

January 24, 2023

The January 24, 2023 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., Mayor Knapper presiding.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Mayor Knapper acknowledged that this meeting is being held on traditional lands of the Kickapoo, Osage, Miami, Iroquois and Great Sioux Nation people.

ON ROLL CALL, the following members were present: Mayor Knapper, Councilmember Crosley, Councilmember Homa, Councilmember Page and Councilmember Phillips.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: Councilmember Homa motioned to excuse Councilmember Faulkingham, seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval of the Council.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Phillips invited the public to the parks master plan open house to be held on Thursday, January 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Homa motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval of the Council.

R23-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF MUNIE GREENCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$171,524) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEER CREEK PARK SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT, BASEBALL AND SOCCER ATHLETIC FIELDS AND RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITIES WITH A CONTINGENCY OF 7% OR TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$12,007) FOR A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$185,531) was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Crosley to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

R23-4, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR PLACEMENT OF LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Crosley to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

BILL 6216, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5573 OF THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 50, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 50-203, STOP INTERSECTION SIGNS, BY ADDING A STOP SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND CHERRY STREET TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF ELM AVENUE was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6216 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 Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6216 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6213, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO WILLIAM AND JENNIFER SWIFT TO ALLOW AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AT 7468 MAPLE AVENUE was given its third and final reading. A motion was made by Councilmember Homa that Bill No. 6213 be tabled for the reading of the findings of fact, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

The Mayor and City Council make the following findings of fact for the petition for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 7468 Maple Avenue:

- The proposed use complies with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will contribute to and promote the community welfare and convenience.
- The proposed use will not cause substantial injury to the value of neighboring property.
- The proposed use does comply with the overall neighborhood development plan and existing zoning provisions.
- The proposed use will provide, if applicable, off-street parking and loading areas in accordance with the standards of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase traffic hazards.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase fire hazards.
- The proposed use will not overtax public utilities.
- The proposed use will not place an undue burden on municipal services.

It was then moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that the findings of fact be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

Councilmember Homa motioned to bring Bill 6213 back onto the table, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6213 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

BILL NO. 6213 was approved by the City Council on this 24th day of January, 2023 as **Ordinance No. 6008**.

BILL 6214, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO REZONE 3727 OXFORD AVENUE FROM SR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO AB ARTERIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6214 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6214 was approved by the City Council on this 24th day of January, 2023 as **Ordinance Number 6009**.

BILL 6215, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BRANDON BERKEL TO ALLOW SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS AT 2320 BELLEVUE AVENUE was given its third and final reading. A motion was made by Councilmember Homa that Bill No. 6215 be tabled for the reading of the findings of fact, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

The Mayor and City Council make the following findings of fact for the petition for a Conditional Use Permit to allow short term rentals at 2320 Bellevue Avenue:

- The proposed use complies with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will contribute to and promote the community welfare and convenience.
- The proposed use will not cause substantial injury to the value of neighboring property.
- The proposed use does comply with the overall neighborhood development plan and existing zoning provisions.
- The proposed use will provide, if applicable, off-street parking and loading areas in accordance with the standards of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase traffic hazards.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase fire hazards.
- The proposed use will not overtax public utilities.
- The proposed use will not place an undue burden on municipal services.

It was then moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that the findings of fact be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

Councilmember Homa motioned to bring Bill 6215 back onto the table, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6215 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

BILL NO. 6215 was approved by the City Council on this 24th day of January, 2023 as **Ordinance No. 6010**.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Would like to focus on passing ordinances that address the issues of displacement of low-moderate renters to help them stay in Maplewood.
- Asked Attorney Graves to research the mixed income neighborhoods overlay district ordinance currently in place in Philadelphia and determine if such an ordinance could be created for Maplewood.
- Noted that the MO House of Representatives have added eight bills that would negatively affect the LGBTQIA+ community and encouraged residents to contact their representative if they do not support these bills.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Reese and Community Development Director Miller attended the 2022 Green Business Challenge recognition event held at the Botanical Gardens. Some of the city's top accomplishments were an electronics recycling event for residents and businesses, installation of an EV charging station in the Special Business District, a city public works employee received his master gardener certification, the Sustainability Commission's development of a sustainability action plan and the Commission is leading the development of a mid-county sustainability consortium collaboration with Brentwood, Clayton, St. Louis County and Webster Groves.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION 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 Homa motioned to hold a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Crosley, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmember Crosley, Councilmember Homa, Councilmember Page and Councilmember Phillips. Nays, none.

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