

February 23, 2021

The February 23, 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 noted the correct address on item 15 as 3723 Commonwealth. She motioned to approve the corrected agenda, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY JAMES HENDRIX TO REZONE 3723 COMMONWEALTH AVE. FROM SR DISTRICT TO PUD DISTRICT: No one spoke.

MSD PROPOSITION PRESENTATION: Sean Hadley and Marion Gee presented a slide show and provided information on the 2021 MSD rate proposal.

PUBLIC FORUM: Luke Havel asked the Council to consider updating several ordinances that pertain to having a bathroom in a detached accessory structure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- Ticket sales began today for the Coffee Crawl event on March 20, 2021.
- The Crow's Nest opened for carryout service today.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips. Councilmember Schmidt asked that the minutes include her question to Chief Kruse whether any additional actions such as training would be taken to prevent the type of behavior that occurred by one or more officers on the MPOA Facebook page. The Council approved the minutes as amended.

SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT: Sheila Suderwalla stated the SBD commissioners dealt with a number of challenges with COVID-19. A lot of thought and effort went into moving forward remotely and safely during this time. During the closure, communication with businesses increased to help them navigate through health department mandates, disaster loans and Cares Act Funding. As restrictions began to lift and some businesses were allowed to reopen, the SBD partnered with the Mid County Chamber and launched the “We’re Open” campaign which included window signs, banners and ads. The SBD installed three dining tents to encourage people to order pickup and dine outside under the tents. Various annual events had to be cancelled as the year went on. Wandering Wednesdays was introduced to encourage foot traffic in the business district. Barricades were purchased to create a “parklet” (an extension of the sidewalk) to increase outdoor dining space. Maplewood held a successful Small Business Saturday event in November and the Food Ambassador program was started which encourages specific blocks in Maplewood to order takeout from the same restaurant on a particular night for free delivery. Other notable projects being worked on:

- Updating the exterior renovations grant to include rear entrances
- Marketing Campaign – Makers & Creative Community. The SBD recently hired a marketing firm to develop a campaign to highlight all the creatives and makers in the community.

Over the next few months, the commission will focus on the marketing campaign, executing events in safe and responsible ways, developing a new brochure/map for the SBD, installing new kiosks, repairing/repainting the electrical boxes and starting a new event called “Restaurant Week.”

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION REPORT: Chairman Jonathan Spencer stated the major issues discussed in 2020 as follows:

- Solar panels for the Library roof – would like the city to establish a funding mechanism for this project.
- Electric Vehicle charging station preferably with a solar canopy added in the Marietta parking lot – believe this would attract visitors to the Special Business District and help in the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Garage forward design – believes this has a negative impact on building community relationships in the neighborhood. Would like the city to take steps to discourage this design.
- Rainscaping and native plants – the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance provides a cost-sharing program for Maplewood residents to use rainscaping and native plants to mitigate stormwater runoff. MSD Project Clear also provides a grant for this purpose.
- Mosquito spraying by the county – looking for alternative methods such as mosquito dunks
- Diversity – would like the city to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day - a day to learn about the cultures of those whose land we

now occupy. Would also like to see more diversity on the city's boards and commissions.

In the year ahead, the Commissioners would like to see an environmentally preferable purchasing program; climate action plan; updating the city building codes and partnering with the library to develop a sustainability series.

(8:23 p.m.) **R21-7**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE EBID FROM ALL INCLUSIVE RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$64,094) FOR POUR IN PLACE SURFACING FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT RYAN HUMMERT MEMORIAL PARK 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.

R21-8, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH SUMNER ONE FOR TWO CANON DXC5760 (ONE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR CITY HALL) AND TWO KYOCERA EKO SYS MC655IDN DESKTOP PRINTERS/COPIERS FOR THE CITY HALL FRONT OFFICE AND THE PROSECUTOR CLERK'S OFFICE 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.

(8:28 p.m.) **BILL 6157**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 16,200 SQUARE FEET OF LAND AT 3723 COMMONWEALTH AVE. was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6157 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6157 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6158, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING ORDINANCE 4121, THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED BY AMENDING CHAPTER 36, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV., DOG PARK, SECTION 36-115, LICENSE SUSPENSION

AND REVOCATION was given its first reading. Councilmember Schmidt noted a discrepancy in the heading of the bill, staff said they would check the text and insert the proper language. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6158 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6158 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6159, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 36-PARKS AND RECREATION was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill 6159 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

After discussion, the Council was in favor of the MapleGOOD edits.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, That Bill No. 6159 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

(8:57 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS-EQUITY DISCUSSION: No action.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Crosley requested that the Council pursue the decriminalizing pathway on the marijuana ordinance; modeling our legislation after the city of Webster Groves and the city of St. Louis and recommended a fine amount of \$1.00. The Council agreed to move forward with this ordinance. Councilmember Schmidt updated the Council on the Green School Yards Workshop she attended last week. It was noted that the Sweet Tooth Tour event was successful.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg stated the District 5 mayors are continuing to have monthly calls with the next meeting on public works and transportation representatives from the county and MODOT.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC FORUM (9:10 p.m.): None.

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.