

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 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
Rosalie Hendon
Mary G. Singleton
Carol A. Stroker
Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan
Matthew G. Robinson
Russell Todd

Mrs. Wolf declared a quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Matt Zimmerman, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and City Clerk Colleen Wolf.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mr. Taylor
Mrs. Hendon
Mrs. Singleton
Mrs. Stroker
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Ryan
Mayor Robinson
Mr. Todd

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the minutes of the May 6 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

WHAT'S NEW

Communications Coordinator Tim Davidson reported on City news, events, and programs.

Police wives and family members, City staff, and police volunteers posed for a group photo at City Hall to kick off Police Week 2015 and show their support for our police officers. Special thanks go to Celina Monticelli who organized a luncheon to honor our officers with the assistance of other officers' wives, City employees, and Hazelwood Baptist Church.

Vera B's Southern Kitchen at St. Louis Outlet Mall celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting on May 15. The restaurant serves southern comfort food such as chicken and waffles, shrimp and grits, and caramel cake.

The Police Department will conduct sobriety checks throughout the City this summer. The first is scheduled for the weekend of May 22nd at an undisclosed location. Research shows that high-visibility enforcement reduces drunken driving fatalities by 20 percent.

Before going to White Birch Bay aquatic center, residents must validate their Hazelwood resident identification cards for 2015 by bringing an unpaid bill with their name and address to either recreation center. There is no fee to update the card.

Upcoming events include White Birch Bay opening day on May 23 and Recycle Day and the Community Art Fair on June 6. Additional information on these and other upcoming events is available on the City's website at www.hazelwoodmo.org.

GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING Mayor Robinson presented the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting to Finance Director Lori Helle.

Ms. Helle stated the City has received this award for 17 consecutive years and she was honored to accept it on behalf of the Finance Department staff.

FIRE CHIEF'S CERTIFICATE

Fire Chief Dave Radel presented a certificate of commendation to Anna Furlong for her responsible, quick, and composed response to an incident that occurred at her home on March 22.

A fire crew was dispatched in response to a call for an injured female who had fallen off a ladder in her basement. The crew was met on the scene by Anna, age 6, who had called 911 for her mother.

OATHS OF OFFICE There were no board or commission members present to receive their oath of office.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS As their biographies were read, Police Officers Edward Novak and Michael Monticelli were presented with 20 year service awards.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - None

CITIZEN 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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE State Representative Bill Otto gave a brief legislative update.

The pool tax revision was introduced and would have meant a loss for the City of Hazelwood of \$70,000 to \$80,000 in revenue. St. Louis County supported the change because it would have given them the opportunity to levy a ½ cent sales tax on unincorporated areas for policing. Although the legislation didn't pass, it will come up again next year. Red light camera legislation was introduced, but didn't pass. Legislation which lowers the amount of municipal court income a community can receive from 30 percent to 20 percent of their total revenue, with the exception of St. Louis County communities that are limited to 12.5 percent, was passed and is on the governor's desk. Legislation concerning fire districts, which would affect Hazelwood, was introduced but made no progress.

APPRECIATION Greg Fowler of 6709 Freeland Drive expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff.

Mr. Fowler explained his property abuts White Birch Park. When the aquatic center was constructed in 2007, he had a problem with lighting and noise. After meeting with Mrs. Hendon and Mayor Robinson, the City installed a white privacy fence across the back of his yard to abate the issues. The storms of 2013 blew the fence down, but he didn't contact the City to repair it due to the City's financial situation. After passage of the quarter cent sales tax, he contacted the City to request the repair. Last week, an attractive new fence was installed.

Mr. Zimmerman thanked Public Works Director David Stewart, Maintenance Superintendent Paul Williams, and Crew Leader Dan Wegman and his men for the beautiful work they did.

STREET REPAIRS

Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane asked if any street repairs would be done this summer.

Mr. Zimmerman responded \$50,000 has been allocated in next fiscal year's budget, which begins July 1, for asphalt repairs and crack sealing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.Y. 2016 BUDGET

Finance Director Lori Helle provided an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2016 budget by fund.

A General Fund surplus of \$346,000 is projected at the end of fiscal year 2015 and a surplus of \$45,000 is budgeted for fiscal year 2016. Fiscal year 2015 began with a \$5.9 million reserve and is expected to end with a reserve of \$6.2 million or 26 percent. The City's policy is to maintain a minimum reserve of 17 percent of expenditures. With the proposed budget, fiscal year 2016 will end with a reserve of \$6.3 million or 25 percent. Fiscal year 2016 revenue projections include a one percent increase in sales tax, a four percent increase in Ameren franchise taxes, a three percent increase in business license fees from new businesses, and a 19 percent decrease in court fines. Proposed personnel expenditures include \$453,000 for a pay plan update and step increases plus related benefits. In addition, all positions have been restored. Part-time accounting clerk, City Clerk's secretary, public works secretary, and garage secretary positions will be moved back to full-time. Sergeant, dispatch, fire marshal, and code enforcement positions will be restored. The pension funding rate decreased from 12.9 to 12.1 percent. A 15 percent increase in health insurance, eight percent increase in dental insurance, five percent increase in vision insurance, and three percent increase in workmen's compensation have been budgeted. Sixty-eight percent of the General Fund budget is public safety with \$5 million going to the fire districts.

Fiscal year 2016 Economic Development Fund expenditures include completion of the Fee Fee Road-South project at approximately \$2 million, 20 percent of the fiber network project at \$160,400, and \$1 million for the Local Incentive Program. Fiscal Year 2016 Economic Development Fund revenues are projected to be \$700,000 more than 2015 due an increase in grant revenue. Expenditures from the fund have also increased due to an increase of \$500,000 in the Local Incentive Program allocation, the Fee Fee Road-South project allocation and the fiber network project allocation. Fiscal year 2015 started with a fund balance of just over \$2 million and will end at \$2.7 million. With the proposed budget, fiscal year 2016 will end with a fund balance of \$2.3 million.

Fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Fund revenues are estimated to be \$532,000 less than fiscal year 2015 due to a decrease in grants. In addition, expenditures are approximately \$800,000 less due to a decrease in street projects, park improvements, and vehicle purchases. Fiscal year 2015 began with a fund balance of \$233,000 and is projected to end with a balance of negative \$22,000. However, fiscal year 2016 is projected to end with a surplus of \$58,000.

The Asset Forfeiture Fund will have a balance of approximately \$265,000 at the end of fiscal year 2015. Revenues cannot be projected for this fund. Expenditures in the amount of \$139,000 have been budgeted for fiscal year 2016.

Fiscal year 2016 Sewer Lateral Fund revenues and expenditures are about the same as 2015. Since the fund balance is decreasing, eventually the rate of the Sewer Lateral Repair Fee may need to be increased. The fee is currently \$5 per household. Voters approved a fee of up to \$28. Fiscal year 2015 began with a fund balance of \$392,000. At the end of fiscal year 2016, the balance is projected to be \$225,000.

The outstanding balance in the Debt Service Fund is projected to be \$19.5 million at the end of fiscal year 2015 and \$18 million at the end of 2016. The interest and principal payment for next year is approximately \$2.2 million. Debt includes the Lambert Pointe Neighborhood Improvement District which is paid through special assessments, the 2005 and 2007 general obligation street bonds, the Cabella's museum, the aquatic center, and the energy efficiency 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. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, to approve the fiscal year 2016 budget 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

INVITATION TO SPECIAL MASS An invitation to a special mass on May 25 to honor community veterans was received from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFINGS The May 7 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

SLCML NEWSLETTER The St. Louis County Municipal League's May newsletter was received.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFINGS The May 14 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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 8 Council work session agenda.

**BOARD/COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS** Mr. Taylor nominated Alexis Robinson of 8719 Santa Bella Drive, Ward 5, for appointment to the Community Enrichment Commission.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to appoint Alexis Robinson to the Community Enrichment Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wolf will invite Ms. Robinson to the June 3 Council meeting to receive her oath of office and commission certificate.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

**CONTRACT FOR
COLLECTION OF
TAXES AND FEES** Mr. Zimmerman reported staff recommends authorization of a contract with St. Louis County for the collection of Real and Personal Property Taxes, Merchants' and Manufacturers' Taxes, Sewer Lateral Fees, Nuisance Fees, Neighborhood Improvement District Special Assessments, and Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs).

The City has agreements with St. Louis County to collect certain taxes and fees, such as personal property taxes and nuisance fees, on behalf of the City. The first Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Aviator Park Chapter 353 project will be due next year. In addition, payments for the Silgan Plastics project are anticipated to begin the following year. The proposed contract would authorize St. Louis County to collect these PILOTs in addition to the taxes and fees they are currently collecting.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize the contract with St. Louis County for collection of certain fees and taxes 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. Ryan, to receive and file the minutes of the March 10 and April 9 Pension Plan Board of Trustees meetings, the April 14 Community Enrichment Commission meeting, the April 27 Historic Preservation

Commission meeting, and the May 5 Pension Plan Board of Trustees meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

F.Y. 2016 BUDGET Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to approve the fiscal year 2016 budget.

There were no objections and Bill 4521 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS CONTAINED THEREIN FOR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTS THEREIN.

Bill 4521 will be on the agenda for second reading on June 3.

CONTRACT Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract with St. Louis County for the collection of certain fees and taxes.

There were no objections and Bill 4522 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE COLLECTION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' TAXES, SEWER LATERAL FEES, NUISANCE FEES, NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOTS).

Bill 4522 will be on the agenda for second reading on June 3.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILLS 4508, 4509, 4510 The second readings of Bills 4508, 4509 and 4510 to
SUBDIVISION & consolidate 7766 and 7770 North Lindbergh Boulevard
SLUPS and grant Special Land Use Permits have been postponed
to June 3.

BILL 4517 Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4517 to
SUBDIVISION authorize the subdivision of 7222 and 7208 North Lindbergh
Boulevard and 327 Taylor Road.

There were no objections and Bill 4517 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION OF 7222 AND 7208 NORTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD AND 327 TAYLOR ROAD TO ADJUST THE LOTS' BOUNDARIES AND DEDICATE AN INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Stroker, the adoption of Bill 4517 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 8</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	

Bill 4517 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4406-15.

BILL 4518 SLUP	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4518 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a drug abuse treatment facility at 9144 Pershall Road.
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There were no objections and Bill 4518 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO CENTER FOR LIFE SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR A DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY AT 9144 PERSHALL ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the adoption of Bill 4518 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 8</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	

Bill 4518 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4407-15.

BILL 4519
CONTRACT

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4519 to authorize a contract for the 2015 pyro-musical fireworks display.

There were no objections and Bill 4519 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH J & M DISPLAYS, INC., FOR THE 2015 PYRO-MUSICAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, the adoption of Bill 4519 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 8</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	

Bill 4519 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4408-15.

BILL 4520
LEVY SALES TAX

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4520 to levy a quarter cent general sales tax as approved by the voters on April 7.

There were no objections and Bill 4520 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, LEVYING A SALES TAX AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD AT THE ELECTION ON APRIL 7, 2015.

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the adoption of Bill 4520 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 8</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	

Mr. Todd

Bill 4520 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4409-15.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY Mayor Robinson reported City Hall will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

Colleen Wolf, MMC - City Clerk
City of Hazelwood, Missouri