



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT City of Maplewood, Missouri

City Council Chambers, City Hall
7601 Manchester Road, Maplewood, MO 63143

**Friday, June 20, 2025
1:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM with Mayor Greenberg presiding.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. **Roll Call:** The following Council Members were present:
 - Council Member Faulkingham
 - Mayor Greenberg
 - Council Member Homa
 - Council Member Mattox
 - Council Member Page
 - Council Member Wiley**Absent:**
 - Council Member Garcia

A quorum was present.

4. **Motion to Excuse Council Member Garcia**
Motion to excuse: Council Member Faulkingham
Seconded by: Council Member Homa
Outcome: Approved unanimously by voice vote
5. Mayor Greenberg suggested that an **Introduction and a Q&A session with James Hetlage, City Attorney** precede agenda item number 5, the vote on Resolution 25-35. The council agreed. Jim Hetlage, the city attorney from Lashly & Baer, introduced himself and highlighted his extensive experience in the public sector, particularly in employment law. The council then asked Mr. Hetlage questions to familiarize themselves with his work practices.
6. **Resolution 25-35: Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for legal services with Lashly & Baer, P.C. and appointing James C. Hetlage as City Attorney and Andrew R. Bramman and Lyndee R. Fritz as municipal prosecutors**
Motion: Council Member Homa
Seconded by: Council Member Mattox
Discussion: Introduction and Q&A with James C. Hetlage
Roll Call Vote:
 - Mayor Greenberg-Yes
 - Council Member Homa-Yes
 - Council Member Mattox-Yes
 - Council Member Page-Yes

- Council Member Wiley-Yes
- Council Member Faulkingham-Yes

Outcome: Resolution 25-35 was approved

7. Study Items

a. **City Hall Facilities Expansion/Renovation and April 2026 Bond Referendum.**

City Manager Withycombe presented the Council with options regarding City Hall facility upgrades and the proposed bond referendum. This included a discussion regarding the importance of and methods of informing residents about the proposal. The council discussed the options as presented and directed the City Manager to invest in public relations support for the referendum. No votes were taken at this time.

8. Break

9. Study Items

b. **Municipal Services Consolidation Opportunities**

City Manager Withycombe introduced municipal services consolidation opportunities to the council, highlighting the benefits of existing collaboration with neighboring cities. The council discussed the merits and limitations of expanding our collaboration efforts, specific services that would benefit, and the considerations for future cooperation efforts.

c. **Charter Review Advisory Body Exploration**

The City Council discussed options for initiating a review of the City's Charter to identify potential updates. The procedural requirements and benefits of each were considered, along with a comparison of practices in neighboring municipalities.

10. Adjournment

Motioned by: Council Member Faulkingham

Seconded by: Council Member Homa

Outcome: Following the conclusion of discussions, the Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at 3:32 PM.

Certification:

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the City Council retreat held on **June 20, 2025.**

Barry Greenberg, Mayor

Attest:

Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

Date Approved: 7/08/2025