

April 13, 2021

The April 13, 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 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 agenda, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY KATHLEEN FOLEY EHNS OF FOLEY'S BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 3522 GREENWOOD FOR A SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE: Mid County Chamber Director Jeannine Beck spoke in support of granting the Sunday liquor license.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY YONG ZHI LIU OF BLUE CRAB JUICY SEAFOOD LOCATED AT 3248 LACLEDE STATION RD. FOR A FULL AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE: No one spoke.

(7:35 p.m.) PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- The S.O.L. Food Farmers Market season begins on April 28 and runs through October. The market is moving to 2808 Sutton (Living Room/Bolyard's parking lot). Market hours are 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
- The city's website redesign began this week and will continue for the next 4 months
- A new resident packet is now available on the city's website
- The Stringfest event will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Taste of Maplewood event will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00 p.m.
- Maplewood Family Aquatic Center passes are now on sale at The Heights Community Center

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE A SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KATHLEEN FOLEY EHNES OF FOLEY'S BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 3522 GREENWOOD: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE A FULL AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR YONG ZHI LIU OF BLUE CRAB JUICY SEAFOOD AT 3248 LACLEDE STATION RD.: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

(7:40 p.m.) **R21-12**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING ACTS OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS 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, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**R21-13**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR WARD 2 CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ELEANOR PARDINI 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, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**R21-14**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF SPENCER CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIFTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,050,295) FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION WITH A CONTINGENCY OF 7% OR SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$73,521) FOR A TOTAL OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,123,816) 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, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**R21-15**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW THE CITY'S DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES WITH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF MISSOURI 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, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**BILL 6163**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 34-OFFENSES was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6163 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Greenberg, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6163 was approved by the City Council on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 as **Ordinance Number 5958**.

(8:06 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS-EQUITY DISCUSSION: The Council will review and provide comments or edits to Anthony Traxler by end of day Sunday.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Crosley stated a group of volunteers will be removing honeysuckle at Lindbergh Park on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Also, the Council is organizing to distribute flyers to residents regarding St. Louis County's emergency rental assistance program that is available.

Councilmember Schmidt asked about updating the online code of ordinances. Acting City Manager Traxler said this is in the works and will be updated in the future on a monthly basis. Councilmember Schmidt asked about the status of the traffic study. Acting City Manager Traxler stated we will wait until Fall when school is back to normal to obtain more accurate results. Councilmember Phillips suggested incorporating the traffic study status into the town hall meeting comments.

Councilmember Schmidt asked a question messaged during the meeting about how much the city received from the initial CARES Act. Acting City Manager Traxler responded approximately \$553,000. He added that the second round of stimulus could be approximately 1.4 million.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg reminded the Council they will need to reassign someone to review the building, historic preservation and advertising chapters of the code of ordinances.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Traxler said the new tennis court surface is installed. After discussion, the Concert in the Park table banner will read Maplewood Mayor and City Councilmembers with the Maplewood logo.

(8:15 p.m.) PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE MATTER AND, 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: Councilmember Wood motioned to hold a closed session, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Greenberg, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

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