

July 14, 2020

The July 14, 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 Crosley, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Pardini, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

Attorney Jackie Graves asked that the record reflect that pursuant to Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers are participating and voting on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency should be reflected in the minutes that the emergency is the status of the Coronavirus and are under orders of the Missouri Governor and the County Executive imposing distancing requirements and allowing only a limited number of people in a room and generally the state of emergency that has been declared in the state of Missouri 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 electronically and virtually because of this emergency.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Jeanette Pingel, 7381 Hazel Ave., expressed concern that some businesses are not enforcing mask mandates.

Councilmember Crosley encouraged her to email business/covid@stlouisco.com to report the incidents.

Carla DeRousse expressed concern about city employees not wearing masks and spoke in opposition of any tax abatement for the Sunnen Development.

Owen Skoler agreed with the need for masks to be worn at all times and echoed opposition for tax abatements for the Sunnen Development.

Mary Kunce, 7418 Maple, stated tax abatement should only be given for affordable housing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Wood stated the next “conversation with the mayor and police department” will be July 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and August 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- The summer concert series is the 4th Wednesday of every month at Ryan Hummert Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- The Let Them Eat Art event has been cancelled but Wandering Wednesdays started July 1 and are nice events to attend.
- The Mid County Chamber's Taste of Maplewood event will be August 19 to August 26. Everyone is encouraged to make an extra effort to support our businesses during that week.
- The Aquatic Center is now open to St. Louis City Wards 23 and 24.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council. Councilmember Phillips noted the misspelling of several names in the public forum. Staff will correct.

SUNNEN STATION REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION: Matt Kreider of Sunnen Development Corporation provided a background of Sunnen's relationship with the City of Maplewood which started in the late 1920's and provided a brief background of Sunnen's Development along Hanley Road. Councilmember Schmidt stated Mr. Kreider is asking for more money to do what Sunnen promised because the development is now less profitable. The Council discussed the merits of extending the deadline for development within the project and generally agreed that this would be acceptable.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD AND SUNCO LLC FOR THE SUNNEN STATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood to table, seconded by Councilmember Phillips and was unanimously approved by voice vote of the Council.

R20-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A SMALL VEHICLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF BRENTWOOD, CLAYTON AND RICHMOND HEIGHTS 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 6143, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI TO RE-ADOPT AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAKE PUBLIC A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6143 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. 6143 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DISCUSSION: The council reviewed the board and commission handouts from Councilmember Pardini and had discussion on this issue. After discussion about the form to express interest, the council wanted to see potential board members express why they would be interested, the particular board or boards that may interest them, are they committed to coming to the required meetings, and have they served on prior boards or elected positions. Potential board members should be encouraged to list their boards of preference so we can try to align them with their top choices if possible. They would also like to see the website updated so all elected officials be copied on any expression of interest to be on a board or commission. Also, the Council wants board members to reapply after their terms are over and lastly, they want members of various boards or commission to come to council meetings to update the council on a somewhat regular basis.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Faulkingham stated that even though mask wearing is a concern, many businesses are not requiring that employees confront patrons because there has been several aggressive incidents across the country when people confront each other about mask wearing.

Councilmember Phillips asked if we could share the cost for the upcoming traffic study with the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District. The council had a general discussion about the upcoming traffic study.

Councilmember Pardini stated that all councilmembers are registered for equity training on August 15.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg indicated he spoke with the Community Development Director about getting links to the Council meetings up on the website earlier as some constituents are having problems with the links.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Traxler stated he is drafting Request for Proposals for the traffic study now and should be sending out shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM: Carla DeRousse hopes the advertising for boards and commission is broad and stated she wants to see more affordable housing throughout the City of Maplewood.

Owen Skoler wondered why City of St. Louis residents in Wards 23 and 24 were able to use the pool. Acting City Manager Traxler explained it's a past practice.

Amber Withycombe spoke favorable of diversity training.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION, SUNNEN STATION REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, 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 to discuss Sunnen Station Redevelopment contract negotiations, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

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