

May 25, 2021

The May 25, 2021 City Council meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:39 p.m., Mayor Nikylan Knapper presiding.

ON ROLL CALL, the following members were present: Mayor Knapper, 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 that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOWING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET: No one spoke.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Schmidt announced the Chamber's Concert in the Park tomorrow night in Ryan Hummert Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Phillips motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS CLUB IN HONOR OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH: Mayor Knapper read the proclamation.

BILL 6164, 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, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6164 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. 6164 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS-EQUITY DISCUSSION: The Council decided to remove this item from the agenda until the equity RFP is closed.

OLD BUSINESS-ORDINANCE REVIEW DISCUSSION: Councilmember Schmidt stated a Professor of Political Science at SLU and one of his students are interested in helping the city with its ordinance review at no charge to the city. After discussion, Councilmember Schmidt will create a Google doc for the council to rank their priorities. Mayor Knapper will ask the professor if he can meet with the Council at an upcoming meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

- Councilmember Schmidt asked about board and commission presentations from the Plan and Zoning Commission and Design and Review Board. Mr. Traxler will check the availability of the chairman's of these committees for June presentations.
- Councilmember Phillips noted that today is the anniversary of George Floyd's murder.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper shared the success of the Mayors for Meals event and thanked everyone that participated and helped with the event.
- Mayor Knapper spoke with Heidi Schoen, chairman of the Sustainability Commission, about what the Commission has done and what they are working on now. Mayor Knapper also met with the Community Development Director of Ameren, Marco Tipton, who spoke about some initiatives that Ameren is doing, which Mayor Knapper shared with Ms. Schoen.
- Mayor Knapper reminded those interested in serving on a board or commission to submit their applications by June 8th. Resolutions for those chosen to serve will be read at the June 22 council meeting.
- Mayor Knapper mentioned that County Councilwoman Clancy for District 5 is asking residents to complete and submit a survey on how the American Rescue Plan Act funds should be put to use.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

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: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to hold a closed session to discuss matters relating to personnel, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned.