



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

APRIL 23, 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.

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

R24-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND FOR PROPOSITIONS J AND S, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, AS OFFICIAL 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.

R24-17, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, THANKING NIKYLAN KNAPPER FOR HER THREE YEARS OF SERVICE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD 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.

Mayor Knapper thanked individual staff members and Councilmembers for their support, commitment, and collaboration. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of Maplewood.

MOTION TO RECESS was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

SWEARING IN FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL: The Honorable Douglas Sidel performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Barry Greenberg.

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 CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY THE CITY TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 – OFFENSES, ARTICLE VI. – OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, SECTION 34-171 – HATE OFFENSES, OF THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES: Elizabeth Nathanson of 7387 Flora expressed her support for the amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY THE CITY TO AMEND 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, OF THE MAPLEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Garcia noted several upcoming events, including Stringfest on May 3, Tons of Transportation on May 4, Taste of Maplewood on May 17 and 18, and the SOL Food Farmers Market, which began on April 24. Mayor Greenberg mentioned that applications for board and commission seats are being accepted through May 6 with decisions being made at a future Council meeting.

R24-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING DOUGLAS SIDEL AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND JEFFREY PAUCK AND STEPHEN O'BRIEN AS PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL JUDGES OF THE ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT, MUNICIPAL DIVISION, OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI: Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Homa. Councilmember Faulkingham explained that under the previous Mayor, the Council reviewed resumes of previous proposed judge appointees. He requested that the prior process occur again given that the City's judiciary had been problematic in the past. He also requested that any proposed judge candidates be discussed at the next Council meeting. Mayor Greenberg inquired of the City Attorney about the

impact on court dates, and Attorney Graves confirmed that a delay in the appointment of a new judge would impact the next court date. She confirmed that the current judge could continue to serve until a new judge is appointed. Councilmembers Page and Homa affirmed their support for engaging in a dialogue with the proposed appointees to learn why they are interested in serving. Councilmember Faulkingham proposed a motion to table the resolution until the next Council meeting so that Council could review information about the proposed appointees in advance and add an item to the next meeting agenda for the candidates to answer questions. Mayor Greenberg confirmed his understanding of the arrangement and asked Douglas Sidel and Jeffrey Pauck, who were present in the Chamber, whether they would be available for the May 14 meeting. Both confirmed. Attorney Graves recommended that the motion be continued rather than tabled. Councilmember Faulkingham motioned to continue the resolution at the Council's May 14 meeting, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR: Councilmember Mattox motioned to nominate Councilmember Faulkingham, seconded by Councilmember Homa, which motion received the approval of the Council.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPROVING A STREET VACATION PLAT FOR THE EASTERNMOST PORTION OF BARTOLD AVENUE 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 6249, 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 third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill 6249 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none. Bill 6249 was approved by the City Council as Ordinance Number 6043.

BILL 6250, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TERMINATING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING WITHIN THE CAMBRIDGE COMMONS REDEVELOPMENT AREA; DISSOLVING THE SPECIAL ALLOCATION FUND (CAMBRIDGE COMMONS REDEVELOPMENT); AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS RELATING THERETO was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Faulkingham, duly seconded by Councilmember Homa, that Bill 6250 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, Councilmembers Coriell, Faulkingham, Garcia, Homa, Mattox and Page. Nays, none. Bill 6250 was approved by the City Council as Ordinance Number 6044.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Page encouraged attendees at the upcoming Taste of Maplewood event to visit the Scout Pack 362 table for pretzels and snow cones. Councilmember Mattox welcomed Mayor Greenberg back to the Council. She noted that the amendment to Bill 6249 was motivated by antisemitic crimes committed against a family in Ward 2 and implored residents to keep the family in their thoughts and to help bring the perpetrators to justice by reporting hate crimes to the police.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg thanked his wife for her love and support, and acknowledged the support of his family. He said that the ordinance to amend 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 was taken off the Council agenda because the federal reference standards related to the ordinance had recently been revised and would need to be reviewed, and also that the proposed ordinance may have a negative impact on the City’s ability to use local vendors. He also said that the purchasing threshold of \$10,000 was too low and referenced St. Louis County’s higher responsible bidder threshold of \$75,000. He noted that Council should seek further staff input on the proposed ordinance and expressed his preference that department heads be consulted regarding any proposed legislation that would impact operations in their area. Mayor Greenberg also mentioned his campaign promise of providing an opportunity for public hearings on all future bills to be held before the first reading of the ordinance to allow for public input. He said that the proposed ordinance would be revisited, indicated that it was a worthy proposal, and said that there is no urgency to take up the bill at the present moment.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: City Manager Withycombe welcomed Mayor Greenberg. She provided information on the schedule for the City’s draft budget review and related Council work sessions. The first and second readings of the proposed 2024-25 budget will occur on May 28 and the final reading on June 11. She also provided information about the permitting of small vehicle share programs in the City. Maplewood participates in a shared permitting program with Richmond Heights and Clayton that allows Bird motorized scooters to be operated in Maplewood. Concerns or questions about scooters should be directed to Bird at 866-205-2442. Mayor Greenberg inquired whether scooters are allowed to be used on sidewalks and City Manager Withycombe confirmed that they are not.

PUBLIC FORUM: Elizabeth Nathanson spoke in support of the City’s Fire Department, noting that a power line in her neighborhood had recently been blown down. Fire Department personnel stayed in front of her neighbor’s house, waiting for Ameren, for six hours to ensure that nobody would be electrocuted. She thanked the Fire Department for its service to the community.

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 at 8:05 pm.

Approved this 14th day of May, 2024

Barry Greenberg, Mayor

Attest:

Anthony Traxler, Deputy City Clerk