

March 14, 2023

The March 14, 2023 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Faulkingham, Councilmember Homa, Councilmember Page and Councilmember Phillips.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

R23-8, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCILPERSON WARD 1 HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AS OFFICIAL was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham and seconded by Councilmember Homa to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

MOTION TO RECESS: Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to recess, seconded by Councilmember Homa and approved by the Council.

SWEARING IN FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL: Judge Felicia Ezell-Gillespie performed the Oath of Office for Ward 1 Councilmember Matthew Coriell.

BREAK FOR SHORT RECEPTION: The Council adjourned for a short reception.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING: The Council reconvened.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY MICHAEL FISCHER OF BURGER CHAMP, TO BE LOCATED AT 2704 SUTTON BLVD., FOR A FULL AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE: No one spoke.

PUBLIC FORUM: Nancy Mills, 7570 Comfort, asked for the council's guidance about a neighbor who is storing a tiny home on a flatbed truck parked in their driveway. She asked if this would be considered a prohibited use under Section 56-560 of the city's code. City Manager Reese will follow-up with Ms. Mills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Phillips stated the Maplewood Coffee Crawl is this Saturday. The Early Riser tour is sold out but the Sleeping In tour has a few tickets left. Visit www.cityofmaplewood.com/fun to purchase tickets.

KEVIN SCOTT, GENERAL MANAGER OF SECURITY FOR METRO PRESENTATION:
Presentation to be rescheduled.

MOTION TO APPROVE A FULL AND SUBDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MICHAEL FISCHER OF BURGER CHAMP TO BE LOCATED AT 2704 SUTTON BLVD.: Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REPORT BY NIKKI BISEL: See report attached.

R23-9, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ACCEPT THE BID OF SPENCER CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,001,298) FOR STREET, SIDEWALK AND PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION WITH A CONTINGENCY OF 10% OR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$100,129) FOR A TOTAL OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,101,427) was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham and seconded by Councilmember Homa to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Coriell, Crosley, Faulkingham, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

BILL 6220, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES FUND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6220 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Coriell, Crosley, Faulkingham, Homa, Page and Phillips. Nays, none.

Bill 6220 was approved by the City Council on this 14th day of March, 2023 as **Ordinance Number 6015**.

MAPLEWOOD TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS: Mayor Knapper summarized the work done so far and estimated legislation will come before the Council within the next 2 months.

OLD BUSINESS-ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEES: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: The Council welcomed Councilmember Coriell.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor's Elder Task Force will meet tomorrow. The Task Force is working on creating easy to follow guidelines for elders who want to appeal their property tax assessments.
- Mayor Knapper stated she is a member of the non-profit Mayors for a Guaranteed Income which advocates for laws that would provide guaranteed income to persons and families that are in poverty.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

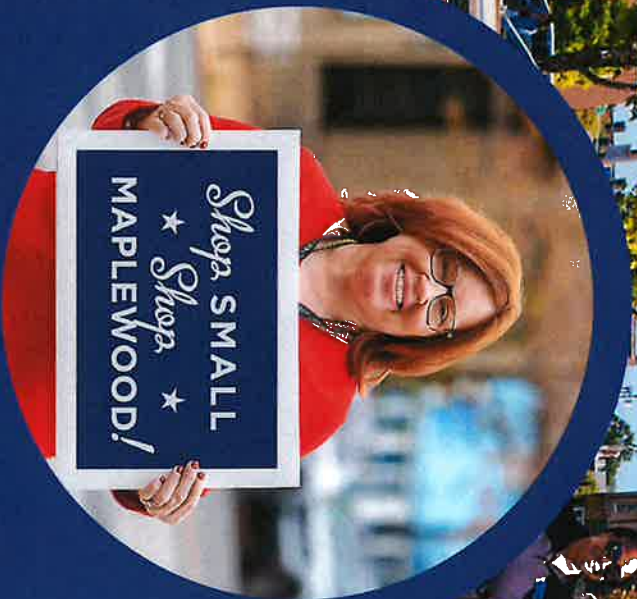
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Reese noted the schedule for boards and commissions to come before Council for 2023 was included in the Council packet.
- Referenced his memo to the Council regarding state bills that exempt food from local sales tax and stated that as of today, Senate Bill 131 is not moving forward.

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.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Route 66 Celebration
- New Public Art
- Spotlight on Black-owned Businesses
- Looking Ahead to FY Year 2023-24

ROUTE 66 CELEBRATION

The first annual Maplewood Route 66 Celebration was held in September. Guests enjoyed classic cars, a car cruise, live music, food & drink, and shopping.

EVENTS

7 annual events with a combined estimated attendance of 15,000 +

HAPPY HOUR

Quarterly happy hours providing an opportunity for business owners to connect. Expanded in 2022 to include all Maplewood businesses.



PROMOTION

We celebrated Black-owned businesses during the month of August. The promotion included social media spotlights and digital ads. The business spotlights can be found on the city's website under Enjoy Maplewood.



SPOTLIGHT



PUBLIC ART

Artist, Genevieve Esson, captures the vibrancy of historic downtown Maplewood through her artwork on the utility boxes along Manchester Rd.

RENOVATION

GRANTS

\$3500.00



LOOKING AHEAD

- New Businesses
- Goal Setting
- Manchester Resurfacing Project
- Kiosks
- Maplewood Business Watch
- Pedestrian Walkway
- Open for Business Banners