CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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, August 20, 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:

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

Councilwoman Lisa M. Matlock 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 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. Aubuchon, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8	NAY - 0
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mrs. Henderson	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to approve the minutes of the August 6 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE Hazelwood School District Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins Hart gave a brief presentation and update on the district.

Dr. Collins-Hart stated they are looking forward to the coming year being positive and productive. Dr. Collins-Hart thanked the City for the on-going partnership and invited everyone to the September 5 Hazelwood West High School football game.

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.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS Speaking on her mother's behalf, Tanya Canterbury expressed concerns with traffic on Fee Fee Hills Drive.

Ms. Canterbury stated that her mother's home, located at 511 Fee Fee Hills Drive, has been struck by motorists several times over the past four years. She expressed concern about the adequacy of current safety measures. She noted that she is circulating a petition for the installation of additional traffic calming devices at the intersection of Fee Fee Road and Fee Fee Hills Drive. She said the LED-lit stop sign has not been effective and emphasized the need for multiple, layered solutions to address ongoing safety concerns.

Larry Roberts of 406 Fee Fee Hills Drive agreed with Ms. Canterbury's comments and thanked the City for installing the LED-lit stop sign. He suggested speed bumps as an additional measure to reduce incidents in the neighborhood.

Dave Coleman of 47 Airshire Place also expressed support for more traffic calming devices. He also raised concerns about overgrown areas and trash, noting that debris from accidents sometimes remains for weeks.

Jacob Gonzalez of 10 Norshire Lane expressed support for more traffic calming devices in the area, and suggested decoy police vehicles.

David Flynn of 319 Utz Lane expressed support for additional traffic safety measures due to the speeding in neighborhoods.

AMEND CITY CODE — Michael Henley-Hudson of 39 Rivermeadows Drive stated Hazelwood's non-discrimination policy does not recognize sexual orientation or gender identity and stated his desire for the City to include these classes in its policies.

THANK YOU — Don Davidson of 4921 Rose Blossom Lane thanked the street department for patching a hole in front of his home.

Mr. Davidson stated that he is opposed to the three-minute time limit during public comment.

RESIDENCY CONCERNS — Sharon Dash of 6 Meditation Way Court expressed concerns regarding property owners who do not reside within the City sitting on a board or commission.

She stated she had emailed the Mayor two weeks ago but received no response. She stated that residents should receive acknowledgment when raising concerns and cited a lack of respect between residents and Council members at recent Council meetings. She stated she would like to see the City move forward in a positive direction.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT — Mr. Leezer updated the Council on resident concerns from the August 6 meeting and noted upcoming events.

Mr. Leezer stated the Police Department met with residents in the 600 block of Coach Light Lane following a recent shooting. Mr. Leezer stated that residents raised concerns about rental property issues and were provided with information on the Rental Housing Program. Officers encouraged residents to report problems in the future to establish a documentation trail. A property manager was contacted regarding neighborhood complaints and housing violations.

Mr. Leezer stated State Senator Angela Walton Mosley will host a Town Hall on the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) on Thursday, August 28, from 6–8:30 p.m. at Greater Grace Church, 3690 Pershall Road in Ferguson.

Mr. Leezer stated a resident faulted City officials for not attending all court settings related to Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD) litigation. Hazelwood officials have received regular and detailed updates on the RFPD lawsuit for the past seven years and have met with attorneys before and after each key step. Mr. Leezer stated court appearances are typically for lawyers only, and the upcoming September 22 proceedings are expected to be a private status conference in the Judge's chambers. City leaders remain fully informed and focused on providing quality services to Hazelwood residents.

Mr. Leezer reminded residents that school has started, and to please take precautions when driving, that the children's safety is of the utmost importance.

Mr. Leezer stated that Mayor Robinson had mentioned at the last meeting the possibility of paving an extension of Pratt Place into Florissant to provide easier access to nearby services. Mr. Leezer stated Public Works Director David Stewart has contacted his counterpart in Florissant to seek support for a potential connection.

Mr. Leezer reported that the Building Department and Code Enforcement reports are now available on our website. Mr. Leezer stated reports provide the community with updates on permits, inspections, and code enforcement activities. Residents, businesses, and other community members are encouraged to visit the City's website to review the latest reports and stay informed about ongoing efforts to ensure safety and compliance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The August 7 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The August 14 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, 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 the following for reappointment: Jim Sewell, Board of Adjustment; Mike Feldman, Civil Service Board; Susan Kelly, Historic Preservation Commission; and Lukumanu Sodamade, Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hoops motioned, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, to approve the preceding appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

AMEND CHAPTER 110 CONDUCT/ETHICS	Ms. Lowery stated in July 2025 the Hazelwood City Council adopted a resolution on decorum at public meetings.

Ms. Lowery stated the Council has been provided with a draft bill that builds upon that resolution by establishing a formal policy that specifically addresses Council Member behavior, both during meetings and in the general performance of official duties. The ordinance sets forth enforceable standards related to qualifications, ethical

responsibilities, and decorum, while also outlining procedures for addressing violations. Key amendments include provisions on qualifications and removal of Council Members, ensuring minimum requirements for age, residency, voter registration, and ward representation. The ordinance prohibits holding another elective office or serving as a City employee while on the Council and grants the Council authority to investigate and adjudicate qualifications, election results, and removal proceedings, with appropriate due process protections.

The draft bill also establishes a comprehensive Code of Ethics and Conduct. It outlines the Mayor's responsibilities for presiding over meetings, maintaining order, and encouraging balanced participation. Council Member responsibilities are defined to include speaking only when recognized, avoiding personal attacks, and following established procedures. The Code of Conduct requires courtesy and respect toward colleagues, staff, and the public, prohibits disruptive behavior and misuse of office for personal gain, and protects the confidentiality of closed-session matters.

