

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 in the Council Chambers of Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane.

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.;

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  
Daniel T. Herin  
Matthew G. Robinson  
Lisa M. Matlock  
Warren H. Taylor  
Rosalie Hendon  
Mary G. Singleton  
Carol A. Stroker

Council Member Don W. Ryan was not present. City Clerk Julie Lowery declared a quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Matt Zimmerman and City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

**AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

- Mr. Aubuchon
- Mr. Herin
- Mayor Robinson
- Ms. Matlock
- 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 litigation and to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 610.021(1), was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 regular and closed Council meetings as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS**

Assistant City Manager-Economic Development Becky Ahlvin introduced newly promoted Court Clerk Naomi Brown.

Ms. Brown introduced newly hired Deputy Court Clerk Tabitha Grothoff and newly hired Clerk Typist Karina Barbaud.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**SALES TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION**

Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution authorizing the provision of a sales tax exemption certificate for Hazelwood TradePort, Lot 9.

Mr. Zimmerman stated NorthPoint has proposed an expansion to the Hazelwood TradePort Business Park, which includes a 407,552 square foot building. This resolution authorizes the City to provide its sales tax exemption certificate to NorthPoint so they may begin purchasing construction materials.

There were no objections and Resolution 2103 was read by title only:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE HAZELWOOD TRADE PORT BUSINESS PARK (LOT 9).**

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, the adoption of Resolution 2103. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Resolution 2103 was unanimously adopted.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE RESOLUTION	Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a resolution to readopt and reaffirm Chapter 125: Conflicts of Interest relative to financial disclosure.
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There were no objections and Resolution 2104 was read by title only:

**A RESOLUTION READOPTING AND REAFFIRMING CHAPTER 125: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, OF THE HAZELWOOD CITY CODE, RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENTS.**

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, the adoption of Resolution 2104. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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

Resolution 2104 was unanimously adopted.

**CITIZENS 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.

**PAYMENT TO RFPD**           Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD) Chief Maynard Howell stated the July 2021 payment from the City has not been received as of today.

**CITIZENS COALITION**     John Zamudio of 4827 Orange Blossom Lane stated he felt the residents were lied to in regards to Proposition R that was on the ballot in April 2021.

Mr. Zamudio stated the citizens group seeks a resolution between the City and RFPD, and does not support any new taxes to the citizens of Hazelwood. Mr. Zamudio stated he appreciates the information provided by the City Attorney at the last meeting. Mr. Zamudio asked if the citizens group could have the opportunity to speak with employees of the City.

Mayor Robinson replied the Council would have a conversation with the City Manager to determine how to best accommodate his request.

**TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE**           A request for an extension of the temporary liquor license for Love Restaurant at 7217 North Lindbergh Boulevard had been received from Demetrius Jackson, the managing officer.

Mr. Jackson stated he is seeking an additional 90-day extension of his temporary liquor license, which will expire on August 17, as he just received his final health inspection.

Mr. Aubuchon asked what the hours of operation would be.

Mr. Jackson replied that starting next Tuesday, August 10, the restaurant would be open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and be open for special events as needed.

Mrs. Stroker moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to grant a 90-day extension of the temporary Full Liquor License, with Sunday, for Love Restaurant at 7217 North Lindbergh Boulevard. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**EWGCG BRIEFINGS**           The July 15 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

**COMMISSION RESIGNATION**           A letter of resignation from the Community Enrichment Commission was received from Tony Jeffery.

IDA RESIGNATION	A letter of resignation from the Industrial Development Authority was received from Dan Caldwell.
CANDIDATE FILING	A notification that candidate filing will open one week earlier and close three weeks earlier than previous elections was received from the St. Louis County Election Board.
MLMSTL	Municipal League of Metro St. Louis received their Annual Report of League Activities and Dues statement.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The July 22 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
SUBDIVISION PETITION 595 ANGLUM ROAD, 5690 CAMPUS PKWAY & 5600 ANGLUM CT.	A petition for subdivision plat of 595 Anglum Road, 5690 Campus Parkway Drive and 5600 Anglum Court to consolidate three lots into one lot was received from BioMerieux, Inc.
EWGCG BRIEFINGS	The July 29 issue of Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
370/MO BOTTOM TAUSSIG ROAD CID ANNUAL REPORT	The 370/Missouri Bottom Road/Taussig Road Community Improvement District Annual Report was received from Armstrong Teasdale.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	No items were added to the September 8 Council work session.
BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	No appointments or reappointments were made to the City's boards and commissions.
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	Mrs. Lowery notified the Council that census data at the block level will be received soon and a Redistricting Commission must be appointed to ascertain and recommend whether the Wards contain approximately an equal number of residents and if substantial inequalities are found, the commission shall recommend changes in Ward boundaries.

