

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 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, May 7, 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:

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

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

AGENDA

There being no amendments proposed, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to amend the consent agenda by removing the closed Council meeting.

Mr. Taylor motioned, seconded by Ms. Hatton, the adoption of the consent agenda as amended. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

Mr. Marquez
Ms. Wadlow
Mayor Robinson
Ms. Matlock
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith
Ms. Hatton

Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon

The motion passed unanimously, and the consent agenda was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to approve the minutes of the April 16 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**EMPLOYEE
INTRODUCTIONS**

Police Chief James Hudanick introduced newly hired Police Officers Justin Anderson, Tyler Jones, Jamarion Brown, and Gary Goessling.

**DECA
RECOGNITION**

Mayor Robinson and Councilman Smith presented certificates of recognition to Hazelwood West High School DECA members for their achievements at the Missouri DECA State Competition held in Kansas City, March 24-25.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**POLICE WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, as "Police Week 2025."

There were no objections and Proclamation 2506 was read.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Proclamation 2506 designating the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025 as "Police Week 2025," publicly saluting our law enforcement officers for their countless hours of dedicated service and calling upon all citizens to observe this week with appropriate activities commemorating police officers both past and present. The motion passed unanimously.

**EMS WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025, as "Emergency Medical Services Week 2025."

There were no objections and Proclamation 2507 was read.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Proclamation 2507 designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025, as "Emergency Medical Services Week 2025." The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of May 18 through 24, 2025, as Public Works Week.

There were no objections and Proclamation 2508 was read.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Proclamation 2508 designating the week of May 18 through 24, 2025 as Public Works Week and urges all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our health, safety, and quality of life. The motion passed unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution supporting the application for 2025 Waste Reduction Grant Funds.

Community Development Coordinator Nikki Miller stated staff will host the 14th Annual Recycle Day event on June 14 at 321 James S. McDonnell Boulevard. 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. Ms. Miller stated the event is funded through a St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District grant. She stated that services at the event, such as televisions or monitors, are free to recycle. Staff are also applying for a Paint Recycling Collection grant for an event at a future date this year. The proposed event will allow residents to dispose of old paint safely. The paint collection grant will cover fees associated with the collection and disposal, and advertising for the event. St. Louis County requires municipalities applying for the grant to pass a resolution of support.

There were no objections and Resolution 2501 was read by title only:

RESOLUTION OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING SAINT LOUIS COUNTY'S GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S WASTE REDUCTION EFFORTS

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Resolution 2501. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Resolution 2501 was unanimously adopted.

**FLOOD BUYOUT
RESOLUTION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution adopting a voluntary policy for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) buyout project.

Ms. Miller announced that FEMA has awarded the City a grant for the buyout of 11 homes located in Wards 2 and 5. The homes will be purchased by the City, demolished, and restored to open space in perpetuity. The grant requires a buyout policy be created and to be approved by resolution. This policy outlines the procedures and regulations to be followed throughout the entirety of the project and has been reviewed and approved by the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, the adoption of Resolution 2502. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 9

NAY - 0

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

Resolution 2502 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Jessica Platt of 512 Foxtrail Drive stated May is Mental Health Awareness Month and shared several resources.

MESSAGE BOARDS

Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane asked the Council to consider placing an electronic message board in front of City Hall.

CONCERNS

Clara Faatz of 8 Bon Vue Drive stated she is thankful for the number of recruits to the Hazelwood Police Department.

Ms. Faatz stated that Facebook Live has not been working properly for the past few meetings.

Ms. Faatz expressed concerns with Republic Services and asked the Council to consider another company when their contract is up.

**CITY MANAGER'S
STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Leezer updated the Council on resident concerns from the April 16 meeting and noted several upcoming events.

Regarding a traffic study on Flamingo Drive, Mr. Leezer stated that Chief Hudanick has met with the resident to discuss the next steps. Mr. Leezer stated a resident on Jacklin Avenue voiced complaints about the Christian Academy on Latty Avenue which included unkempt trees and tires in the yard. Mr. Leezer stated Chief Hudanick and the Code Enforcement Division are aware of these concerns and are investigating the matter.

Mr. Leezer announced that the Greater North County Chamber will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 27, for the U.S. National Handball Center. The club is located at 8701 Dunn Road, and the event will start at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Leezer thanked the Council and senior staff for participation and input at last week's budget work session meeting.

Mr. Leezer stated that a cost estimate was provided for the construction of a bridge connecting the west parking lot of Civic Center East to the front door. This estimate was intended for informational purposes only and outlined the potential costs associated with construction and necessary accessories.

Mr. Leezer announced this season's Food Truck Night will begin on Tuesday, May 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Vendors at the event will be The Crooked Boot, Homestyle Grill, Cajun Seduction, and Too Sweets. Music will be provided by 40 Miles to Vegas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The April 17 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.

**EWGCG
BRIEFINGS**

The April 24 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

**SLUP
322 TAYLOR ROAD**

A petition for a Special Land Use Permit for a restaurant with a drive-up window at 322 Taylor Road was received from Baladna, LLC.