Ms. Wadlow asked about the removal process and stated this should be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. O'Keefe stated there are provisions and procedures to identify violations.

Mr. Smith stated that he believes a simple majority vote is not sufficient and that a two-thirds majority should be required. He stated that the accused should be permitted to vote.

Mr. O'Keefe replied that the accused would not receive a vote but would have the opportunity to be heard and present a defense.

Ms. Hatton stated that due to communication taking place only at meetings, questions should be presented to the whole council before meetings to establish understanding by all members.

Mr. O'Keefe stated he would make changes to the draft bill and present it at a future Council meeting.

CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES	Ms. Lowery announced Celebrate Safe Communities would be held on September 25 at 6 p.m. at Aubuchon Park.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Ms. Wadlow stated that it should be necessary for the Council or the Mayor to acknowledge receipt of emails from residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CONTRACT IT SERVICES	Police Chief James Hudanick reported staff recommends authorizing a contract with AuditSolv for computer network services for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed $119,400.

Chief Hudanick stated that services include device monitoring and remote/onsite services for maintaining and managing computers, laptops, tablets, servers, network connectivity, cybersecurity frameworks, and overall system functionality. This past year, AuditSolv has replaced and upgraded the infrastructure that controls every server in the Police Department and City Hall, and is currently working on the infrastructure for the City's Data Recovery System. This includes replacing and upgrading the core and adding additional redundancy in case of system failures. Upon retirement of an IT employee in the spring of 2024, staff asked AuditSolv to provide a part-time person for additional in-person support. This part-time position is being eliminated with this contract, saving the City $27,604.

Mr. Smith asked if AuditSolv would provide support on workstations in patrol vehicles.

Chief Hudanick replied affirmatively.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with AuditSolv for computer network services for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed $119,400 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.

PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES

Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends the purchase of four police vehicles; one 2025 F-150 truck with emergency equipment, installation and graphics from Joe Machens Ford; one 2025 Chevrolet Silverado truck with emergency equipment, installation and graphics from Don Brown Chevrolet; and two (2) 2025 Dodge Durango's with emergency equipment, installation and graphics from Landmark Crysler Dodge at a total cost not to exceed $225,114.

Chief Hudanick stated the 2026 fiscal year Capital Improvement Fund budget includes $230,000 for the purchase of four new police vehicles. These vehicles will replace a 2020 Ford Explorer, a 2017 Ford Explorer, a 2019 Dodge Charger, and a 2014 Ford F-150, which will be utilized as pool vehicles in the police department, offered to other departments, or sold at auction.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to concur with the staff recommendation to purchase one 2025 Ford F150 truck, one 2025 Chevrolet Silverado truck, and two 2025 Dodge Durango's with emergency equipment, installation and graphics at a total cost not to exceed $225,114. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACT POLICE STATION ROOFTOP UNIT

Chief Hudanick reported staff recommends authorization of a contract with C & R Mechanical Company for the purchase and installation of the HVAC rooftop unit for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed $195,858.

Chief Hudanick stated that specifications were sent to 13 companies and three bids were received. This new HVAC unit will replace an existing 35-ton unit installed in 2007. The current unit is nearly 20 years old and needs to be replaced due to age, multiple unrepairable refrigerant leaks, smaller but recurring issues with compressors and motors, and high maintenance costs. When refrigerant is needed, it requires R-22, which is costly and increasingly difficult to obtain. C & R Mechanical's bid comes in $34,142 under budget, providing significant cost savings. C&R has successfully completed numerous HVAC replacement projects for City facilities and currently serves as the City's HVAC maintenance contractor.

Mr. Smith asked about the turnaround time for installation.

Chief Hudanick replied 22 weeks, and it will take place next Spring.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with C & R Mechanical Company for the purchase and installation of a rooftop HVAC unit for the Police Department 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.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to receive and file the minutes of the December 9, 2024, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, and June 9 Neighborhood Watch Commission and July 28 Historic Preservation Commission meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

CONTRACT
IT SERVICES

Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract with AuditSolv for computer network services for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed $119,400.

There were no objections and Bill 5179 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AUDITSOLV FOR COMPUTER NETWORK SERVICES FOR A ONE YEAR TERM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ($119,400).

Bill 5179 will be on the agenda for second reading on September 3.

CONTRACT HVAC PD	Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract with C & R Mechanical Company for the purchase and installation of a rooftop HVAC unit for the Police Station at a cost not to exceed $195,858.

There were no objections and Bill 5180 was read by title only:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH C & R MECHANICAL COMPANY FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A ROOFTOP HVAC UNIT AT THE POLICE STATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE-HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS ($195,858).

Bill 5180 will be on the agenda for second reading on September 3.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5178 7111-7115 NORTH HANLEY ROAD	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5178 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a vehicle service and repair facility at 7111-7115 North Hanley Road.

There were no objections and Bill 5178 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO ARIZONA AUTO SALES, INC. FOR A VEHICLE SERVICE AND REPAIR FACILITY AT 7111-7115 NORTH HANLEY ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Wadlow, the adoption of Bill 5178 as an ordinance.

The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8	NAY - 0
Mr. Taylor	
Mr. Smith	
Ms. Hatton	
Mr. Hoops	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mrs. Henderson	
Ms. Wadlow	
Mayor Robinson	

Bill 5178 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5060-25.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY HALL CLOSED — Mayor Robinson announced that City Hall would be closed on September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.

COUNCIL MEETING — Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held Wednesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

HAZELWOOD DAYS — Mayor Robinson announced Hazelwood Day would be held on September 14 starting at 3 p.m. at Howdershell Park.

ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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