



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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.

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

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 REGARDING THE ESTIMATED REALLOCATION OF \$64,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FUND YEAR 2002: None.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING A REQUEST BY REVEL KITCHEN FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THRU AT 7520 MANCHESTER ROAD: None.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING A REQUEST BY VR WHOLESALE INTERNATIONAL CAR SALE & REPAIR FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING USED CAR SALES AND AUTO REPAIR OPERATIONS AT 2800 S. BIG BEND BLVD AND 7480 HAZEL AVENUE: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Sandi Phillips read a prepared statement regarding questions asked at the January 9, 2024 Council meeting by Eliza Coriell, Marie Konersman Long and herself about the City Manager's salary negotiations, efforts of inclusion in the hiring process and the release of closed session records. Sandi Phillips requested a response to the aforementioned questions.

Councilmember Coriell quoted former Mayor Greenberg and discussed how previous closed session matters were handled similarly by prior administrations.

Councilmember Homa mentioned the Council had legal constraints with these closed session matters, he added he would like to release all information but doing so could result in negative consequences for the City.

Resident Elizabeth Nathanson stated that there were differences between the current and past closed session matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Garcia mentioned the upcoming Coffee Crawl event on March 23rd. She added there are a few legislative events coming up, the first will be a Coffee With the Mayor event at the library on February 24th at 9:30 a.m., the second and third will be open house events at city hall to discuss Propositions S and J. The first open house will be on February 29th at 7 p.m. and the second on March 5th at 3 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR THE REALLOCATION OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI 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 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.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI APPOINTING AMBER WITHYCOMBE AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUNNEN STATION COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS DIRECTOR REPLACING MICHAEL REESE WITH A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 26, 2028; AND APPOINTING SUSAN BRASEL AS DIRECTOR REPLACING ROBERT LUDWIG WITH A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 28, 2028; AND APPOINTING KURT KALLAUS AS DIRECTOR REPLACING CHRIS MILTENBERGER WITH A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 26, 2026; AND ALSO APPOINTING RICHARD KALLAUS TO AN ADDITIONAL TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 26, 2028 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 CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII. – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 4. – CODE OF ETHICS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CREATED BY THE CODE OF ORDINANCES was given its first reading. It was moved by

Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6241 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, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN STP-URBAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD FOR PROJECT NUMBER STP/CMAQ-9901 (667) FOR GREENWOOD BOULEVARD was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6242 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, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO SIMPON LUSKY OF REVEL KITCHEN TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THROUGH AT 7520 MANCHESTER ROAD was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6243 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, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT VOLODYMYR RATAI OF VR WHOLESALE INTERNATIONAL LLC TO OPERATE AN AUTO SALES AND REPAIR FACILITY AT 2800-2804 S. BIG BEND BOULEVARD AND 7480 HAZEL AVENUE was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill No. 6244 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Knapper wished everyone a happy Black History Month, a happy Lunar Year of the Dragon and a happy Valentine's Day. Mayor Knapper mentioned that a MRH student contacted her about an internship; she would look into potential options and whether or not the position would be paid or volunteer. She gave an update on her efforts to create elder and affordable housing at the former Immaculate Conception site and mentioned that she met with a developer who specializes in such developments. She mentioned the Mayors for Guaranteed Income Program and provide an update how she and St. Louis Mayor Tashara Jones are progressing with this program. She added that she is exploring a 501c3 growth fund that may partner with the Human Services Commission to help implement the program which will help keep children out of poverty. She ended the report by mentioning that she was invited to the White House to represent Maplewood on a variety of community issues.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Withycombe provided an update on the revised budget process which will include a five-year plan and will be condensed over a three-day period of time. She briefed the council on other matters including the St. Louis County Housing Report, prisoner housing, municipal court amnesty, social services contract and mentioned that business watch meetings will now be held three times per year as opposed to only twice a year.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Barry Greenberg stated a prior quote attributed to him was accurate but that he later released all information the quote referenced. He said closed session matters should be made public when completed.

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.

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

Approved this 27th day of February, 2024

Nikylan Knapper, Mayor

Attest:

Anthony Traxler, Deputy City Clerk