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CITY APPROVES FY24-25 BUDGET

The Hazelwood City Council recently passed its FY24-25 budget. The approved expenditures for the upcoming year was set at \$37,257,792. This was a \$3.6 Million increase from the previous year and left the City with a very healthy 51% Fund Balance.

Assistant City Manager for Finance, David Tuberty, estimated that a majority of the City's revenue sources will remain relatively flat for the upcoming year. He also noted the budget reflects the maintenance of 11 Firefighters hired through the SAFER grant along with a 4% Cost of Living increase for City workers.

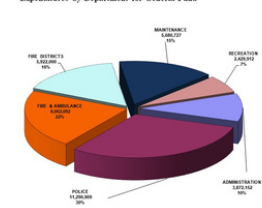
Tuberty further stated the FY23-24 budget realized a \$2.3 million positive balance.

He reported to the City Council on the current conditions of Non-General Revenue Funds. All have healthy balances and staff is making sure each fund is managed in the most prudent manner.

The final budget was approved by Council and went into effect on July 1st.



Expenditures by Department for General Fund



ROBINSON RE-ELECTED MAYOR



Hazelwood Mayor Matt Robinson was recently sworn into office by City Clerk Julie Lowery as he was re-elected for his 5th term this past April.

He was also recognized for marking his 30th year with the City. He was joined at the ceremony by his family.

In addition, Ward 7 Councilman Robert Smith was unanimously elected "Mayor Pro-Tempore" by the council at the meeting. He will serve in the capacity of mayor during the absence of Mayor Robinson.

All members of the City Council, including the Mayor, serve three years terms.



MARSON FOODS RECOGNIZED BY NCI



Marson Foods, a premier manufacturer of quality waffle products for K-12 and food services, was recently recognized by North County Inc. at their 47th Annual Leadership Breakfast.

The company recently opened a state-of-the-art production facility at Hazelwood Trade Port and has begun to employ local residents.

Company owners, Dave and Jan Marson, attended the ceremony as guests of the City of Hazelwood to receive the NCI's award for Business Development Leadership. Marson was recognized for their investment and jobs in the region along with commitment to address food desert issues.

North County Inc President and CEO, Rebecca Zoll stated "NCI is please to recognize these exceptional North County leaders. It's awe-inspiring to know these individuals and their organizations are making a difference in the lives of so many of our residents and for the businesses."

Ward 5 Councilmember Lisa Matlock was also present to honor Marson Foods and demonstrate the City's appreciation for their investment in Hazelwood.



Taylor Mazdra of the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Doug Rasmussen of Steadfast City joined the City at the NCI Breakfast



Ward 5 Councilmember Lisa Matlock with Dave & Jan Marson along with Tyler Wallace

HAZELWOOD HOSTS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR



Members of the Hazelwood Historic Preservation Commission once again hosted visitors at Brookes Park for the Historic St. Louis Homes Tour.

The Commission, similar to other regional organizations played host to citizens wanting to learn more about the historic aspects of the City. The tour took place in a number of locations such as: Sappington, Florissant, Ferguson and St. Louis.

Visitors received a personalized tour of the Knobbe House, Little Red Schoolhouse and the Utz-Teson House.

"We are always excited to showcase the historic nature of Hazelwood," stated Commission Chair Kait Fritz. "People are impressed and amazed at the historic structures that are located here."

Fritz added Commission members are already making arrangements for the next event later this Fall.

Ward 1 Alderman Bill Hoops stopped by to support the group's effort.



PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES

Congratulations to City employees who received promotions, celebrated anniversaries and new hires!

Promotions:

- Douglas Barber, Police Lieutenant
- Ryan Counterman, Police Lieutenant
- Brendan Gilbert, Police Lieutenant
- Tess Kliethermes, Police Officer
- Joshua Little, Police Sergeant
- Norman Mars, Police Captain
- Samaja Patterson, Police Officer
- Nicholas Paulda, Police Sergeant
- William Russ, Police Sergeant
- Scott Schnurbusch, Police Lieutenant
- James Taschner, Police Captain
- Brandon Ulm, Police Officer

New Hires:

- Jeremy Caldwell, Maint. Worker II
- Derek Cayabyab, Police Officer
- Richard Day, Firefighter/Paramedic
- Zach Dodson, Police Officer
- Jason Gramling, Police Recruit
- Kyle Franklin, Police Officer
- Joshua Holladay, Police Officer
- Giuseppe Migliazzo, Police Officer
- Matthew Payne, Building Inspector
- Jackson Yarbrough, Firefighter/Paramedic

Anniversaries:

- Police Officer Shane Omsted, 5 Years
- Police Major Mark McKeon, 35 Years
- Mayor Matt Robinson, 30 Years
- Public Works Director David Stewart, 15 Years
- Police Officer Blake Thorton, 5 Years
- Telecommunicator Dawn Watkins, 20 Years
- I.T. Support Specialist Michele Wicks, 10 Years
- Building Inspector Heather Wright, 15 Years

Retirements:

- Police Officer Michael Monticelli
- Police Officer Fred Simon

LIMB COLLECTION

The City of Hazelwood completed its very popular limb collection program for citizens in early June. The program was temporarily eliminated in 2020 due to financial constraints and the COVID pandemic. The program was restored in the Spring of 2023. City Manager Matt Zimmerman stated that leaf collection will once again take place later this fall.



