



## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD AT 7601 MANCHESTER ROAD

MARCH 26, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ON ROLL CALL, the following members were PRESENT: Mayor Knapper, Councilmember Coriell, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Homa, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Mattox and Councilmember Page.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER: None.

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 COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY THE CITY TO AMEND CHAPTER 56 – ZONING, DIVISION 2. SR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTIONS 56-73 (A), 56-73 (B), 56-73 (E), 56-73 (G), SR DISTRICT PARKING, AND 56-1061 (A) (1):

Mary Killian was concerned the proposed amendments would not allow her to make improvements to her house that would allow her to age in place.

Jim Breihan stated he was a member of the Plan & Zoning Commission and he was in favor of the proposed amendments.

Ray Crader stated he was concerned with the proposed amendments because they may not allow him to add on to his house which could force him to move if he wanted to add on to support his growing family. He also said if a fire were to burn down a home, it would be difficult for a builder to rebuild a home with a small footprint. He said he agreed with the intent of the ordinance but additional provisions should be added prior to approval.

Elizabeth Nathanson expressed transparency concerns and requested this be tabled until the public had a chance to review the proposed amendments.

Shabnam Nouraie expressed concern regarding the 300-foot surrounding home calculation requirement and mentioned it would be unfair if a resident could not expand due to their proximity near smaller homes.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY THE CITY TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 12-117, ADOPTION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE SUBSECTION 302.4, AND SECTION 54-56 OF THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROMOTE “NO MOW APRIL” FROM APRIL 1-30, 2024**

Ray Crader spoke in favor of the proposed amendments.

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FEBRUARY 13, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilmember Garcia mentioned the Coffee Crawl event.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Corinne Char provided background on the thefts of her Israeli flag and banner from her front yard. She mentioned she and her family do not feel safe or respected as Jewish people in Maplewood. She requested the City Council use the term “anti-Semitism” in their condemnation of these acts.

Cindy Meredith expressed concern regarding the SR District amendments being considered and said this issue should be promoted more so residents are aware of what is being proposed. She also expressed concern regarding the Prop J language.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:** Councilmembers Mattox and Page expressed sympathies to Corinne Char for what she is going through. Councilmember Page mentioned he would be voting no on the SR District amendments. Councilmember Garcia said additional provisions should be considered for the SR District amendments and to address Cindy Meredith’s Prop J ballot language concern, she stated the word count is limited which is why the language was drafted in this manner. Councilmember Coriell agreed that additional provisions should be made to the SR District amendments, specifically regarding renovations.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Knapper expressed sympathies to Corinne Char for what she is going through and added it is not ok to be experiencing harassment of any kind. Mayor Knapper recognized March 31<sup>st</sup> as Transgender Day of Visibility and students in the MRH School District. Mayor Knapper addressed a resident comment from Patty Nouraie at the prior Council Meeting regarding the City Manager hire being cronyism, stating the comment was a lie. She then detailed the City Manager hire process which she thanked Councilmember Faulkingham for spearheading.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:** City Manager Withycombe updated the Council on the collective bargaining process with the firefighters and related ordinance amendments that will be coming in the near future. She also discussed Board and Commission vacancies.

R-24-8, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING RENEE FARMAR TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, to approve this resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R-24-9, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING KATE HANNAN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, to approve this resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

R-24-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING DOUGLAS DELONG TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, to approve this resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34 – OFFENSES, ARTICLE VI. – OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, SECTION 34-171 – HATE OFFENSES, TO ADD STEALING was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that the Bill be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – REVENUE AND FINANCE, DIVISION 2 – PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 32-287 – FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING, CHAPTER 42 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE III. – IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 42-61 – CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT, ETC.– GENERALLY, CHAPTER 42 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE V. – SIDEWALKS, SECTION 42-128 – SAME–BIDS; ESTIMATES, CHAPTER 42 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE VI. – SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, SECTION 42-152 – RESOLUTION AND PUBLICATION REQUIRED, TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CONTRACTORS BIDDING ON PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that the Bill be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 50 – TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. – ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 50-96, PEDESTRIANS’ RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CROSSWALKS was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that the Bill be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6045, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 56 – ZONING, SECTION 56-73 – USE REGULATIONS, SUBSECTIONS (A) LOT SIZE STANDARDS, (B) FRONT YARD SETBACK, (E) HEIGHT AND BULK STANDARDS, (G) PARKING, AND SECTION 56-1061 NON-CONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD (A) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, SUBSECTION (1), TO BRING LOT SIZE AND SETBACK STANDARDS INTO ALIGNMENT

WITH EXISTING AVERAGES AND TO PRESERVE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6045 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, None. Nays, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Bill 6045 was not approved.

BILL 6046, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12-117 – ADOPTION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, SECTION 302.4 WEEDS, AND CHAPTER 54, SECTION 54-56 – CUTTING REQUIRED OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE GROWTH OF GRASS OR WEEDS TO PROMOTE “NO MOW APRIL” FROM APRIL 1 – 30, 2024, IN SUPPORT OF POLLINATORS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6046 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none. Bill 6046 was approved by the City Council as Ordinance Number 6040.

BILL 6047, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, RATIFYING RESOLUTION R24-2 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, WITH THE CITIES OF BRENTWOOD, CLAYTON, AND RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE CENTRAL CORE FIRE TRAINING CENTER COMMISSION was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6047 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none. Bill 6047 was approved by the City Council as Ordinance Number 6041.

OLD BUSINESS: 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: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024

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Nikyln Knapper, Mayor

Attest:

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Anthony Traxler, Deputy City Clerk