CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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 4, 2026, 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:

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

Council Member Robert M. Aubuchon 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. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to amend the consent agenda by the addition of a closed session to discuss litigation and consult with the City Attorney, and to adopt the consent agenda as amended. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8	NAY - 0
Mrs. Henderson	
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, was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to approve the minutes of the January 14 special Council meeting and the January 21 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

GREEN COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Robinson presented the Chairman of the Green Committee Board, Ron Darling, thanking him for his service and recognizing his dedication and commitment to the City of Hazelwood.

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.

ADVOCACY INQUIRY

Jessica Platt of 512 Foxtrail Drive spoke regarding events in Minnesota involving ICE, expressing concerns about reported actions, and asked how and where she could advocate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SIGN VARIANCE 649 DUNN ROAD

Mayor Robinson called to order the public hearing to consider a variance to permit three additional wall signs where only one wall sign is permitted per building, and an eight-foot variance of the maximum permitted height of a pylon sign at 649 Dunn Road.

City Planner Cecile Denny stated Napleton Genesis currently has three wall signs on the front elevation, permitted in 2023; however, two required a variance that was not requested at that time. The applicant now proposes three additional wall signs. One 20.47 square foot “Genesis” logo and two 12.31 square feet “Service” signs. The applicant proposes adding one sign panel to the existing 38-foot pylon sign, which was permitted in 2023 but exceeds height requirements and should be brought into compliance before approval of the additional panel. Staff finds the variance requests will not adversely affect traffic, parking, fire safety, neighborhood character, public welfare, or public utilities.

Joe Phillips, with Piros Signs, was available for questions and gave a brief presentation of the project.

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.

Mrs. Henderson moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, to permit three additional wall signs where only one wall sign is permitted per building, at 649 Dunn Road. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to permit an eight-foot variance of the maximum permitted height of a pylon sign at 649 Dunn Road. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

SLUP PETITION 320 BROOKES DRIVE	A petition for a Special Land Use Permit for a social assistance establishment at 350 Brookes Drive, Suite 105 was received from My Life In A Bag Foundation.
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	Notice of upcoming changes to the channel lineup was received from Charter Communications.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The January 22 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
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Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to refer the petition to the City Plan Commission and to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PRATT PLACE	Ms. Hatton inquired about the status of Pratt Place and whether it is expected to reopen, noting she has received questions from residents.

Mr. Leezer stated he would get back to Ms. Hatton with an update.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS — Mayor Robinson suggested the addition of a meeting with the Citizens Committee to the March 11 work session agenda.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF REVIEW — Ms. Lowery had provided the Council with notice of the need to appoint four Council members to the 2024 Board of Review.

Traditionally, the Council has alternated between members of the even and odd-numbered wards. In 2025, the members of the even-numbered wards served.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to appoint the Council members of Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7 to serve as the 2026 Board of Review, with one Council member to serve as the alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CONTRACT OVERHEAD DOORS — Public Works Director David Stewart stated staff recommends authorization of a contract with The Edelen Company, Inc. for the replacement of the Maintenance Garage overhead doors at a cost not to exceed fifty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars ($59,700).

Mr. Stewart reported that bids were opened on January 12 for the replacement of 13 existing overhead doors and three hoist operators. The doors are original to the building (1981) and provide access for City vehicles and equipment for storage, loading, and service. Two bids were received. Mr. Stewart noted that Edelen Company, Inc. has provided reliable service to the City for many years.

Mr. Hoops moved, seconded by Ms. Matlock, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with The Edelen Company, Inc. for the replacement of the Maintenance Garage overhead doors at a cost not to exceed fifty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars ($59,700), 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.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT — Mr. Leezer updated the Council on current and upcoming events.

Mr. Leezer stated the Streets Department reported on snow removal efforts following approximately 10 inches of snowfall. Crews worked extended hours to ensure road safety throughout Hazelwood.

Mr. Leezer announced that Hazelwood was recognized nationally as the St. Louis Hinder Club hosted the Missouri State Doubles and World Professional Handball Association tournament, which was broadcast on ESPN+.

Mr. Leezer announced that due to inclement weather and the closure of City Hall on January 26, the annual Shred Day was canceled and will be rescheduled later.

CONGRATULATIONS — Mr. Leezer announced that Ron Darling, a member of the Green Committee Board, received a Sustainability Award from St. Louis County and extended congratulations on behalf of the Council.

Mr. Darling came forward and provided an explanation of the significance of the award.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

CONTRACT OVERHEAD DOORS — Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract for the replacement of the Maintenance Garage overhead doors.

There were no objections, and Bill 5210 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE EDELEN COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2026 MAINTENANCE GARAGE OVERHEAD DOORS REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS ($59,700).

Bill 5210 will be on the agenda for second reading on February 18.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 5209 AMEND CHAPTER 110 RE: REMOVAL & ENFORCEMENT — Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 5209 to amend Chapter 110 relating to qualifications and removal of council members, and providing for the enforcement of codes of conduct and ethics for council members.

There were no objections, and Bill 5209 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS AND REMOVAL OF COUNCILMEMBERS; AND ADOPTING AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CODES OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Hoops, the adoption of Bill 5209 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Bill 5209 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 5091-26.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY HALL CLOSED — Mayor Robinson announced City Hall would be closed on February 16 for Presidents day.

COUNCIL MEETING — Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 18, 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 7:01 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