

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

**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, November 15, 2017, 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  
Warren H. Taylor  
Rosalie Hendon  
Mary G. Singleton  
Carol A. Stroker

Council Members Robert Parkin II and Russell Todd were not present. Mrs. Thomas declared a quorum was present.

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

**AGENDA**

Mrs. Hendon suggested the addition of a proprietary matter to the closed session.

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to amend the agenda by the addition of a proprietary matter as a consent item under closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, the adoption of the consent agenda. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 7

Mr. Aubuchon  
Mr. Ryan

NAY - 0

Mayor Robinson  
Mr. Taylor  
Mrs. Hendon  
Mrs. Singleton  
Mrs. Stroker

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda, including a closed meeting immediately following the regular meeting to discuss a proprietary matter in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(15) and contract negotiations in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(12), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to approve the minutes of the November 1 regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**WHAT'S NEW**

Communications Coordinator Tim Davidson provided the What's New in Hazelwood report.

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

As his biography was read, Police Sergeant Nick Lawrence was presented with a 15 year service award.

As his biography was read, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Doug Littlefield was presented with a 25 year service award.

**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.

**PARK CONCERNS**

Monte Haynes, 242 Palm Drive, distributed a handout to the Council on safety requests for Aubuchon and St. Cin Parks he has submitted since 2015.

Mr. Aubuchon explained the City has limited funds for use at all parks.

Mr. Haynes requested a special Council meeting be held to address his concerns or that the Mayor and City Manager sign the last page of the handout.

**ROYALS LIQUOR  
7927 N. LINDBERGH  
BOULEVARD**

An application for a Full Liquor License, with Sunday, had been received from Mayur Patel for 7927 Jai Ganesha, LLC, d/b/a Royals Liquor, at 7927 North Lindbergh Boulevard.

The record check had been performed and Police Chief Gregg Hall has recommended approval of the application.

Krunal Patel, a representative for Royals Liquor, stated he is buying the business and that is the reason for the request.

Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to grant a Full Liquor License, with Sunday, to Mayur Patel for 7927 Jai Ganesha, LLC, d/b/a Royals Liquor, at 7927 North Lindbergh Boulevard. The motion passed unanimously.

**SLUP EXTENSION**                      A request to amend Ordinance 4332-14 by extending the  
**9044 PERSHALL RD.**                      Special Land Use Permit deadline to commence operation of  
a sanitary collection wet weather storage facility at 9044  
Pershall Road to June 30, 2018 had been received from  
AMEC Foster Wheeler, representing St. Louis Metropolitan  
Sewer District (MSD).

City Planner Earl Bradfield reported the request is for a six month extension even though they plan on finishing in January. This project began in March 2014.

Stewart Haw with AMEC Foster Wheeler gave a brief presentation on the project. Mr. Haw reiterated construction should be complete by the end of January but an extension to June is requested should there be any ancillary work that needs to be done.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to amend Ordinance 4332-14 by extending the Special Land Use Permit deadline to commence operation of a sanitary collection wet weather storage facility at 9044 Pershall Road to June 30, 2018 and to place the draft bill on the agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CHARTER**                                      Notification of the addition of the i24 News Launch SD & HD  
**CHANNEL LINEUP**                              Channel was received from Charter Communications.

**EWGCG**                                        The East-West Gateway Council of Governments' proposed  
**2018 BUDGET**                                      2018 budget was received.

**EWGCG**                                        The November 2 issue of Local Government Briefings  
**LOCAL BRIEFINGS**                              was received from the East-West Gateway Council of  
Governments.

**COMMISSION**                                A letter of resignation from the Neighborhood Watch

## RESIGNATION

Commission was received from Greg Corcoran.

A letter thanking Mr. Corcoran for his service to the City was sent.

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### FIRE DISTRICT MERGER

The Council continued discussion of a possible merger of the City's Fire Department with Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD).

Mrs. Hendon asked Hazelwood Fire Chief, Dave Herman, if he spoke to the Kelley Group regarding the Mayor's Florissant Valley Fire Protection District questions. Chief Herman responded affirmatively stating the Kelley Group has an understanding of the situation.

Copies of the poll questions had been provided to the Council.

Mrs. Hendon pointed out the poll mentions the FVFPD.

