposition 1 website. He emphasized that the firm's role was to provide factual information and educate residents regarding the ballot measure rather than advocate for or against its passage.

Mr. Foley questioned the anticipated cost of the outreach program and whether spending limitations had been established.

Chief Hudanick replied that services would be provided on an as-needed basis and that no specific spending cap had been established.

Mr. Whitlock added that Vector Communications maintained detailed records of hours and services performed and could provide expenditure information upon request.

There were no objections and Resolution 2606 was read by title only:

Mrs. Simpson moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, the adoption of Resolution 2606. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Mrs. Simpson	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Mrs. Henderson	
Mr. Foley	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

Resolution 2606 was unanimously adopted.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT	Don Davidson of 4921 Rose Blossom Lane expressed concerns regarding the anticipated cost of the Proposition 1 outreach effort and questioned the need for outside communication services.

Mr. Davidson also commented on the ongoing City Manager recruitment process and expressed concerns regarding property maintenance and code enforcement issues within residential neighborhoods, including overgrown vegetation, deteriorated fencing, parking violations, and other nuisance conditions.

CITY FINANCES & REC PROGRAMS	Quinton Spurlock of 7049 Laupher Lane expressed concerns regarding administrative and public safety expenditures and recreation funding levels.

He suggested exploring opportunities to increase utilization of City parks and improve participation in recreation center programs and activities.

USED CAR SALES	Salah Albu of 6053 North Lindbergh Boulevard asked for information regarding the transfer of his existing business operations to Hazelwood.

Mr. Albu also inquired about installation of fencing on his property and expressed concerns regarding traffic safety and recurring accidents near North Lindbergh Boulevard and Chapel Ridge Drive.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The June 4 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	No items were added to the July 8 Council work session agenda.
BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	Mayor Robinson nominated Tory Valenti and Troy Harris to the Industrial Development Authority and Alexis Robinson for reappointment to the Community Enrichment Commission

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the preceding appointments and reappointment. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM UPDATE	Ms. Lowery reported that, following Council direction at the previous meeting, requests for proposals had been submitted to executive search firms for assistance with the recruitment of a new City Manager.

Ms. Lowery advised that proposals had been received from two firms and that a third firm had not responded. She explained that an additional firm had subsequently been contacted and that staff were awaiting a response.

Ms. Lowery recommended postponing Council review of the proposals until all responses had been received, allowing Council members to evaluate the information simultaneously and conduct a comprehensive review of qualifications, services, and costs. Council members expressed support for reviewing all proposals at one time.

UPDATED CITY MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

Ms. Lowery stated that an initial draft of a City Manager job description had been modeled after job descriptions utilized by comparable municipalities; however, after consultation with the City Attorney, the document was substantially revised to more closely align with the City Charter.

Ms. Lowery stated that revisions included the addition of language describing Hazelwood's Council-Manager form of government, clarification that the City Charter remains the sole source of legal authority governing the position, replacement of broad operational duties with a summary of responsibilities specifically contained within the Charter, and modification of qualification requirements to emphasize executive and administrative experience while identifying educational credentials as preferred rather than mandatory qualifications. She further explained that the revised document was intended to serve as a reference guide while avoiding conflicts with Charter provisions.

During discussion of the revised job description, Council members discussed the Charter requirement that the City Manager reside within the City during his or her tenure.

Ms. Matlock questioned whether the residency requirement could limit the City's ability to recruit qualified candidates from outside the community and noted challenges associated with relocating during the current housing market.

Mr. Foley responded that the Charter currently requires the City Manager to reside in Hazelwood and stated that residency provides a vested interest in the community and the decisions affecting residents.

Ms. Hatton agreed that housing market conditions could present challenges for prospective candidates but acknowledged that the Charter requirement remains in effect.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ms. Lowery advised that she had not yet received appointment recommendations from every Council member for the Charter Review Committee.

Ms. Lowery requested direction regarding whether the committee should proceed with existing appointments or wait until all positions had been filled.

Mr. Foley stated that residents in his ward had made it clear they were not interested in serving on City boards or commissions while the City continued to overlook code enforcement issues. He stated that he could not, in good conscience, ask residents to volunteer their time under those circumstances and stated that any commission appointments from Ward 4 should be considered void until the City began enforcing its codes more effectively.

Mayor Robinson directed Ms. Lowery to proceed with establishing the committee using the appointments already received.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AMEND CHAPTER 390 RE: E-BIKES	Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends amending Chapter *390: Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Similar Devices* relating to e-bikes.

