

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:31 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 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:

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

Councilman Marquez joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m. 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. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

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

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), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to approve the minutes of the March 19 Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**EMPLOYEE
INTRODUCTION**

Police Captain Andy Eagan introduced newly hired Telecommunicator Tracy Mutert.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Smith motioned, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to table the recognition of the Hazelwood West High School DECA Team.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**TELECOMMUNICATOR
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of April 13 through April 19 as National Telecommunicators Week.

There were no objections, and Proclamation 2502 was read.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Proclamation 2502 designating the week of April 13 through April 19 as National Telecommunicators Week and urging all citizens of Hazelwood to recognize the importance of these individuals whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and citizens safe. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANIMAL CONTROL
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of April 13 through April 19 as National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week.

There were no objections, and Proclamation 2503 was read.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Proclamation 2503 designating the week of April 13 through April 19 to be National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week and encouraging all citizens to join us in expressing sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of our Animal Control Officer Dan Barr. 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.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Helena Clark Smith of 2145 Riverwood Trails stated that the intersection at Ville Rosa Lane and Ville Maura Lane experiences frequent speeding and non-compliance with the stop sign and that the speed limit radar in the same area is not functioning.

She reported that children often play in the bushes near Ville Rosa Lane and Ville Maura Lane, and recalled an incident where a car crashed through the area. Ms. Smith asked whether the area is City property and requested that the bushes be trimmed. She also suggested that speed bumps or other speed deterrents are necessary on Ville Rosa Lane and Ville Cecelia Lane due to excessive speeding.

Ms. Smith stated that many citizens are concerned about their neighborhoods and are interested in starting their own Neighborhood Watch programs or joining the City's Neighborhood Watch Commission. She asked if related information could be posted on the City's website.

Ms. Smith reported that residents near the school by Ville Maria Lane are experiencing drainage issues in their yards. She suggested the construction of a retention pond and asked whether this would be the City's responsibility.

THANK YOU

Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane thanked the Police Officer he saw picking up trash that had fallen from a truck.

Mr. Davis also mentioned a chair left on the roadside along Lindbergh Boulevard and asked if the City could remove and dispose of it.

CHILD SAFETY

Marge Kauffeld of 7311 Caione Court raised concerns about child safety at Gerard Park, particularly at the entrance near Russell School.

She noted that the stop sign is often ignored and that overgrown bushes are obstructing visibility. She requested that these bushes be trimmed.

She also mentioned neighbors' concerns about rental properties lacking proper storage for outdoor maintenance equipment. In addition, Ms. Kauffeld expressed concern about motor homes in the area storing propane tanks.

THANK YOU

Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane thanked the Police Department for their service during recent storms.

Mr. Foley also inquired about the progress of the new firehouse.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Leezer gave updates regarding City properties and activities.

Mr. Leezer stated that limb collection begins the week of April 14 and the schedule would be posted on social media.

Mr. Leezer stated that the remaining dumpsters from Republic Services have been removed from the storm areas.

Mr. Leezer stated that the latest addition to the City's newsletter has been sent to residents.

Mr. Leezer congratulated Chairman of the Green Committee Board Ron Darling as he has been chosen by North County Inc. to receive a Special Recognition Award for his leadership of the Green Committee at their Annual Leadership Breakfast on Friday, May 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Marriott St. Louis Airport.

Mr. Leezer is requesting the Council to hold a budget work session on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00 pm. Each Director will present their budget for review and discussion.

Ms. Hatton motioned, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to hold a special Budget Work Session on April 30 at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

NCI THANK YOU LETTER	A letter was received from North County Inc. thanking Police Chief James Hudanick for participating in the North County Forum luncheon on the State of Public Safety.
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EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The March 20 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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Mr. Taylor 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	Ms. Hatton motioned, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to cancel the May 14 Work Session meeting.
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BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	Mayor Robinson appointed Scott Womble and James Russell to the Civil Service Board.
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Mr. Hoops motioned, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the preceding appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS Ms. Wadlow stated that numerous complaints have been received regarding a large grey box truck parked in the driveway on Ville Maura Lane.

Ms. Wadlow reported a significant number of abandoned vehicles in the area. Some of these vehicles are parked on the grass at the intersection of Holiday Avenue and De Ville Drive, while others have been displaying out-of-state license plates for several years. She also stated Auto World is parking vehicles on unpaved surfaces, as well as in the customer parking lot of Arby's. Lastly, Ms. Wadlow stated Dollar General has been reported multiple times for having piles of trash in the back of the building and abandoned vehicles on their lot.

WEIGHT LIMIT SIGN Mr. Smith asked about the bridge weight limit sign on Dunn Road.

Mr. Smith stated that trucks are exiting onto Dunn Road and realizing they are overweight and cannot turn around. Their only option is to continue across the bridge.

Mr. Smith reminded residents that the city has a flag box for retired flags and stated he or one of his scouts would pick them up if necessary.

Mr. Smith notified Helena Clark-Smith of a traffic study that was performed and stated she would receive a copy of that report for her records.

Ms. Wadlow asked for more information on Mr. Stewart's quarterly report from the last meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

DESIGNEE TO REPORT Assistant City Manager-Finance Dave Tuberty stated the
NON-BINDING Council designates him each year to report the City's
PROPERTY TAX potential non-binding property tax rates to St. Louis
RATES County and as the City's contact person for taxpayer inquiries.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to designate Mr. Tuberty to report the City's non-binding 2025 property taxes and as the City's contact person. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5164 CONTRACT PARTITION WALL	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5164 to authorize a contract with Golterman & Sabo, Inc. to purchase and install new partition walls at Civic Center East at a cost not to exceed \$42,992.
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There were no objections, and Bill 5164 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GOLTERMAN & SABO, INC. FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PARTITION WALLS AT CIVIC CENTER EAST AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$42,992).

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5164 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5164 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5046-25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING	Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
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ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.
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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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