The Council will make all appointments to the Redistricting Commission at the next regular meeting.

RFPD FIRE SERVICES UPDATE Mayor Robinson asked Mr. O’Keefe to address the comment made by RFPD Chief Howell regarding RFPD not receiving their July payment.

Mr. O’Keefe stated the City has no agreement for interim payments to RFPD, due to breach of contract. As a result, there will be no further payments made to RFPD while litigation is ongoing.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

PROPOSAL TO VACATE ANGLUM ROAD Mr. Zimmerman reported staff seeks Council’s support for vacating part of Anglum Road as part of BioMerieux’s plat consolidation.

Mr. Zimmerman stated Biomerieux wants to develop a campus complex, which includes vacating Anglum Road from Campus Parkway. The vacation of Anglum Road would need to be heard and made part of a separate ordinance before the subdivision can be considered, which will take place at the next regular Council meeting.

Biomerieux, Inc. Representative Scott Remes gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained who BioMerieux is and what they do. Mr. Remes stated Biomerieux has six adjacent buildings, totaling 36 acres. The proposal to vacate Anglum Road will provide safety for the employees that walk among buildings and cross Anglum Road, as well as improving the image of Biomerieux in Brown Campus.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to concur with the staff recommendation to support the vacation of Anglum Road. The motion passed unanimously.

HAZELWOOD DAY PRESENTATION Parks and Recreation Superintendent Doug Littlefield gave a presentation on Hazelwood Day scheduled for September 11 at Howdershell Park.

Mr. Littlefield stated the event would start at 3 p.m. and go until 10 p.m. This event coincides with the 20 year anniversary of September 11. A display of 2,977 American flags will be situated in the park to honor all lives lost. The Fresh Rain band will perform from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and activities for all ages will be available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Those activities would include a horseshoe tournament, inflatables and a sidewalk show. There will be an assortment of food trucks onsite providing a variety of cuisine. The Police and Fire Departments will have their vehicles and equipment on display. The St. Louis County Animal Shelter will be there for an adoption event, and the evening will end with Vote for Pedro band performing from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mrs. Singleton asked if this event would generate any revenue for the City.

Mr. Littlefield replied this event would not produce any revenue.

Mayor Robinson expressed concerns regarding funding this event given the financial circumstances of the City.

**EXTENSION OF LABOR CONTRACTS** Mrs. Ahlvin reported staff recommends authorization to extend the two contracts with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2665 through October 31, 2021.

Mrs. Ahlvin stated both bargaining units request additional time to continue negotiations of their Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve an agreement amending the agreement with firefighters of Local 2665 of the International Association of Firefighters by extending the duration through October 31, 2021 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.

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to concur with the staff recommendation to approve an agreement amending the agreement with company officers of Local 2665 of the International Association of Firefighters by extending the duration through October 31, 2021 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**

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS** Mr. O'Keefe informed the council that nominees for the Redistricting Commission must be residents of Hazelwood for at least three years prior to appointment and nominees may not serve on any other Board or be an employee of the City.

Mr. O'Keefe stated census data would be available at the end of September and having an understanding of the qualifications may be helpful in considering nominees.

### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None**

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS** Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Aubuchon, to receive and file the minutes of the July 6 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS - None**

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

**AMEND AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL #2665** Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to amend the agreement with Local #2665 of the International

FOR FIREFIGHTERS Association of Firefighters by extending the duration through October 31, 2021.

There were no objections and Bill 4953 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL #2665 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY EXTENDING THE DURATION THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021.**

Bill 4953 will be on the agenda for second reading on August 18, 2021.

AMEND AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL #2665 FOR COMPANY OFFICERS Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to amend the agreement with company officers of Local #2665 of the International Association of Firefighters by extending the duration through October 31, 2021.

There were no objections and Bill 4954 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPANY OFFICERS OF LOCAL #2665 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY EXTENDING THE DURATION THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021.**

Bill 4954 will be on the agenda for second reading on August 18, 2021.

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

BILL 4952 CHAPTER 100 BONDS Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4952 to authorize the issuance of \$35.1 million in taxable industrial revenue bonds for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Food & Provisions, Inc., Project.

There were no objections and Bill 4952 was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (8TH AVENUE FOOD & PROVISIONS, INC. PROJECT), SERIES 2021, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,100,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING A FACILITY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.**

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, the adoption of Bill 4952 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:



AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mr. Aubuchon  
Mr. Herin  
Mayor Robinson  
Ms. Matlock  
Mr. Taylor  
Mrs. Hendon  
Mrs. Singleton  
Mrs. Stroker

Bill 4952 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4836-21.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEETING** Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held Wednesday, August 18, 2021 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 8:28 p.m.

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Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

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Julie Lowery - City Clerk  
City of Hazelwood, Missouri