

June 23, 2020

The June 23, 2020 City Council meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Barry Greenberg presiding.

ON ROLL CALL, the following members were present: Mayor Greenberg, Councilmember Crader, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Pardini, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

City Attorney John Hessel asked that the record reflect that under Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency must be stated in the minutes so he is asking that the minutes reflect that the United States is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus and the Governor as well as the County Executive have issued stay-at-home orders and as a result of that we are all participating in this meeting via Zoom remotely, therefore the members of the City Council are participating in the meeting electronically and are not at the Council Chambers but they can, of course, vote on all matters because of this emergency.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the agenda, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Phillips noted that Jackie Graves was the city attorney that evening. Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the minutes as amended, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTATION TO MAPLEWOOD POLICE OFFICER MARLON BROWN AND MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE JOSEPH WATTS: Police Chief Kruse made the presentation.

R20-19, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR COUNCILPERSONS WARDS 1, 2 AND 3 HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020 AS OFFICIAL was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crader, Faulkingham, Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

MOTION TO RECESS: Councilmember Wood motioned to recess, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

SWEARING IN FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: The honorable Judge Brian Dunlop performed the oath of office ceremony for Sarah Crosley, Shawn Faulkingham and Sandi Phillips.

Councilmember Ray Crader wished Sarah Crosley well and said it was an honor to serve the community.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the agenda, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: Joshua Kryah discussed an email he sent Mayor Greenberg regarding systemic racism and policing and housing in the City of Maplewood.

Heidi Helmuth thanked the mayor for the number of mayor/police community conversations being scheduled and wants to make sure a good number of these are in person.

Gina Larose thanked staff and leaders for working during these trying times. She is pleased that an equity council is being considered and stated we need to focus on equitable decisions on a day-to-day basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Wood announced that MRH School Superintendent Karen Hall will be retiring after next year and stated she has done a great job and will be missed.
- The Maplewood Library will reopen on June 29.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR: Councilmember Wood motioned to open the nominations for deputy mayor, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and all approved. Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to nominate Councilmember Wood as deputy mayor, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and all approved by voice vote. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Wood motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and all approved. Councilmember Wood was unanimously approved to be Deputy Mayor.

PRESENTATION FOR SUNNEN STATION APARTMENTS – SUNNEN STATION PHASE 2: GT Cozad updated the council on recent information they received. He specifically referenced the cap being increased from \$12 million to \$15 million. He indicated that he looked into affordable housing which wasn't part of the original HUD loan and therefore the finances would not work if the same standards for Phase 1 were followed in Phase 2. Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Crosley inquired further about whether or not affordable housing could be included. Mr. Cozad indicated that for his HUD loan, they require a certain debt to loan ratio which would not allow affordable housing. Councilmember Schmidt asked if he was looking for an extension on the development timeline for Lot E and Mr. Cozad stated that he was which would give him more time to wrap up the apartment development and then turn their efforts towards the development of Lot E. Councilmember Crosley asked if he had data from Bi-State on how many people use the Metrolink. Mr. Cozad stated he does not have hard data but added that residents do utilize Metrolink. Councilmember Pardini asked if he had data on whether apartment tenants work in the City of Maplewood. Mr. Cozad stated he does not have that information and did not know whether or not it could be disclosed but will look into it. Councilmember Phillips asked if Phase 3 was going to be a third apartment complex. Mr. Cozad said it was a good possibility but that would have to be evaluated closer to the time when that lot would be redeveloped.

R20-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BROOKSIDE CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$134,152) FOR THE TENNIS COURT RETAINING WALL PROJECT was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crosley, Faulkingham,

Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

BILL 6141, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING A MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF 3600 BIG BEND INDUSTRIAL COURT was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6141 be approved which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

BILL NO. 6141 was approved by the City Council on this 23rd day of June, 2020 as **Ordinance number 5936**.

BILL 6142, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6142 be approved which motion received the following roll call vote. Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

BILL NO. 6142 was approved by the City Council on this 23rd day of June, 2020 as **Ordinance number 5937**.

PRESENTATION BY MRH SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES KATIE KAUFMANN AND NIKYLAN KNAPPER: Katie Kaufmann and Nikylan Knapper provided a background on the School District's equity policies and the various steps that had to be taken while developing this policy. Ms. Kaufmann mentioned the foundation for much of their discussion was provided from the Forward Through Ferguson process. EQUITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION: After a lengthy question and answer period between the council and the presenters, it was generally decided that immediate training sessions would be a good place to start while at the same time looking for a consultant that could help guide us through this process. Future discussions and actions will continue to take place in the council's efforts to formulate equity policies.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Schmitt stated there is an outdated section of the city code that assumes the head of household is a man and should be changed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg mentioned that tomorrow he and the chief will be at Marshall and Manchester to answer any questions about the police department. Additional discussions will take place on July 8, July 22 and August 26.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Traxler announced the concert series will take place July 22, August 26 and September 23.

PUBLIC FORUM: Ann Louise Schmidt questioned Sunnen's commitment to the community and added that the School Board clearly does care about the community. She encouraged the council to find black members to participate with equity discussions.

Nicky Rainey encouraged the council to take action and not be tentative with their equity policies.

Dessa Somerside was concerned with gentrification in Maplewood and wants to make sure the city has affordable housing.

Carla DeRousse said many of her neighbors do not have a clear understanding of how the board and commission process works and some have never heard back after expressing interest.

Amber Withycombe reaffirmed what Karla stated and said requesting resumes from potential board and commission members serves as a barrier to inclusion.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED, TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION, LEGAL ACTIONS AND/OR COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 610.021(1)RSMO. AND/OR SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING UNDER SECTION 610.021(11) AND/OR SEALED BIDS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND SEALED PROPOSALS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS UNDER SECTION 610.021(11) AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(13)RSMO. AND/OR EMPLOYEE MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(3)RSMO. AND/OR REAL ESTATE MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(2)RSMO. AND/OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT UNDER SECTION 610.021(12)RSMO: No need.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips.