CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

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, February 19, 2025, 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:

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

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were Interim City Manager David Leezer and Associate City Attorney Phillip Boyd.

Mr. Taylor joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

AMEND AGENDA Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to amend the agenda to move items 12 .a. and 12 .b to the March 5 regular Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Aubuchon motioned, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to adopt the agenda as amended. 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
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Marquez	

Ms. Wadlow
Mayor Robinson
Ms. Matlock
Mr. Smith

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 February 5 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

GREEN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT Green Committee Board Chairman Ron Darling reported on the committee's 2024 activities.

Mr. Darling stated that 2024 marked the 14th year of the Hazelwood Green Committee and the second year as an official City Board. Volunteers contributed a record 532 hours in committee activities (including a record 232 hours in liter and recycling collection). Mr. Darling stated highlights of 2024 included: election sign collection, citywide collections by Republic Service increased by 25% and the 2024 Recycle Day attendance garnered over 401 vehicles.

Mr. Smith asked what needs does the Board have that are not being met.

Mr. Darling replied volunteers are always needed.

Ms. Wadlow asked how closely this Board works with Republic Services and the trash issues her ward has.

Mr. Darling responded closely and he can relay issues to Republic Services.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Board and Mr. Darling for all their efforts and education for residents.

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 CONCERNS Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane expressed concerns about the amount of trash that falls from garbage trucks in his neighborhood.

Mr. Foley has observed trash spilling from the trucks due to overflow and believes that Republic Services should take more responsibility for their vehicles and drivers.

Mr. Darling invited Mr. Foley to attend the Green Committee Board meetings.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT	Mr. Leezer made several announcements regarding City activities.

Mr. Leezer stated 15 Hazelwood Police Officers participated in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge at Creve Coeur Lake in Maryland Heights this weekend and raised nearly $8,000 for Special Olympics Missouri athletes. The Hazelwood team took home the Golden Plunger for Best Team Costume for their use of Hazelwood West football jerseys and won the Law Enforcement Team Award for the most funds raised.

Mr. Leezer stated City Hall now has a flag retirement box located in the lobby. The box provides a respectful and proper way to retire old, weathered, or unused American flags.

Mr. Leezer announced that Valley Industries' Shamrock Ball is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The February 6 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	A notice of upcoming channel changes was received from Charter Communications.
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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 March 12 Council work session agenda.

THANK YOU — Mayor Robinson thanked Public Works and City staff for their outstanding work during the snow storms.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MO. AMERICAN WATER PRESENTATION — Senior Director of St. Louis Operations Taylor Elhoffer gave a brief presentation regarding the water main break that occurred on February 11.

Mr. Elhoffer stated that a 30-inch water main broke at the intersection of Dunn Road and Hazelcrest Drive, prompting Missouri American Water to issue a boil order for parts of the City. After repairs were completed, water samples were collected. On February 12, the boil order was lifted when no contamination was detected.

Mr. Smith inquired about the age of the main.

Mr. Elhoffer responded that this main was installed in 1954.

Mr. Smith asked what scale this sized main is considered to be.

Mr. Elhoffer responded this would be considered a large-sized main.

Mr. Smith inquired about what Missouri American Water is doing to assist residents displaced by the water main break.

Mr. Elhoffer responded that the company has already invested $100,000 in remediation efforts and emphasized that maintaining communication with affected residents is a top priority.

Missouri American Water Senior Operations Manager Bethany Jenkins stated they are almost done with remediation and one customer has already been paid out from Travelers Insurance.

Ms. Jenkins gave some tips to avoid having pipes freeze, which included leaving the faucet drip, opening the doors to cabinets to let ambient heat be absorbed, and not turning heat off if leaving for an extended amount of time.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS — Ms. Lowery provided the Council with a record of destruction report consisting of record destruction forms from the Police Department, Finance Department, and Legal Department for records destroyed on January 27, 2025.

The Missouri Secretary of State's Office provides schedules with minimum retention periods for certain local government records. Upon expiration of the period, the records may be destroyed. Per state statute, the report must be made part of the Council's minutes or attached to the minutes.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to accept the record destruction report and attach it to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5156 SLUP EXPANSION 5464 & 5480 BROWN	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5156 to grant an expansion of the Special Land Use Permit for a vehicle service and repair facility, vehicle rental/leasing facility, vehicle painting, and vehicle (truck) sales at 5464 and 5480 Brown Road.

Ms. Lowery noted the Council has been provided with a revised bill in redline format, identified as Bill 5156.1. Ms. Lowery stated the revision removes the section assigning the Department of Public Works with the responsibility of enforcing the conditions in the Special Land Use Expansion Permit. City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe advised that this section be removed in its entirety due to Code Enforcement falling under the Police Department now.

Ms. Wadlow motioned, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to amend Bill 5156 by the text of Bill 5156.1. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no objections and Bill 5156, as amended, was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 4954-23 BY GRANTING AN EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT ISSUED TO DEGEL PROPERTIES, LLC FOR VEHICLE SERVICE AND REPAIR FACILITY, VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING, VEHICLE PAINTING, AND VEHICLE (TRUCK) SALES AT 5464 BROWN ROAD AND 5480 BROWN ROAD, TO INCLUDE A BUILDING ADDITION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5156, as amended, as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9	NAY - 0
Ms. Hatton	

Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Marquez
Ms. Wadlow
Mayor Robinson
Ms. Matlock
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith

Bill 5156, as amended, was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5038-25.

BILL 5157 SLUP 5906 N. LINDBERGH	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5157 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a restaurant at 5906 North Lindbergh Boulevard.

Ms. Lowery noted the Council has been provided with a revised bill in redline format, identified as Bill 5157.1., for the same reason as the previous item.

Ms. Wadlow motioned, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to amend Bill 5157 by the text of Bill 5157.1. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no objections and Bill 5157, as amended, was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO LETS GROW OLD TOGETHER (LGOT), LLC DBA OOEY GOOEY SMOKE BURGER FOR A RESTAURANT AT 5906 NORTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5157, as amended, as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5157, as amended, was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5039-25.

BILL 5158
SERVICE AGREEMENT
CAMERAS

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5158 to authorize a client service agreement with Utility Associates, Inc., for body-worn and patrol vehicle cameras.

There were no objections and Bill 5158 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CLIENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY ASSOCIATES INC. FOR BODY-WORN AND PATROL VEHICLE CAMERAS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS ($500,630) FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM WITH TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Bill 5158 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5158 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5040-25.

BILL 5159
MOU LABORERS'
LOCAL 42
POLICE SERGEANTS

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading od Bill 5159 to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Laborers' International Union of North America and Laborers' Local 42 with regard to terms and conditions of employment for Police Sergeants for the period of February 20, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

There were no objections and Bill 5158 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD AND THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA AND LABORERS' LOCAL 42 WITH REGARD TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR POLICE SERGEANTS OF THE HAZELWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRAURY 20, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Bill 5159 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5159 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5041-25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING — Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, March 5 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 7:32 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