

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 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, July 16, 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:

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

Councilwoman Wadlow was not present. City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were City Manager David Leezer and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

AGENDA

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to amend the agenda to correct a scrivener's error, which incorrectly stated the date of the minutes as July 3. The correct date should be July 2. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, the adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 7

NAY - 0

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

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - None

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Kevin Foley of 5274 Ville Rosa Lane stated he has concerns with the lack of Code Enforcement in every ward.

Mr. Foley inquired about the ordinance regarding travel trailers, specifically asking when the law would go into effect and be enforced. He also stated that St. Louis County Dispatch could conduct a traffic study to determine if the Hazelwood Maintenance Building would be a suitable location for the new firehouse and asked whether the Council had explored this option.

SPIRE WORK Martin McCabe of 1836 Teson Road stated that he is concerned about the lack of communication from the City regarding the ongoing work being conducted by Spire in his neighborhood.

Mayor Robinson responded that staff would get back to him regarding his concerns.

CITIZEN CONCERNS Clara Faatz of 8 Bon Vue Drive expressed several concerns.

Ms. Faatz believes it is time for the new City Manager to be announced.

She stated at a previous meeting a resident inquired about the location of the Park and Recreation Board meetings and was informed they were held over Zoom. She stated it was unacceptable, and the meetings should be held in person.

Ms. Faatz stated that a study was conducted last year to find a new location for a firehouse, and another study was performed this year. She is frustrated that a decision has not yet been made, stating she will not support the funding of another study.

Ms. Faatz stated the ongoing lawsuit between the Robertson Fire Protection District and Hazelwood needs to come to an end.

**PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE**

Don Davidson of 4921 Rose Blossom Lane expressed concerns related to code enforcement and provided a list of properties in his neighborhood that need to improve their yard maintenance.

**CITY MANAGER'S
STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Leezer updated the Council on resident concerns from the July 2 meeting and noted upcoming events.

Mr. Leezer stated 'Coffee with a Cop' would be hosted by the Hazelwood Police Department at Jo Jo's restaurant, located at 6270 Howdershell Road, on July 31, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Mr. Leezer announced that the Hazelwood Police Department is hosting Active Shooter Training on July 25 at City Hall. The building will be closed to the public at 11 a.m.

Mr. Leezer stated that Parks and Recreation would be hosting a Teen Night on Friday, July 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at White Birch Bay Aquatic Center. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Mr. Leezer stated that State Senator Brian Williams and State Representative Stephanie Boykin would be hosting a town hall meeting on Saturday, July 19, starting at 10 a.m. at the Bridgeton Trails Library.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

LIQUOR LICENSE

11750 MO. BOTTOM RD. Mayor Robinson called to order the public hearing to consider the application for Stone X Steel, LLC for a Full Liquor License, with Sunday, at 11750 Missouri Bottom Road.

Ms. Lowery stated that the requisite record check had been conducted, and Chief Hudanick recommends approval upon obtaining an occupancy permit and business license. As this is a new restaurant and food sales can't be determined, issuing a temporary 90-day license would be appropriate to give the business time to compile food/alcohol sales totals. If the sales comply with our Code at the end of the 90 days, a permanent license will be issued.

Owner Lashonda Session was present to answer questions and gave a brief presentation.

Ms. Hatton inquired about the number of tables the restaurant would have.

Ms. Session responded that there would be seventeen tables. She mentioned that the restaurant can accommodate more than what was included in their plans.

Mayor Robinson asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposal.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal, and Mayor Robinson declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to grant a Full Liquor License, with Sunday, to Lashonda Session for Stone X Steel, LLC at 11750 Missouri Bottom Road and to issue a 90-day temporary license to provide the applicant the opportunity to establish and validate the requisite food sales. The motion passed unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE 6050 HOWDERSHELL	Mayor Robinson called to order the public hearing to consider the application by 6050 Vinayak, LLC d/b/a Royals Liquor for a Full Package Liquor License, with Sunday, at 6050 Howdershell Road.
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Ms. Lowery stated the requisite record check had been conducted, and Chief Hudanick recommends approval upon obtaining an occupancy permit and business license.

Owner Krunal Patel was available to answer questions.

Ms. Matlock asked if they will utilize the whole building.

Mr. Patel replied Royals would occupy the middle storefront and there would be a store on both sides of it.

Mayor Robinson asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposal.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal and Mayor Robinson declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the application for a Full Package Liquor License, with Sunday, for 6050 Vinayak, LLC d/b/a Royals Liquor at 6050 Howdershell Road.

The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 5</u> Mayor Robinson Mr. Taylor Mr. Smith Ms. Hatton Mr. Aubuchon	<u>NAY - 2</u> Ms. Matlock Mr. Hoops
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The motion passed by a vote of five in favor and two opposed, with Ms. Matlock and Mr. Hoops made the dissenting votes.

