

June 9, 2020

The June 9, 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 Crader, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Pardini, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

City Attorney Jackie Graves asked that the record reflect that under Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency must be stated in the minutes so he is asking that the minutes reflect that the United States is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus and the Governor as well as the County Executive have issued stay-at-home orders and 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 because of this emergency.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the agenda, duly 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 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD: Dessa Shuckerow, 2626 Oakview Terrace, wanted to allocate monies to a third party agency to look into why calls for service are going up per capita number for police. She feels too much overall budget goes to police.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood announced that The Heights will be opening on June 15 and the Maplewood Family Aquatic Center will open June 22. If anyone has questions about the pool, the best place to access the most up-to-date information is on the aquatic center's Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2020 MINUTES: Councilmember Pardini wanted to add discussion about the county's charter regarding spending authority and that Councilmember Phillips asked what other municipalities are considering similar resolutions. Councilmember Wood motioned to approve the amended minutes, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

BILL 6141, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING A MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF 3600 BIG BEND INDUSTRIAL COURT was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6141 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. 6141 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6142, 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, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6142 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. 6142 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: Ben Valenti, wanted to see if we could create an un-armed response team to respond to police calls for service.

Heidi Hellmuth echoed Mr. Valenti's comments and wanted to make sure to look at who responds to police calls because she is concerned people of color feel discriminated against by the police.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Faulkingham stated that on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. there will be a Black Lives Matter march beginning at Sutton Loop Park.

Councilmember Pardini suggested moving the second public forum further down on the agenda. After discussion it was agreed to do so.

Councilmember Crader congratulated Councilmembers Phillips and Faulkingham on their reelection and congratulated Sarah Crosley on her election.

Councilmember Pardini, in reference to Resolution 20-17 on May 12, thinks a portion of the Maplewood share of money should go to people who are hardest hit by COVID or health care entities because there is a disparity need. She believes the county should distribute these funds where they believe is necessary due to structural inequities. Mayor Greenberg believes we can help other organizations if we keep this money because it would allow us the resources to do so.

Councilmember Phillips indicated the county currently has the authority of deciding where the money goes, not the City of Maplewood.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg thanked Councilmember Crader for his service as a city council member, school board member and all that he has done for the community.

The East Central Dispatch Center mayors will meet on June 13th.

Mayor Greenberg referenced his email regarding 8 Can't Wait and added it's important for our citizens to know about our police policies and procedures and our actions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Traxler reported he will meet with Great Rivers Greenway next week.

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.