ELECTION BOARD BIENNIAL REPORT	The Saint Louis County Election Board's 2023-2024 Biennial Report was received.
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EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The May 1 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to refer the petition to the City Plan Commission and 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 July 9 Council work session agenda.
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BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	No appointments or reappointments were made to the City's boards or commissions.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MHTC AGREEMENT	Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends authorization of an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for funding for Statewide Transportation Improvement Program On Call Work Zone Enforcement activities for a five year period, renewable for two additional one year extensions.
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Chief Hudanick stated the agreement would be for five years beginning in 2025 and ending in 2030 and is renewable for two additional one-year periods. The agreement would provide funding of up to \$20,000 over the five-year period for police overtime for enforcement and safety patrols during construction periods in work zones.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize the agreement for funding for On Call Work Zone Enforcement activities for a five year period, renewable for two one-year extensions, 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.

AMEND CHAPTER 215 RE: MINORS	Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends amending <i>Chapter 215: Offenses Relating to Legal Age of Minors</i> .
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Chief Hudanick stated that in 2021, the Missouri General Assembly amended Section 211.021 to redefine "child" as any person under eighteen (18) years of age. The City's current ordinance references "seventeen (17)" as the age threshold in multiple places, which is outdated and inconsistent with state law.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to concur with the staff recommendation to amend *Chapter 215: Offenses Relating to Legal Age of Minors* 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.b.

2026 EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION BENEFITS, & LIFE & LTD	Assistant City Manager-Finance David Tuberty reported staff recommends purchasing employee health insurance from Anthem, and dental insurance from The Standard, vision insurance from Vision Benefits of America (VBA), and life and long-term disability (LTD) insurance from The Standard.
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Mr. Tuberty stated City staff has medical insurance coverage from Anthem, provided by SLAIT. This coverage is now on an annual cycle which ends in June. Coverage for dental, life and vision are now following the same cycle. Going forward, all the benefit coverage will renew at the same time beginning July 1 every year. Medical coverage renewal will be much simpler with one type of coverage available. Premiums for health insurance will increase by 6% beginning July of 2025.

Vision benefits are currently provided by VBA. They are once again offering a two-year rate guarantee with no increase in premium.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to concur with the staff recommendation to purchase employee insurance from SLAIT. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to concur with the staff recommendation to purchase vision insurance from VBA. The motion passed unanimously.

Dental coverage was previously provided by United Health Care (UHC). UHC wanted a premium increase of 19.5%. The City's broker, Daniel and Henry, sought competitive bids. Of the other offers, the best was from The Standard, which is 2.57% lower than the current plan for both levels.

The Standard currently provides life and LTD coverage. The Standard initial renewal was 18.5% for life insurance and 19.5% for LTD. By moving the dental coverage to them, there will be no increase to the life and LTD rates, and the rates are guaranteed for three years.

Ms. Matlock moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to concur with the staff recommendation to purchase life insurance, long-term disability, and dental insurance from The Standard. The motion passed unanimously.

2025 AQUATIC UPDATE	Parks and Recreation Superintendent Doug Littlefield gave a brief update on the upcoming aquatic season at White Birch Bay.
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Mr. Littlefield stated that the City pool and spray ground is expected to be open for the Memorial Day holiday beginning May 24. White Birch Bay will operate on weekends only until June 7, after which it will follow a seven-day schedule for the first time since 2018 thanks to full staffing. Swim lessons will be available for children and adults, and the swim team will be returning. Pool activities will include exercise programs such as aqua bootcamp and a new yoga therapy class. Admission prices have been streamlined for both residents and non-residents. Special events include Teen Night on June 6 and June 25, which typically sell out, as well as Movie Night, Family Night, and Dog Day at the Pool. There will be no private after-hours parties this season. A new Lifeguard Incentive Program offers \$100 for certified lifeguard referrals and \$50 for non-certified referrals, provided the referred employee works at least 45 days.

THANK YOU

Mayor Robinson expressed gratitude to the Parks and Recreation Department and City staff who attended the Valley of the Flowers parade and announced that the City took second place for the float that they entered.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

MHTC AGREEMENT

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize an agreement for funding for On Call Work Zone enforcement activities.

There were no objections and Bill 5166 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON CALL WORK ZONE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD, RENEWABLE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS.

Bill 5166 will be on the agenda for second reading on May 21.

AMEND CHAPTER 215
RE: MINORS

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to amend
Chapter 215: Offenses relating to the legal age of minors.

There were no objections and Bill 5167 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REVISING THE LEGAL AGE OF MINORS.

Bill 5167 will be on the agenda for second reading on May 21.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5165	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5165 to
CONTRACT	authorize a contract with M & H Concrete Contractors, Inc. for
CONCRETE REPAIRS	the 2025 concrete improvements project.

There were no objections and Bill 5165 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH M & H CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE 2025 CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$442,362.25).

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the adoption of Bill 5165 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5165 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5047-25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING	Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, May 21, 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 7:30 p.m.
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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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