COMMUNICATIONS

FVFPD RESOLUTION RE: PROPERTY TAXES A Florissant Valley Fire Protection District resolution regarding Senate Bill 870 and reimbursement of property taxes to the district was received.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS A notice of upcoming channel changes was received from Charter Communications.

EWGCG BRIEFINGS The July 3 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

EWGCG BRIEFINGS The July 10 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, 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 September 10 Council Work Session agenda.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Mayor Robinson nominated Matt Struttman for reappointment to the City Plan Commission.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to approve the preceding appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

WARD 3 VACANCY Mayor Robinson introduced candidates for the Ward 3 vacancy Lesli Henderson and Warren Gillespie and stated the Council was unable to make a decision at their July 9 Special Council meetings after interviews were conducted.

Ms. Hatton thanked both candidates for their time and efforts, stating that each would be an excellent choice. She also expressed the need for greater diversity on the Council and indicated her support for Mr. Gillespie.

Mayor Robinson stated diversity is important, along with experience.

Mr. Hoops motioned, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to appoint Lesli Henderson to fill the Ward 3 Council vacancy until the April 2028 election. Mayor Robinson called for a roll call vote and the following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 5

Mayor Robinson
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Smith
Mr. Hoops
Mr. Aubuchon

NAY - 2

Ms. Matlock
Ms. Hatton

The motion passed by a vote of five in favor and two opposed, with Ms. Matlock and Ms. Hatton casting the dissenting votes.

SPIRRE CONCERNS Mr. Smith assured Mr. McCabe that his concerns regarding Spire have been forwarded to the appropriate parties and will be addressed.

DONATIONS Mr. Smith wanted to recognize Atonement Lutheran Church and other surrounding churches and community organizations for the meals they provided to school-aged children in the area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT Fire Chief Dan Luley updated the Council on training and
FIRE DEPARTMENT public outreach programs and initiatives the Fire Department has participated in.

Chief Luley stated crews have completed a total of 2,666.5 training hours so far this year, including Water Rescue Training, Swift Water Technician Training, and Patient and Vehicle Extraction Training.

Battalion Chief Gerard Hagedorn completed 40 hours of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's All-Hazard Safety Officer course and is now a deployable Safety Officer for Type III hazards across all 50 states and U.S. territories.

All paramedics have completed Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Additionally, one paramedic instructor renewed their American Heart Association Instructor certification.

29 City Hall staff were trained in hands-only CPR, and mall crews participated in live fire burn training and hazardous material training with North County departments.

Since March 5, the department has installed 33 smoke detectors and performed 10 car seat installations.

Fire Department members participated in D.A.R.E. Camp, Camp Fury, and a Handi-Capable Easter Egg Hunt, and also distributed All-Weather Radios.

As of July 1, the new ambulance has been placed into service. Chief Luley stated that the department is actively seeking a new facility location and continues to evaluate potential sites.

For the second quarter, the department responded to a total of 1,104 calls for service, which included 174 fire-related calls, 908 EMS calls, 20 hazardous materials incidents, two service calls, and 162 building and/or occupancy inspections.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Ms. Hatton, to receive and file the minutes of the June 10 Community Enrichment Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CODE TRACKING

Mayor Robinson stated that both the staff and Council continue to receive frequent calls regarding Code Enforcement concerns and specific problem properties.

Mayor Robinson acknowledged that many changes have recently occurred within the Code Enforcement Department and suggested implementing a tool to help streamline communication and information access. Mayor Robinson proposed the creation of a searchable system or platform that would allow residents and Council members to look up addresses of concern. Such a tool would reduce the need for residents to drive around searching for violations and would save time by clearly identifying properties that have already been cited or are pending court action. He requested that staff develop a functional solution and asked that the topic be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Council meeting. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Warren Gillespie for bringing this to his attention.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS - None

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5174

SLUP

11750 MO BOTTOM

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5174 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a restaurant at 11750 Missouri Bottom Road.

There were no objections and Bill 5174 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO STONE X STEEL, LLC FOR A RESTAURANT AT 11750 MISSOURI BOTTOM ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5174 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5174 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5056-25.

BILL 5175 AMEND CHAP. 405	The second reading of Bill 5175, to amend <i>Chapter 405: Zoning Regulations</i> to define a new use for social assistance establishments and establish regulations for said use has been postponed.
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Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to postpone the second reading of Bill 5175 to August 6. The motion passed unanimously.

BILL 5176 AMEND CHAP. 110	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5176 to amend <i>Chapter 110</i> of the municipal code and revise public comment time limits.
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There were no objections and Bill 5176 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REVISING PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMITS.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the adoption of Bill 5176 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5176 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5057-25.

BILL 5177 CHAPTER 100	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5177 to authorize Chapter 100 bonds for Pivot Bio, Inc.
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There were no objections and Bill 5177 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (PIVOT BIO, INC. PROJECT), SERIES 2025, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING A FACILITY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5177 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5177 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5057-25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, August 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 7:38 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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