

January 12, 2021

The January 12, 2021 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 Crosley, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Pardini, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

The City Attorney asked that the record reflect that pursuant to Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law provides that members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers can participate and vote remotely on all matters when an emergency exists and he asked that the minutes reflect again that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the revised agenda by including Item 9, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council. Mayor Greenberg read the resolution for the record.

PUBLIC FORUM: Joshua Kryah expressed concern that there was a Blue Lives Matter flag on the Maplewood Police Department Association Facebook page. He indicated he spoke with Chief Kruse about it and requested that it be removed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- Mid County Chamber trivia night will be held via Zoom on January 23 at 6:30
- Welcome new Parks and Recreation Director Molly Curcuro
- MRH is beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester with hybrid learning mode on January 25

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips. Councilmember Schmidt noted the community survey question related to COVID should also include a time period other than when COVID existed. The Council agreed and approved the minutes as noted.

**R21-1**, (7:38 p.m.) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, CONDEMNING PRESIDENT TRUMP AND MISSOURI SENATOR HAWLEY FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF UNTRUTHFUL INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER 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.

**R21-2,** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES FROM JOE MACHENS FORD LINCOLN, INC. BY MEANS OF THE STATEWIDE CONTRACT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE OF MISSOURI'S DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$87,249.00) 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.

**R21-3,** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM UNIQUE HEATING AND COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$40,185) FOR FIVE (5) RTU CONDENSING UNITS 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.

**R21-4,** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A JOHN DEER 324L FRONT LOADER FOR \$96,690.00 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.

**OLD BUSINESS-FOOD PANTRY AND EXERCISE CLASSES IN MAPLEWOOD PARKS DISCUSSION (7:47 p.m.):** The City Council discussed the ordinances and made numerous comments and suggestions to City Attorney Jackie Graves who indicated she would make the amendments and have an ordinance ready for both the food pantries and the exercise classes in Maplewood parks to be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS-EQUITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION (8:38 p.m.):** Councilmember Pardini is working on the draft resolution language.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:** Members of the City Council expressed concern about the police association website issue that was discussed in the public forum by Joshua Kryah. The Council was discussing if there were any steps they could take to voice their displeasure with this issue. Additionally, the Council discussed the city's social media policy and asked for updates on the policy and if it applies.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Greenberg sent a flyer from the National League of Cities to the MRH School District regarding a green school yards program grant. A requirement of the 3-

hour webinar is participation from an elected official representing the city. Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood volunteered to participate.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: ACM Traxler introduced former City Manager Marty Corcoran who will be working with the city as an independent consultant. Mr. Traxler also indicated that the St. Louis County Department of Health approved this year's Sweet Tooth Tour which will take place on February 20, 2021.

PUBLIC FORUM (9:02 p.m.): Sarah Bowman expressed her appreciation of the Council's review and discussion on the food pantry ordinance and expressed some concern of grandfathering in existing food pantries if they do not fit the guidelines the Council establishes.

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.