

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 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:

Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan
Matthew G. Robinson
Russell Todd
Warren H. Taylor
Mary G. Singleton
Carol A. Stroker

Councilwoman Rosalie Hendon was not present. 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 Mr. Aubuchon, the adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

<u>AYE - 7</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda, including a closed meeting immediately following the regular meeting to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(1), was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the minutes of the September 2 regular and closed Council meetings and the September 9 Council/staff retreat as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

WHAT'S NEW

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

As one of her last duties as Miss Hazelwood 2014, Brianna Barr spoke to a group of sixth grade cadets from Girl Scout Troop 940 about the importance of having strong self-esteem. She advised them not to let other people define them, to be happy with who they are, not to submit to pressure from friends and boyfriends, not to do anything they don't want to do, and to be friends with people whose company they enjoy.

Six candidates were chosen for the 2015 Miss Hazelwood Court of Queens: Katie Schramm of Duchesne High School, Jessica Skinker of Incarnate Word Academy, and Miranda Johnson, Laura Adams, Nadi Prasad and Alexia Rainey of Hazelwood West High School. Alexia Rainey was crowned as Miss Hazelwood 2015 during the Harvestfest.

In partnership with Hazelwood Baptist Church, the Police Department recently co-hosted a breakfast for the Hazelwood West High School football team as part of an on-going program initiated by the department to build better relations with local youth.

The Police Department joined other law enforcement agencies nationwide in an aggressive Child Passenger Safety Week campaign from September 13 to September 19. Officers will be on the lookout for child safety seat law violators in order to reduce highway fatalities and injuries to children.

Upcoming events include the Police Explorer Post 9217 Trivia Night on September 19, the Drug Take-Back event on September 26, and Celebrate Safe Communities on September 29. Information on City programs and upcoming events is available on the City's website at www.hazelwoodmo.org.

INTRODUCTION OF MISS HAZELWOOD

Mayor Robinson introduced Miss Hazelwood 2015 Alexia Rainey.

CITIZENS' SERVICE CITATION

Darryl and Nikia Bennett were not present to receive the Citizens' Service Citation.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS As their biographies were read, Administrative Supervisor Lori Routh was presented with a 30 year service award, Police Officer Scott Schnurbusch was presented with a 10 year service award, and Firefighter/Paramedic Veronica Dolan was presented with a 10 year service award.

OATH OF OFFICE Tamara Willis, appointee to the Parks and Recreation Board, was not present and will receive her oath of office at the next board meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HLC PROJECT RESOLUTION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution directing City staff and consultants to take action with respect to a project proposed by NP Hazelwood 140, LLC for the Hazelwood Logistics Center.

Mr. O'Keefe stated this is an initial step in the effort to induce development at Hazelwood Logistics Center.

There were no objections and Resolution 1512 was read by title only:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF AND CONSULTANTS TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTION WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED PROJECT FOR NP HAZELWOOD 140, LLC.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the adoption of Resolution 1512. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 7</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Resolution 1512 was unanimously adopted.

SAFE COMMUNITIES PROCLAMATION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation urging support of the City's Celebrate Safe Communities initiative on September 29.

There were no objections and Proclamation 1519 was read.

After additional discussion, Mr. O'Keefe stated the City isn't equipped to adjudicate this issue which is the purview of the court system.

Mr. Zimmerman noted City staff has spent many hours over the past two years attempting to mediate for the neighbors, but has been unsuccessful.

I-270/MCDONNELL
ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT Marvin Davis of 677 Coachway Lane requested a report on the I-270/McDonnell Boulevard overpass enhancement project.

Public Works Director David Stewart responded the majority of the landscaping is installed. Some shrubs that didn't survive will be replaced as part of the warranty. The contract isn't complete. There were some issues with the six foot decorative fence, which is to be installed on the overpass, meeting MoDOT specifications. The issues were resolved and new plans were submitted and approved. The fence is being manufactured and should be installed in October. Once the fence is installed, the project can be closed. The landscaping looks untidy because the area is still set up for construction with silt fencing and hay bales. Upon completion of the project and removal of the silt fence, staff will have access to maintain the area.

KNOLLWOOD APTS. Mr. Davis expressed concerns with large amounts of trash in the Knollwood Apartments complex.

Mr. Zimmerman stated he will have Code Enforcement and the Police Department's Neighborhood Action Team investigate and he will respond.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BRIEFINGS The August 28 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BRIEFINGS The September 3 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BRIEFINGS The September 10 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, 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 January 13 Council work session agenda.

HARVESTFEST Mayor Robinson thanked the volunteers and City staff, particularly from the Parks and Recreation Division, who contributed to making the Harvestfest a huge success.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

**EMPLOYEE
HEALTH INSURANCE** Assistant City Manager Bob Frank reported staff recommends renewal of the employees' health insurance policy with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company provided the rate increase is 4% or less.

Staff has been in discussion with USI Midwest, the City's insurance broker, in preparation for solicitation of renewal quotes. Cigna, who is currently in the process of being acquired by Anthem, has offered to renew the City's current policy with an increase between 0% and 4% if they aren't required to go through the formal bid process. Dental insurance would be renewed at the current rate or possibly at a slightly decreased rate. Staff is requesting authorization to forgo the formal bid process and to proceed with negotiations with the broker on renewal of the health, dental, and vision insurance policies. Other cities in the St. Louis region were surveyed on the range of their renewal quotes and their loss ratios. Cities with low loss ratios are seeing increases of 0% to 3%. Unfortunately, Hazelwood currently has a high loss ratio (claims paid versus premiums collected) at over 100%.

There were no objections by the Council and staff will proceed with negotiations to renew employee health, dental, and vision insurance policies without the formal bid process.

STREET SEALING Mr. Stewart reported staff recommends authorization of a contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC for sealing of various asphalt streets at a cost not to exceed \$47,880.

Mr. Stewart stated \$50,000 has been allocated in the current Capital Improvement Fund budget for sealing of asphalt streets in order to preserve the pavement. Only one bid was received in response to the request for proposals. At \$.76 per square yard, the cost is comparable to what the City has paid for the last few years. Corrective Asphalt has been the City's contractor for this work for the last several years and has performed satisfactorily. Mr. Stewart presented a photo of a test plot done five years ago. Half of the street was treated and half was not. The non-treated side is rougher where the asphalt has separated from the aggregate. Mr. Stewart stated he prefers this product to

slurry seal, which is used by most other cities and is two to three times more expensive, because it's thicker and builds up the crown of the road.

Mayor Robinson asked that the product be kept off the sidewalks, curbs, and driveways.

Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize the contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC 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 ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to receive and file the minutes of the July 7 City Plan Commission meeting, the August 10 Neighborhood Watch Commission meeting, the August 11 Community Enrichment Commission meeting, and the August 24 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

CONTRACT Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract for sealing of various asphalt streets.

There were no objections and Bill 4541 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CORRECTIVE ASPHALT MATERIALS, LLC FOR SEALING OF VARIOUS ASPHALT STREETS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$47,880.

Bill 4541 will be on the agenda for second reading on October 7.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 4539 Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4539 to grant a Special Land Use Permit for a fast food restaurant at 5950 Howdershell Road.
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There were no objections and Bill 4539 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO BELL MISSOURI, LLC, D/B/A TACO BELL, FOR A FAST FOOD

RESTAURANT AT 5950 HOWERSHELL ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Stroker, the adoption of Bill 4539 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 7</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Bill 4539 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4428-15.

BILL 4540 AD VALOREM TAXES	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4540 to establish the 2015 ad valorem tax rates and Sewer Lateral Service Lines Repair Fee.
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Mr. O’Keefe stated Council has been provided with Bill 4540.1 in which the rate of levy for agricultural property has been revised from \$.778 to \$.491 based on the post Board of Equalization data provided by the office of the St. Louis County assessor.

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mr. Todd, to amend Bill 4540 by the text of Bill 4540.1. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no objections and Bill 4540, as amended, was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 FOR GENERAL AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, AND THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CITY’S SEWER LATERAL SERVICE LINES REPAIR PROGRAM.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the adoption of Bill 4540, as amended, as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

<u>AYE - 7</u>	<u>NAY - 0</u>
Mr. Aubuchon	
Mr. Ryan	
Mayor Robinson	
Mr. Todd	
Mr. Taylor	
Mrs. Singleton	

Mrs. Stroker

Bill 4540, as amended, was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4429-15.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held Wednesday, October 7, 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 8:40 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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