Chief Hudanick presented proposed amendments regulating electric bicycles, mini-motorcycles, motorized scooters, pocket bikes, and similar motorized recreational vehicles. He explained that the City's current ordinance does not adequately address many of these devices, limiting enforcement options and creating safety concerns on public streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, and within City parks. Chief Hudanick stated the proposed ordinance would establish definitions, operating restrictions, parental responsibility for violations committed by minors, and enforcement provisions, and was developed in consultation with the City Attorney, after reviewing Missouri law and ordinances adopted by neighboring municipalities.

Mrs. Simpson asked whether the proposed regulations complied with current Missouri law.

Mr. Boyd responded affirmatively and stated that it had also been developed utilizing recommendations from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

Mr. Foley stated that enforcement could be challenging because many of the motorized vehicles had been modified, making engine size difficult to determine, but agreed that additional regulations were needed to improve public safety.

Mrs. Henderson asked whether the ordinance should distinguish between stand-up electric scooters commonly used by adults for transportation and other motorized recreational vehicles operated primarily by children. She suggested allowing adults possessing a valid driver's license to operate certain electric scooters while continuing to prohibit mini-motorcycles, pocket bikes, and similar recreational vehicles.

Mr. Boyd responded that the ordinance could be modified to include age restrictions and different operational requirements for specific types of motorized devices.

Chief Hudanick stated that many municipalities were experiencing similar safety concerns and had begun adopting regulations after accidents involving children resulted in injuries and increased municipal liability concerns.

Mr. Foley moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve the proposed amendments to *Chapter 390: Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Similar Devices* and to place the draft bill on the agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously, and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

Following discussion, Mr. Foley moved, seconded by Mr. McGhee, to withdraw the motion for first reading of the proposed ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Henderson then moved, seconded by Mr. Foley, to table the proposed amendments to Chapter 390, Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Similar Devices, for further review. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to receive and file the minutes of the April 14 Community Enrichment Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

YARD SIGNS Mrs. Simpson requested Council consider utilizing reusable yard signs to promote upcoming City Council meetings and encourage greater public participation.

She explained that residents in her ward had requested additional notification methods and believed the signs would serve as a low-cost reminder of upcoming meetings.

Mayor Robinson asked where the signs would be placed.

Mrs. Simpson suggested City staff could install them at existing City informational sign locations and noted that Council members could also place signs within their respective wards.

Mr. Foley stated that he had promoted Council meetings for several months through social media, including the "I Care About Hazelwood" Facebook page, and questioned whether additional City funds should be expended for yard signs when other communication methods were already available.

Mrs. Simpson responded that the signs would provide another means of reaching residents who may not utilize social media.

Mayor Robinson noted that the proposal represented an additional method of communicating with residents.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5226 SLUP 7226 N. LINDBERGH	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5226 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a social assistance establishment at 7226 North Lindbergh Boulevard.

There were no objections and Bill 5226 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO THE NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY INTER GROUP OFFICE INC. FOR A SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ESTABLISHMENT AT 7226 NORTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Bill 5226 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Mrs. Simpson	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Ms. Henderson	
Mr. Foley	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

Bill 5226 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5106-26.

BILL 5227 SLUP EXPANSION 7023 B HOWDERSHELL	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5227 to grant an expansion of a Special Land Use Permit for a restaurant at 7023 B Howdershell Road to increase the square footage of the restaurant.

There were no objections and Bill 5227 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 4913-22 BY GRANTING AN EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT ISSUED TO THE TWO LOKOS, LLC FOR A RESTAURANT AT 7023-B HOWERSHELL ROAD, TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE RESTAURANT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McGhee, the adoption of Bill 5227 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Mrs. Simpson	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Ms. Henderson	
Mr. Foley	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

Bill 5227 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5107-26.

BILL 5228
F.Y. 2026/2027 BUDGET

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5228 to approve the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget.

There were no objections and Bill 5228 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS CONTAINED THEREIN FOR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTS THEREIN.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5228 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8	NAY - 1
Mrs. Simpson	Mr. Foley
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Ms. Henderson	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

Bill 5228 passed by a vote of eight in favor and one opposed, with Mr. Foley casting the dissenting vote. Bill 5228 was adopted as Ordinance 5108-26.

BILL 5229
CHAPTER 100
JARRELL CONTRACT.

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5229 to authorize Chapter 100 bonds for the Jarrell Contracting Project.

There were no objections and Bill 5229 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (JARRELL CONTRACTING

PROJECT), SERIES 2026, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $40,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5229 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Mrs. Simpson	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. McGhee	
Ms. Henderson	
Mr. Foley	
Mayor Robinson	
Ms. Matlock	

Bill 5229 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5109-26.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING — Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CITY HALL CLOSED — Mayor Robinson announced that City Hall would be closed on July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY — Mayor Robinson announced the Fourth of July fireworks display would take place on July 4 at dusk at White Birch Park.

ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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