Mr. Ryan stated he likes the poll, but expressed concern with a question that mentions possible cuts to the Police Department.

Mrs. Hendon responded the Kelley Group is professional and knows the questions to ask. The questions will assist with determining the key issues that will drive the campaign.

Mrs. Singleton stated campaigns aren't always intuitive and emphasized the importance of trusting the experts. She stated altering the questions could affect the outcome.

Chief Herman stated the Council Fire Services Merger Committee also expressed these concerns. He emailed the Kelley Group about these and other concerns and is awaiting their reply.

Mr. Zimmerman noted the poll will start on Monday, November 27.

Mayor Robinson stated he's not in favor of an April ballot. He stated he wasn't aware the talking points would be used for the poll questions. He expressed concerns with the mention of cuts in the questions. He stated jurisdiction, tax structure and the inequity of taxes have not been addressed. Therefore, he's opposed to the poll. He stated he doesn't believe there's sufficient time for an April ballot without a rush.

Mrs. Hendon responded an April ballot will facilitate fiscal year 2019 budget preparations.

Mayor Robinson stated he feels the mention of service cuts in the poll questions is threatening.

Mr. Taylor responded people need to know what could happen if the merger isn't successful.

Mrs. Singleton stated it was explained to her that an April election would have more favorable voters, which is an important part of the strategy.

Mrs. Hendon stated if the poll results show sufficient interest, the public education campaign can begin.

Mr. Aubuchon explained the purpose of the questions is to find out what services are important to the residents.

Mayor Robinson reiterated he does not support the poll because he's not ready for an April ballot.

Mrs. Hendon emphasized the importance of unity and support by the entire Council.

Mayor Robinson stated he cannot accept the merger as proposed. He stated his main concern is rushing for an April ballot. In addition, there is no campaign on the table.

Mrs. Hendon stated the merger committee is aware there are many issues yet to address in the merger process. The poll is the first step in the process. Per the consultant, the best chance for success is with an April election.

With the exception of Mayor Robinson, the Council agreed to continue with the plan for an April ballot.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	No items were added to the January 10 Council work session agenda.
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CONTRACT – 2018 EMPLOYEE VISION INSURANCE	Assistant City Manager Robert Frank reported staff recommends authorizing a contract with Vision Benefits of America, Inc., for employee vision insurance for a two year term beginning January 1, 2018 with an extension option.
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Mr. Frank stated Vision Benefits of America is not changing cost or coverage.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with Vision Benefits of America, Inc., 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.

CONTRACT – 2018  
EMPLOYEE DENTAL  
INSURANCE                      Mr. Frank reported staff recommends authorizing a contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for employee dental insurance for a one year term beginning January 1, 2018.

Mr. Frank stated the dental contract is for one year with a 5% rate increase and includes a guarantee for no more than a 7% increase next year. There are no coverage changes.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company 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.c.

LOAN AGREEMENT  
WITH ST. LOUIS  
CURLING CLUB                      Economic Developer David Cox reported staff recommends approving an Economic Development and Tourism Loan Agreement with St. Louis Curling Club, and authorizing execution of documents relating thereto.

Mr. Cox stated the curling club is looking for a home as they currently share space at a hockey rink. They want their own facility to run leagues and tournaments. Mr. Cox stated they are interested in the former Hazelwood Bowl site off Fee Fee Hills Drive. The club would add sheets of ice where the bowling alleys were, bleachers at the ends of the building, and a bar/clubhouse where the restaurant was located. The loan would be for \$250,000 to purchase and improve the facility and would be repayable over 10 years. They will be required to provide a letter of credit and marketing and promotional materials and to host yearly bonspiels. The Economic Development Sales Tax Board approved the project at their last meeting.

Mrs. Stroker asked if the advertising/marketing would be at a local or national level. Mr. Cox responded it would primarily be local. However, bonspiels and tournaments would be promoted nationally.

Mr. Zimmerman explained the City is requiring the bonspiels because there are certain permitted uses for the money, one of them being tourism, and they must show they are bringing in tourists to be compliant.

Barry Klein, St. Louis Curling Club, stated there has never been a curling club in the state of Missouri. He explained this would be a regional facility capturing within a four hour radius of Hazelwood. Mr. Klein gave a brief presentation about the sport of curling, the St. Louis Curling Club, and the proposed operation.