RECYCLE DAY

Members of the Hazelwood Green Committee hosted another successful Recycle Day. Over 400 cars came through the collection point. The committee reported:

- 3 1/2 tons of paper shredded
- 21,000 lbs. of recyclable devices
- 3.21 tons of trash

We want to recognize and thank Boeing for the use of their parking lot along with our other partners: Republic Services CitiShred, Auto World and St. Louis County Public Health St. Louis



CONCRETE STRATEGIES RELOCATES TO HAZELWOOD

Concrete Strategies, a leading and growing construction company in North America, announced it has signed a lease to relocate its operational service, innovation, and training center to 5790 Campus Parkway in Hazelwood. A subsidiary of Clayco, Concrete Strategies is known for its exceptional expertise in turnkey cast in place concrete,

structural concrete, tilt up, flatwork, pre-cast erection, and various concrete restoration and coatings/water-proofing services for commercial projects.

"We made the strategic decision to relocate our growing operation to a larger, more central location in Hazelwood where our team members feel safe, do their best work and have the backing of the community," said Pat Moriarity, President of Concrete Strategies. "At Concrete Strategies, we pride ourselves on delivering a 'more to the pour' experience for our clients and employees."

The 191,000-square-foot operational hub will feature 20,000 square feet of office space including a state-of-the-art craft jobs training and innovation center for field testing cutting-edge concrete products for performance and sustainability. The training space will also be used by CCDI, Construction Career Development Initiative, in an effort to bring diversity to the design and construction industry by exposing and mentoring minority, underrepresented, and underserved students to career development in construction.



Bob Clark, Founder and Executive Chairman of Clayco, commended Concrete Strategies for their strategic growth and commitment to creating opportunities for young people in the trades. "We could not be prouder of Pat and the Concrete Strategies team for staying on the cutting edge of concrete product testing, while also

creating a pathway for young people in the trades for high-paying jobs, which are critical now more than ever. This multi-year lease and capital investment will ensure Concrete Strategies remains a long-term part of the Hazelwood community."

Concrete Strategies' decision to relocate its operational hub to Hazelwood is seen as a positive development for the local community. The company's dedication to safety, quality construction, and job training aligns with the community's values and continues the strong economic development within Hazelwood.



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY



This year, the City of Hazelwood will celebrate its 75th anniversary and plans are underway to create festive ways to honor this occasion. Members of the committee have been meeting since the early part of this year to develop ideas and plans for the festivities. The official kick-off of the celebration will be at Hazelwood Day.

As legend has it, the city gained its name in 1828 when Major Richard Graham invited Senator Henry Clay to his farm during a campaign stop. Senator Clay looked over the orchards and well-tended fields and exclaimed to his host, "Ah Sir, this so much reminds me of Hazelwood, my Kentucky states!" Major Graham called his own land Hazelwood Farms, for which Hazelwood Avenue eventually was named. In later years the title would influence the selection of a name for the Village, which was incorporated in 1949.

By 1969 the population of Hazelwood had grown large enough to be considered for City status. Such a change in government structure would give Hazelwood greatly expanded powers and authority.

Committee member Lesli Henderson designed the Diamond Jubilee logo, with plans to promote the celebration through a variety of means including print and social media. Presentations will also be made at upcoming City Council meetings and to other organizations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

Assistant City Manager for Economic Development, David Leezer, gave his Annual Economic Development Report to the City Council. The report, which tracks both new and existing projects, provides an overview of the of the City's efforts.

Some of the projects highlighted were:



Hazelwood Business Park, owned and operated by ICP

- Hazelwood Business Park - In late 2022, Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP), purchased the former St. Louis Mills Outlet Mall. The company has a proven track record of converting former office buildings and retail mall properties into productive viable uses. The former mall is being converted into warehousing, office and light industrial.
- Pivot Bio, Inc. - This is an agtech company that uses new technology to replace synthetic nitrogen-based fertilizers with more sustainable and dependable methods for fertilizing crops. The Company opened approximately 47,000 square feet of leased space at 639 Lambert Pointe Drive. The project included approximately \$6,144,660 in real property improvements and approximately \$15,057,536 in personal property investment. The agreement requires the Company to create 41 full-time equivalent positions at an average annual starting salary of \$59,924 at complete buildout. The tax abatement agreement requires the company to have a minimum of 14 jobs by 2024 and they have 30.
- Icon Design LLC is a leading manufacturer of store fixtures and interiors for international fashion retailer and brands. They currently operate at 5657 Campus Parkway and will expand into a second building at 123 James S. McDonnell Boulevard. The property is a 97,000 SF building on 8 acres.
- Bamboo Equity Partners is a St. Louis based real estate development firm that purchased the vacant office building at 600 James S. McDonnell Boulevard. The company received a 15 Year Chapter 100 Bond with an inclining scale PILOT Payment. The company will invest at least \$7,000,000 into this project.

Leezer reported that the projects outlined resulted in over \$272 Million of new investment and a positive Return on Investment for the citizens of Hazelwood.



IDI Ribbon Cutting at Hazelwood Business Park



Marson Foods Ribbon Cutting at Hazelwood Tradeport

RECOGNITIONS

This past Spring, the Hazelwood City Council took time to honor three departments for their annual celebrations.



Public Works Director David Stewart received a proclamation from Mayor Matt Robinson in honor of National Public Works Week. Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has celebrated this annual event to honor the men and women serving this vital industry.



At the same meeting, Fire Chief Dan Luley was presented with a proclamation for National Emergency Services Week. This is the 50th anniversary for this celebration and recognizes those professionals in the Emergency Management field for their contribution.



Police Chief Jim Hudanick and Mayor Robinson presented Officer Will Russ a proclamation for National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.