

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

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, October 16, 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:

Matthew G. Robinson
Warren H. Taylor
Robert C. Smith
Jen Hatton
William C. Hoops, Jr.
Robert M. Aubuchon
Job Marquez

Council Members Kelly Wadlow and Lisa Matlock were not present. City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were Assistant 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.

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:

<u>AYE - 7</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Marquez	

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 October 2 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**EMPLOYEE
SERVICE AWARDS**

As his biography was read Police Officer Daniel Johnston received his five-year service award.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**RECOGNITION
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation recognizing Howdershell Dry Cleaners for 40 years of service in the City of Hazelwood.

There were no objections and Proclamation 2421 was read.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, the adoption of Proclamation 2421 recognizing and congratulating Howdershell Dry Cleaners for 40 years of service to the Hazelwood community. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

**HOMEOWNER
ASSOCIATION
CONCERNS**

Sharon Dash of 6 Meditation Way Court expressed concerns regarding the Riverwood Estates Homeowners Association's (HOA) efforts to mitigate violations.

Ms. Dash stated communication between the City and the HOA is not working. She submitted information regarding a resident that was working on her property without HOA approval, after being told that type of work could not be done in their neighborhood. Ms. Dash stated she does not want the City to interfere or enforce the rules of the HOA, but wants support for the neighborhood's covenants and indentures.

**SPEEDING
CONCERNS**

Tonya Canterbury of 1603 Rachel Elizabeth Lane, Wentzville, MO expressed concerns with speeding and impaired drivers.

Ms. Canterbury stated that her mother lives on Fee Fee Hills Drive and her mailbox and home has been hit multiple times in the past nine months. Ms. Canterbury stated she would like to see more signage or traffic calming devices on the roadway.

Mayor Robinson stated staff is working on a report that should be ready by the first meeting in November.

Ms. Hatton stated that Ms. Dash had requested all permits related to the home on Rosebrook through a Sunshine Law request. The permits indicated that the homeowner wanted to remove a pool and install a paver patio. Ms. Hatton sought clarification regarding the permits that had been issued and the nine-month period during which Code Enforcement did not conduct inspections on the permits for this home. Ms. Hatton requested information on the procedures for completing these processes and how residents would be informed in the future.

Mayor Robinson responded a full report would be made at a future meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT	Mr. Leezer reported on resident concerns from the October 2 Council meeting.
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Mr. Leezer stated that at the October 2 meeting a complaint regarding dogs on Christina Marie Lane was received. The Animal Control Officer investigated the complaint and the owner was cited for not having City issued dog tags.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	A notice of upcoming channel changes was received from Charter Communications.
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EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The October 3 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION MAP PLAN	Notice of a public hearing to be held on October 23 regarding map plan submissions by Berkeley, Black Jack, Bridgeton, Ferguson, Florissant, Hazelwood and St. Louis County was received from the St. Louis County Boundary Commission.
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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 AGENDA ITEMS	No new items were added to the November 13 Council work session agenda.
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TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT	Police Major Mark McKeon reported on the findings of the traffic study done on Flamingo Drive and Sunset Drive.
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Major McKeon stated that between September 24 and October 3, radar traffic counters on Flamingo Drive and Sunset Drive captured data on vehicle speed, number of vehicles, and size. 5,290 vehicles passed the traffic counter in both directions. The average speed of all vehicles was 25 miles per hour (mph), with the fastest speed recorded at 55 mph and the slowest at 7 mph. The key findings for Sunset Drive are that 5,369 vehicles passed the traffic counter in both directions. The average speed of all vehicles was 17 mph, with the fastest speed recorded at 35 mph and the slowest at 7 mph. In summary, the data showed that there are speeding vehicles, but most of the motoring public is not speeding. Major McKeon stated the Police Department would increase traffic enforcement in the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PURCHASE GENERATORS

Ms. Lowery explained due to an oversight, there should have been legislation accompanying the approval of the purchase and installation of the generators for Firehouse #2 and the Community Center.

Ms. Lowery stated staff recommends authorizing a contract with Compass Electric for the purchase and installation of two generators.

Ms. Hatton moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with Compass Electric for the purchase and installation of two generators for Firehouse #2 and the Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$390,685 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.

LOCAL 42

Mr. Leezer stated the Hazelwood Police Sergeants voted unanimously to certify Local 42 as their official bargaining unit and negotiations would begin shortly.

MSD BOARD

Mr. Leezer stated the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Board has determined they wish to eliminate the Operation Maintenance Construction Improvement district.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

HOA REPORT

Mr. O'Keefe provided a brief overview of the City's relationship with HOA's.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that the City of Hazelwood is bound by the laws of the State of Missouri and operates under its Constitution, City Charter, and City Ordinances. If these laws are not followed according to state and federal procedures, there can be negative consequences for the parties involved. To amend or enforce zoning ordinances, a public hearing must be held where the public can comment, ensuring due process is observed. Mr. O'Keefe explained that a HOA determines what can and cannot be done on properties

within the private subdivision. The City does not have the authority to enforce HOA regulations or delay issuing permits that residents are entitled to obtain under the City's ordinances. Mr. O'Keefe stated it is the resident's responsibility to obtain proper HOA approvals and to schedule inspections.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to receive and file the minutes of the August 1 and September 26 Pension Plan Board, and the September 23 Historic Preservation Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

PURCHASE GENERATORS

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to approve the purchase and installation of two generators for Firehouse #2 and the Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$390,685.

There were no objections and Bill 5151 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH COMPASS ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATORS FOR FIREHOUSE #2 AND HAZELWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$390,685.00).

Bill 5151 will be on the agenda for second reading on November 6.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5150 CONTRACT MOTOROLA CAD

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5150 to authorize a contract with Motorola, LLC for a Computer Aided dispatching system for a seven-year term at a cost not to exceed \$310,990.

There were no objections and Bill 5150 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA, LLC FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCHING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$310,990).

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5150 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 7

NAY - 0

Mayor Robinson

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Smith

Ms. Hatton

Mr. Hoops

Mr. Aubuchon

Mr. Marquez

Bill 5150 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5032-24.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, November 6, 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 7:42 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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