

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 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:

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

Council Member Lisa M. Matlock was not present. City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were Interim 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. Smith, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Hatton
Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Marquez
Ms. Wadlow
Mayor Robinson

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mayor Robinson presented Police Captain James Taschner with the Outstanding Veteran Leadership Award in recognition of his exemplary service to his country, his commitment to the citizens of Hazelwood, and his outstanding leadership.

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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clara Faatz of 8 Bon Vue Drive expressed her gratitude to the Council and staff for publishing the City's newsletter and activity guide, noting that the Hazelnuts membership had grown as a result.

Ms. Faatz inquired when a new City Manager would be hired. She emphasized that she believes the City Manager should reside in the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

CID ANNUAL REPORT

The Hazelwood Commerce Center Community Improvement District's annual report was received from Development Dynamics, LLC.

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The Village Square Community Improvement District's annual report was received from Lewis Rice, LLC.

**MLMSTL
NEWSLETTER**

The November issue of The Link was received from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The November 7 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Aubuchon 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 January 8 Council work session agenda.
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THANK YOU	Mayor Robinson thanked staff and Bommarito Automotive for making the Veterans Day Parade successful and stated that it was well attended by the Council, staff, and several local veterans.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

FEE FEE HILLS DRIVE TRAFFIC STUDY	Police Chief James Hudanick gave a summary of the traffic study that was conducted on Fee Fee Hills Drive.
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Chief Hudanick stated the traffic study was initiated at 511 Fee Fee Hills Drive after an accident on September 24, 2024, where a vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign and struck the residence. This was the fourth time the residence has been hit by a vehicle, with previous incidents in 2021, 2023, and June of 2024. Chief Hudanick stated a radar counter was placed at the intersection from October 7 to October 21, 2024. The counter monitored vehicle speed, volume, and size in both directions. A radar speed display trailer was also used until October 14 to alert speeding drivers.

The data showed the following:

October 7 through 14 (trailer present): 7,786 vehicles; average speed 29 mph; fastest speed 54 mph; most speeding occurred between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM.

October 14 through 21 (trailer absent): 8,176 vehicles; average speed 30 mph; fastest speed 66 mph; more speeding varied between 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Chief Hudanick stated a survey showed that the stop sign for northbound traffic is obscured by a utility pole. There is also no signage indicating the end of the roadway, and the hillcrest at the intersection impairs visibility, leading drivers to think the roadway continues. Red diamond "Roadway Ends" signage were placed on the north side of the intersection for northbound traffic on Fee Fee Road. Chief Hudanick stated further recommendations include a permanent speed display to be installed to moderate speed, relocating the stop sign, adjusting the environment surrounding the stop sign to make the sign more visible, or rumble strips to ensure drivers are aware of the upcoming stop sign. Other methods to assist with this could include illuminating the stop sign and adding reflective material to its base. This method can also be used for the "stop ahead" signs

along the northbound traffic lanes of Fee Fee Road. A crosswalk will be installed in this area.

Mr. Smith asked what the speed limit was.

Chief Hudanick replied 30 miles per hour.

Mr. Smith asked if that was an appropriate speed to have on this roadway.

Chief Hudanick responded affirmatively and stated that it is not the speed that is the issue, but rather other distractions.

Mayor Robinson asked if management would meet with residents regarding a resolution.

Chief Hudanick responded affirmatively.

TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES	Chief Hudanick gave a thorough report on the use of traffic calming devices.
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Chief Hudanick stated the City is reconsidering its approach to managing speeding issues due to liability and maintenance concerns associated with speed bumps. He noted that alternative traffic calming methods are being explored following an increase in complaints. The Police, Fire, Public Works, and Administration Departments recommend conducting traffic studies to assess complaints.

Chief Hudanick stated if studies show normal traffic but isolated issues, enhanced police enforcement may be prioritized. For significant problems, collaborative meetings will evaluate traffic calming measures like speed cushions, raised crosswalks, lane narrowing, and electronic speed signs. Recommendations will be reviewed by the City Council, followed by neighborhood consultations for feedback.

Mayor Robinson asked Chief Hudanick how and where the public meetings would be held.

Chief Hudanick responded that the meetings could be hosted at City Hall and would invite the residents most affected by the decisions.

Ms. Wadlow expressed her support for the idea of a temporary solution, suggesting that the traffic calming devices could be relocated as needed.

Mr. Smith asked if the rumble strips have any impact on speed.

Chief Hudanick responded affirmatively.

Ms. Hatton inquired whether the City could implement this as a test to evaluate its effectiveness.

Mayor Robinson stated it is important to include residents and get their input.

LEAF COLLECTION Mr. Leezer stated the first week of leaf collection started.

HAVEN INN Mr. Leezer stated that Haven Inn at 7350 North Hanley Road has been ordered to close by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 22 and cannot re-open until all issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of the City.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

COUNCIL RETREAT Ms. Lowery stated she is working on getting some dates for the Council retreat and will reach out to secure dates when she has more information.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5152 Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5152 to
PLANNING SERVICES approve a contract with PGAV Planners, LLC for planning
CONTRACT services not to exceed \$80,000.

There were no objections and Bill 5152 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PGAV PLANNERS, LLC FOR PLANNING SERVICES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000).

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5152 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Hatton
Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Marquez
Ms. Wadlow

Mayor Robinson

Bill 5152 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5034-24.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY HALL CLOSED Mayor Robinson announced that City Hall would be closed on November 28 and November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, December 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 7:16 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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