



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Work Session Meeting of the City Council City of Maplewood, Missouri

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, with Mayor Greenberg presiding.

2. Roll Call

Council Member Faulkingham – Not Present
Council Member Garcia – Present
Mayor Greenberg – Present
Council Member Homa – Present
Council Member Mattox – Present
Council Member Page – Present
Council Member Wiley – Present

A quorum was present.

Also present:

Police Chief Matt Nighbor
City Attorney Jim Hetlage

3. Municipal Facilities Strategy Following Proposition M

Proposition M failed at the April 7, 2026, election by a margin of approximately 50 votes. Council discussed the outcome and next steps for addressing the City's facility needs.

Chief Nighbor reported that CALEA assessors have identified multiple operational deficiencies tied to inadequate facilities. During the 2025 on-site assessment, the City had indicated plans to pursue a bond measure. With the failure of Proposition M, those deficiencies will be formally noted at the next certification assessment in 2029.

Council discussed voter feedback suggesting that many residents were confused about the difference between a bond measure and a tax levy, were uncertain whether the proposal would expand policing services, and were unaware that the measure addressed broader City Hall facility needs beyond the Police Department. Council also noted that misinformation about St. Louis County's Proposition P and general government financing may have contributed to the outcome. The timing of the election and broader economic conditions were identified as additional factors.

Council reviewed the current condition of City facilities. The Police Department was described as having the most severe deficiencies. Other concerns throughout the facility include lack of ADA accessibility for residents and employees, extensive deferred maintenance in areas that are no longer maintainable through routine repair, and insufficient privacy for sensitive functions including Social Services and Human Resources. Council noted that the proposed project addressed essential needs rather than enhancements and acknowledged the challenge of communicating that distinction effectively to voters.

Council reached consensus to consider placing a similar measure on the November 3, 2026, ballot, with the intervening period focused on public engagement and education, clearer communication of

funding mechanisms and project scope, and comparisons to facilities in neighboring communities. Chief Nighbor noted that officer morale remains steady despite the outcome.

4. Alternative Vehicle Regulation Considerations

Council discussed the need for local regulations addressing the increased use of alternative vehicles not currently covered under existing ordinances. State law regulates Class 3 electric bicycles, but the City has no local ordinances governing gas-powered mini-motorcycles, go-karts, motorized scooters, and similar devices outside Class 1, 2, and 3 classifications.

Specific complaints have been received involving children as young as 9 or 10 operating such vehicles on Manchester Road and Big Bend Boulevard. Council raised concerns about unlicensed minors operating motorized vehicles at unsafe speeds on public streets and sidewalks without regard to traffic laws.

Council reviewed regulatory approaches from neighboring municipalities as potential models. Council agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of Council Members Wiley and Homa to research the matter further and develop recommendations for regulations defining allowable vehicle types, establishing permitted areas of operation, and improving safety and enforceability.

5. Adjournment

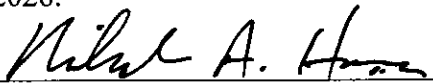
Motion: Council Member Homa.

Seconded by: Council Member Garcia.

Outcome: Unanimously approved by voice vote. With no remaining matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Certification

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the City Council work session held on April 14, 2026.



Nick Homa, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest:



Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

Date Approved: April 28, 2026