

May 23, 2023

The May 23, 2023 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 Coriell, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Homa, Councilmember Mattox and Councilmember Page.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: Mayor Knapper requested a motion to excuse Councilmember Faulkingham. Councilmember Homa made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Coriell, which motion received the approval of the Council.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD. No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING BY PLAN AND ZONING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN OFFICE FACILITY IN THE LR DISTRICT FOR REDBIRD HVAC AT 3220 GREENWOOD BLVD/7433 COMMONWEALTH AVE (TWO-STORY BRICK BUILDING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GREENWOOD AND COMMONWEALTH). No one spoke.

PUBLIC FORUM: Johnny Lewis, with the MRH Youth Sports Board, spoke regarding the utilization of our parks for sports programs and the possibility of now being charged for field usage. He pointed out that the city has never charged MRH or other non-profit organizations for use of fields in the past. He stated that he did not feel it was fair considering all that MRH Youth Sports Board does for the Community, such as providing services (scholarships, reduced lunch assistance and other programs) to every child in this city regardless of socio-economic background, physical abilities or educational abilities. They rely a lot on donations and some of those donations have gone to our city parks. He also stated that the city does not have middle school sports or elementary school sports in some areas, so it all comes down to MRH Youth Sports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Garcia stated there were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 9, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Homa motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Coriell, which motion received the approval of the Council.

R23-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HENDEL LAWCARE FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF STIFEL. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING PATRICK JUGO TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING BRIAN NEWMAN TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-24, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING LINDA ROBINSON TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-25, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING MELANIE BRADY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-26, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING MELANIE BRADY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2027. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-27, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING DENNIS GORG TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2027. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-28, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING JENNY SCHMIDT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2027. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-29, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING LISA GRIFFIN TO THE DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-30, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING RICKIE BOADO TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING JENNA MUELLER TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-32, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING MARTIN BRENNER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-33, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING CORINNE CHAR TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-34, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING EVAN LOVELESS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-35, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING DAN RUBIN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-36, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING STEVE BREWER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-37, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING THERESA MURPHY TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-38, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING LAINE SCHENKELBERG TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-39, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING BRAD JACKSON TO THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-40, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING PICKETT LEMA TO THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-41, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING KEVIN SULLIVAN TO THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-42, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING GAUTAM GATLA TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-43, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING KARMEN RAYBURN TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-44, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING AUGUST SCHLAFLY TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-45, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING CYNTHIA BOXERMAN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-46, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING NANCY SCHICK TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-47, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING COLLEEN CUNNINGHAM TO THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-48, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING MARILYN GREEN TO THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R23-49, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING KAT NORTON TO THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. It was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

2023 COUNCIL RETREAT: Mayor Knapper stated the after some discussion with councilmembers, she realized there needs to be a council retreat to gain a better understanding of resolutions, sunshine laws, etc. The Mayor stated she spoke with Mr. Reese making sure there was \$1,500 in the budget, that would be voted on that day, so that the council could have that retreat. She mentioned that they will be going over the strategic plan so that everyone is putting eyes on it at the same time and any questions and concerns can be addressed. One Saturday in July is her preference, from 9 or 10am to about 3 or 4pm.

BILL 6221, 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, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Coriell, that Bill No. 6221 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 Coriell, that Bill No. 6221 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6222, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO JERRY PEARSONS TO ALLOW AN OFFICE FACILITY IN THE LR LIMITED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AT 3220 GREENWOOD BLVD/7743 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Homa, duly seconded by Councilmember Crosley, that Bill No. 6222 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 Coriell, that Bill No. 6222 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

WELCOME MAPLEWOOD: 5-YEAR PLAN AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING POLICY BY CONSTRUCTNET - PATRICIA ARREDONDO, PROJECT MANAGER; BELINDA MCFEETERS, SENIOR CONSULTANT, AND COURTLAND LEE, SENIOR CONSULTANT. A presentation was given covering the phases of the project, highlighting several of the 5-year plan goals outlined in the strategic plan, demonstrating the strategic plan in action, and summarizing the policy.

DETERMINATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION FEES. Councilmember Coriell summarized his thoughts on fees and charging MRH Youth Sports for usage. City Manager Reese and Parks Director Curcuru gave a presentation regarding field rentals and fees. The Council agreed with Councilmember Coriell regarding the park fee structure should remain as it has in the past.

2023 MAPLEWOOD JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION. Mayor Knapper expressed her excitement about this community celebration that will occur on Saturday, June 17th from 11:00am – 2:00pm (free use of the pool will be offered). The plan is to utilize the parking lot closest to the skate park for the activities: music, face-painting, games, food and drink. Contingent plan for rain would be to have the celebration in the Library.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Knapper stated that she received a request from a community member regarding her daughter's rare illness, Williams Syndrome. The mayor read a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Month. The Mayor also mentioned the Mayor's Elder Task Force meetings at the Library on select upcoming Thursdays. She is present at these meetings to assist elderly residents with their property tax assessments.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Reese stated there is a fee ordinance that was not ready for the May 23 council meeting but will be submitted for the June 13 Council Agenda for consideration. These are the Building & Zoning fees that council was briefed on during the budget process such as fence permit, building inspection, and occupancy inspection fees. City Manager Reese also added that Lexie Miller verified that the budget does not need to be amended as it relates to the prior discussion regarding park fees impacting our budget.

PUBLIC FORUM: Beth Newman, member of the Parks Board, stated her stance on the MRH Parks fees discussion. She expressed the Parks Board's priority is the issuance of scholarships for families and kids who want to play sports but cannot afford to.

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. Mayor Knapper asked for a motion to hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters which was moved by Councilmember Homa and seconded by Councilmember Coriell which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

Council reconvened and there being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned.