

August 24, 2021

The August 24, 2021 City Council meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:31 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 she asked that the minutes reflect that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

**R21-35, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCILMEMBER WARD 2 HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 AS OFFICIAL** was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

MOTION TO RECESS: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to recess, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

SWEARING IN FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL: The Honorable Brandi R. Miller performed the swearing in of Eric Page for Councilmember of Ward 2.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham. Mayor Knapper informed the councilmembers that John Bowman is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a last minute conflict but will be at the next Council meeting. The motion to approve the agenda was approved by the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood reminded everyone of the Concert in the Park tomorrow night from 6-8 p.m. and the elected officials will have a booth there. Mayor Knapper hoped everyone in the MRH School District had a great first day of school.

**R21-36**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**R21-37**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A 2021 MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Faulkingham, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none. Abstain, member Crosley.

**R21-38**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, GRANTING A GROUND SIGN FOR FERRARI AT 3000 S. HANLEY RD. THAT EXCEEDS THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR A GOUND SIGN was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution. City Attorney Graves suggested amending the resolution by adding the following language to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, *The City Council hereby approves the request because*, which was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt and approved by the Council. Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve the amended resolution and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

**BILL 6168**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ADVERTISING, DIVISION 2. PERMITTED PERMANENT-TYPE SIGNS, SEC. 6-49, REGULATIONS (B), (1) WALL SIGNS OF THE CITY CODE was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6168 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 Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6168 by passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

**BILL 6167**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BRENTWOOD, CLAYTON, MAPLEWOOD AND RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE A SHARED FIRE TRAINING OFFICER was given its third and final

reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6167 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote. Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6167 was approved by the City Council on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 as **Ordinance Number 5962**.

(7:50 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS

- VIRTUAL TOWN HALL UPDATE: City Manager Reese updated the Council saying the Town Hall has been publicized on the city's website, Facebook page, email blast, flyers and yard signs in the parks, city hall and library. Councilmember Wood reached out to the churches with a follow-up by Laura Miller, Councilmember Schmidt reached out to the school district and library and Laura Miller has been in contact with the Chamber. The Mayor and Council discussed the breakout session questions and outline for the meeting.
- 9/11 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPDATE: DONATE BLOOD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021: City Manager Reese stated the blood drive will be from 1:00-6:00 p.m. on September 10. The Red Cross put together a flyer and the city is promoting this through all available avenues. City employees will be given time off to donate.
- CITIZEN AND BUSINESS SURVEY QUESTIONS UPDATE: City Manager Reese and Community Development Director Laura Miller shared the changes the council had made with ETC who should have a new version ready within the next couple of days.
- RULES FOR AGENDA SETTING DISCUSSION: City Manager Reese stated he can create a resolution adopting rules on adding items to the agenda. After discussion, the council was in favor of any councilmember being able to add an item to a council meeting or work session agenda by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before a meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Schmidt asked for a consensus from the council on creating a resolution for Indigenous Peoples' Day which was previously requested by Sustainability Commission Chair Jonathan Spencer. The Council was in favor.

Councilmember Wood thanked the public works department for all the storm damage pickup from the recent storm along with the police and fire departments for working together to keep our citizens safe. She also asked if there would be a Regional Night Out event this year. City Manager Reese will confirm and report back.

Councilmember Phillips mentioned that the local VFW Hall is doing taco Tuesdays, steak on Thursdays and smash burgers on Fridays.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper reported that SLU intern Mark Goldenberg is no longer able to assist the city with the ordinance review process due to a heavy class load. If the Council would like

to have the help of an intern, a description of what we want the intern to do in the ordinance review process could be advertised at SLU.

- Mayor Knapper also reported that Dr. Croft of SLU will provide a presentation to the ordinance review committees on the process.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Reese stated he met with Library Director Ashley Bryant and toured the library facility.

He also met with the MRH School Superintendent Dr. Bonita Jamison and mentioned the partnerships between the city and school district such as the school resource officer who is dedicated to the district to assure school safety; hosted a pop-up vaccination site at the Maplewood Fire Department on August 19 in partnership with the school district where 21 vaccinations were given; our firefighters put out signs at key intersections reminding drivers that school has started and to slow down; our Police Department is strategically positioning officers to maximize pedestrian safety and to assure safe bus transportation.

Mr. Reese thanked our firefighters, police officers and public works personnel who were out late and up early responding to and recovering from the storm on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reese confirmed the need for a work session on September 14 prior to the Council meeting.

(8:32 p.m.) PUBLIC FORUM: 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.