Mr. Taylor asked for a project timeline. Mr. Klein responded it would be up and running by February.

Mr. Aubuchon asked if they would be serving drinks and food. Mr. Klein replied they would like to build up the business first.

Mr. Aubuchon asked if curling stones would be sold on-site. Mr. Klein responded they wouldn't and explained the stones are kept at the facility on the ice because they need to be the same temperature as the ice.

Chuck Critti, 168 Flora Drive, asked when curling season occurs. Mr. Klein stated it typically runs from September through April, but could run year round if there's demand.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve an Economic Development and Tourism Loan Agreement with St. Louis Curling Club 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.d.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None**

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None**

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS** Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to receive and file the minutes of the October 23 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

**SLUP EXTENSION 9044 PERSHALL RD.** Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to extend the Special Land Use Permit deadline to commence operation of a sanitary collection wet weather storage facility to June 30, 2018.

There were no objections and Bill 4699 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 4332-14 BY EXTENDING THE SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT DEADLINE TO COMMENCE OPERATION OF A SANITARY COLLECTION WET WEATHER STORAGE FACILITY AT 9044 PERSHALL ROAD TO JUNE 30, 2018.**

Bill 4699 will be on the agenda for second reading on December 6.

CONTRACT                      Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to  
VISION INSURANCE           authorize a contract with Vision Benefits of America, Inc., for  
employee vision insurance.

There were no objections and Bill 4700 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VISION BENEFITS OF AMERICA, INC., FOR EMPLOYEE VISION INSURANCE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, WITH AN EXTENSION OPTION.**

Bill 4700 will be on the agenda for second reading on December 6.

CONTRACT                      Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to  
DENTAL INSURANCE           authorize a contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance  
Company for employee dental insurance.

There were no objections and Bill 4701 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018.**

Bill 4701 will be on the agenda for second reading on December 6.

LOAN AGREEMENT           Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to  
approve an Economic Development and Tourism Loan  
Agreement with St. Louis Curling Club.

There were no objections and Bill 4702 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS CURLING CLUB, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO.**

Bill 4702 will be on the agenda for second reading on December 6.

## **SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS**

BILL 4695                      Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4695 to  
SLUP                              grant a Special Land Use Permit to Eagle Fence Distributing,  
5830 FEE FEE ROAD           LLC for outdoor storage at 5830 Fee Fee Road.

There were no objections and Bill 4695 was read by title only:



**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING A PERMANENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TO EAGLE FENCE DISTRIBUTING, LLC FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE AT 5830 FEE FEE ROAD AND PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH USAGE.**

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the adoption of Bill 4695 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. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Bill 4695 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4583-17.

BILL 4696 CODE AMENDMENT RE: PARADE PERMITS	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4696 to amend <i>Chapter 605: Business Licenses, Section 605.080: Temporary or Seasonal Sales or Services</i> , of the Hazelwood City Code relative to parade permits.
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There were no objections and Bill 4696 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 605: BUSINESS LICENSES, SECTION 605.080: TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL SALES OR SERVICES, OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE RELATIVE TO PARADE PERMITS.**

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, the adoption of Bill 4696 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. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Bill 4696 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4584-17.

BILL 4697 AGREEMENT	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4697 to authorize an agreement with Peckham, Guyton, Albers &
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Viets, Inc., for project design review at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

There were no objections and Bill 4697 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PECKHAM GUYTON ALBERS & VIETS, INC., FOR PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.**

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, the adoption of Bill 4697 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. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Bill 4697 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4585-17.

BILL 4698 AGREEMENT	Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4698 to authorize an agreement with Gilmore & Bell, PC for bond counsel services.
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There were no objections and Bill 4698 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE & BELL, PC FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES.**

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, the adoption of Bill 4698 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. Taylor	
Mrs. Hendon	
Mrs. Singleton	
Mrs. Stroker	

Bill 4698 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4586-17.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CITY HALL CLOSED** Mayor Robinson announced City Hall will be closed on November 23 and November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**COUNCIL MEETING** Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6, 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 9:12 p.m.

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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Christine Thomas, CMC - City Clerk  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri