CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:32 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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 M. Matlock
Warren H. Taylor
Robert C. Smith
Jen Hatton
William C. Hoops, Jr.
Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan
Kelly Wadlow
Matthew G. Robinson

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Matt Zimmerman and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

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

CONSENT AGENDA Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 6 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

As their biographies were read, Police Department Office Manager Greg Viehman received his 15-year service award, and Police Sergeant Ryan Counterman received his 20-year service reward.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation expressing recognition and appreciation to retiring Police Officer Ed Novak.

There were no objections and Proclamation 2404 was read.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Proclamation 2404 expressing appreciation to Police Officer Ed Novak for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Hazelwood and extending good wishes for a happy retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution supporting the application for 2024 Waste Reduction Grant Funds.

City Planner Darren May stated staff is planning to host the 13th annual Recycle Day event on June 8, at the Boeing parking lot. The event offers a drive-through and drop-off recycling of hard-to-recycle items such as electronics, tires, motor oil, car and motorcycle batteries, and scrap metal. Mr. May stated the event is funded through a grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. He stated most services at the event are free, but there is an extra cost for recycling certain items. It is $10 to recycle a televisions or monitors. Mr. May stated that St. Louis County offers a grant specifically for covering this extra cost and is applying for this grant to allow residents to recycle their televisions and monitors for free. St. Louis County requires municipalities applying for the grant to pass a resolution of support.

There were no objections and Resolution 2401 was read by title only:

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Resolution 2401. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

Resolution 2401 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS — Clara Faatz of 8 Bon Vue Drive stated she is happy to see more participation amongst Council members during discussion items.

Ms. Faatz emphasized the importance of discussion amongst all members. She expressed that it is necessary to prioritize smaller businesses over industrial corporations to fill empty retail spaces in the City. Ms. Faatz also talked about the issue of used car lots and suggested a compromise instead of prohibiting lots on less than three acres.

USED CAR LOTS — Vik-Thor Rose of 5037 Tulip Tree Drive expressed that businesses should not be excluded from certain locations solely because of the lot size and that revenue could be maximized this way and the number of vacant properties may decrease.

CITIZEN CONCERNS — Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane expressed concerns with Code Enforcement and abatement of properties in surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Foley stated the City spent $60,000 for the abatement of 152 Elmgrove Avenue and it is back in poor condition. He also expressed his disappointment over the lack of Code Enforcement in the City, particularly regarding properties with derelict vehicles. Mr. Foley stated the lack of enforcement is a major issue and mentioned several violations at the Brown Campus and other areas, including dead trees and poor landscaping.

Mayor Robinson responded that the City has taken all necessary steps to address the property issue at 152 Elmgrove Avenue without encroaching on someone else's personal space.

RFPD SERVICE AREA	Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD) Board President Jen Guyton stated it is up to residents in their respective service areas to vote on whom they get fire services.

Ms. Guyton stated that if the City wants to provide fire services in the RFPD service area, the residents in that area should decide. The Board cannot break promises to their constituents or give the City a way out. The City will have to convince the residents of their vision. The Board is willing to collaborate with the City to find a solution and will respect the desires of the citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT	Mr. Zimmerman reported on concerns expressed by Mr. Foley at the March 6 meeting relative to code enforcement issues.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the City has numerous housing code violations in Municipal Court against the owner of the property at 152 Elmgrove Avenue. Municipal Court Judge Patrick Monahan found the property owner guilty and fined him several times. Judge Monahan recognizes that further fines only decrease the property owner's resources to bring the property into compliance. Mr. Zimmerman stated Code Enforcement staff will continue to monitor the property and issue citations as warranted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The February 29 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
MLMSTL NEWSLETTER	The March issue of The Link was received from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.
STLCO REQ. FOR CONSULTING SVCS.	A letter to County Executive Sam Page requesting consulting engineering services for Howdershell Road from Utz Lane to Lynn Haven Lane was received from the Department of Transportation and Public Works.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The March 7 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The March 14 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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 April 10 Council budget work session agenda.
BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	Mayor Robinson appointed Gary Hughes to the Board of Adjustment and Kammie Vandenberg-Eck to the Hazelwood 75th Anniversary Committee.

Ms. Wadlow motioned, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the preceding appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PRESENTATION MSD REFERENDUMS	The presentation by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has been postponed.
LIMB PICKUP	Mr. Zimmerman stated limb collection pick-up would be starting in April.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS	Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to receive and file the minutes of the November 13 Board of Adjustment, January 9 Community Enrichment Commission, January 29 Pension Plan Board, and the February 26 Historic Preservation Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5115 SLUP 623 DUNN ROAD	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5115 to approve a Special Land Use Permit for a vehicle wash facility, vehicle rental/leasing, and vehicle auto sales at 623 Dunn Road.

There were no objections and Bill 5115 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF STL, LLC FOR A

VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING, VEHICLE AUTO SALES, AND A VEHICLE WASH FACILITY AT 623 DUNN ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, the adoption of Bill 5115 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

Bill 5115 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4997-24.

BILL 5116
AMEND CHPTER 510

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5116 to amend Chapter 510 relative to Electronic Message Centers.

There were no objections and Bill 5116 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 510.090 OF THE HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTERS.

Ms. Wadlow moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5116 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Ms. Matlock	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

Bill 5116 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4998-24.

BILL 5117
AMEND CHAPTER 220

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5117 to amend Chapter 220 Nuisances relative to accessory structures in the front yard.

There were no objections and Bill 5117 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.020 OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE RELATING TO NUISANCES TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN LARGE OBSTRUCTIONS IN FRONT YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Ms. Wadlow moved, seconded by Mrs. Hatton, the adoption of Bill 5117 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 6	NAY - 3
Ms. Matlock	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith	Mr. Aubuchon
Mrs. Hatton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Hoops	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

Bill 5117 was adopted as Ordinance 4999-24 by a vote of six in favor and three opposed with Messrs. Taylor, Aubuchon and Ryan casting the dissenting votes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING — Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

EASTER EGG HUNT — Mayor Robinson announced the Easter Egg Hunt would take place on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS — Mr. Smith announced the School Board elections taking place on April 2 and the Green Committee's plans to clean up Hazelwood Sports Complex in April and Ville Maria parks in May.

ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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