

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

A Council work session was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 6:09 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in the Council Chambers at Hazelwood City Hall.

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, some members of the City Council attended in-person in the Council Chambers at Hazelwood City Hall and others attended and participated by video conference in accord with Section 610.015, RSMo (“All votes taken by roll call in meetings of a public governmental body consisting of members who are all elected ... shall be cast by members ... who are physically present ... or who are participating via videoconferencing.”) It was impossible and impractical to hold the meeting in a manner physically accessible by the public. Section 610.020.2, RSMo (“Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public ... unless for good cause such a place ... is impossible or impractical.”) Public access to the meeting was accommodated in person and via access to video conference pursuant to notice provided in accord with Section 610.020, RSMo.;

On roll call the following members of the Council were present:

Rosalie Hendon
Mary G. Singleton
Carol A. Stroker
Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan*
Daniel T. Herin
Matthew G. Robinson
Lisa M. Matlock
Warren H. Taylor

City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Matt Zimmerman and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

*Council Member Don W. Ryan arrived at 6:20 p.m.

AGENDA

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to amend the agenda by the addition of a closed session after the work session to discuss a personnel matter and to consult with the City Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

FY 2021/2022 BUDGET The proposed fiscal year 2021/2022 budget was reviewed.

Assistant City Manager-Finance David Tuberty stated the City has budgeted \$26 million in General Fund revenue, which includes \$2.3 million from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The City has expenditures of \$27.4 million, which leaves a \$1.3 million deficit. Mr. Tuberty stated there would be \$7.5 million in the fund at the end of the fiscal year. Expenses include a \$133,000 step increase for employees, a 10% increase in health insurance, 15% increase in dental insurance, and 20% increase in Workers Compensation rates.

Mrs. Lowery explained the Mayor and Council and City Clerk budgets. After discussion, the Council agreed to send \$25 gift cards to all board and commission members whose board or commission chose not to host their annual dinner this year.

Assistant City Manager-Economic Development Becky Ahlvin summarized the economic development budget.

Police Chief Police Gregg Hall presented the police, information systems and legal budgets.

Mr. Tuberty summarized the finance budget.

Mrs. Ahlvin presented the court budget.

Fire Chief Dave Herman summarized the fire department and ambulance budgets.

City Manager Matt Zimmerman explained the fire district budgets.

Mayor Robinson questioned the monies owed to Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD).

Mr. O'Keefe stated any obligation thus far to RFPD has been satisfied.

Council members agreed they would like RFPD to be more transparent with their budget and staff's salaries.

Mayor Robinson asked Mr. Zimmerman to explain the financial impact of losing litigation.

Mr. Zimmerman responded the City would run out of funds by 2025, but if the money that was not paid to RFPD in 2018 has to be repaid then the City will run out of funds in 2024. Mandatory cuts will be made if the City's reserves fall below 17% and that could be as early as December 2022.

Public Works Director David Stewart summarized the Public Works budget and Street Maintenance budget.

Public Works Foreman Dan Wegman explained the Park Maintenance budget.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Doug Littlefield presented the parks and recreation budget.

Mr. Zimmerman noted the budget for the fireworks display and for Harvestfest has been reduced.

Council proposed to keep the budgeted \$25,000 for Harvestfest, and cancel the fireworks display.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

Julie Lowery - City Clerk
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