



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

The following council members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Amber Withycombe; Director of Finance Alexis Miller; Social Services Coordinator Celeste Grayer; Community Development Director Laura Miller; and Fire Chief Pete Marsac.

3. Draft Budget Review

Preceding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget approval, city staff and city council discussed the following budgetary items:

a. Revenue

The Director of Finance presented an overview of draft general fund revenues. She explained changes in property and personal property tax reporting by St. Louis County and noted that overall revenues were projected to remain relatively flat. Sales tax projections reflected a conservative approach due to economic uncertainty. Anticipated revenue impacts related to the closure of the Hanley Road Transportation Development District were discussed, though final amounts were not yet known. Council members asked clarifying questions regarding revenue categories and special revenue restrictions.

b. Legislative Operations

Staff reviewed the legislative operations budget, including reduced travel and conference expenditures and increased professional services funding for consulting and code updates. Citywide consolidation of certain expenses was noted. Council members discussed constituent communication and outreach efforts, including ward meetings, signage, mailers, and other engagement methods.

c. Executive Operations and Capital Improvement

The city manager reviewed executive department expenditures, noting that personnel costs were preliminary pending completion of a pay study. Several costs were shifted to citywide accounts for transparency. Expanded social services funding was reviewed, including community education, outreach, and emergency assistance. Capital items discussed included replacement of the enterprise

financial planning system, a community mural project, consolidated information technology services, and anticipated website accessibility updates.

d. Legal (Court) Operations

The city manager reported no significant changes to the court operations budget. Minor increases were included for office supplies and compensation adjustments, with reduced travel and conference expenses.

e. Special Business District Operations and Capital Improvement

Staff reviewed special business district expenditures, including professional services, community events, and capital items. Increased event costs reflected the return of Route 66 programming and accounting changes for ticketed events. Capital projects included restoration of the Maplewood neon letters and potential replacement of trash and recycling receptacles, subject to grant funding.

f. Fire Operations and Capital Improvement

Fire Chief Marsac expressed appreciation for recent capital investments and reviewed proposed fire department capital expenditures. Requests were limited and included ongoing partnership payments, equipment leases, and a grant-dependent request for a mechanical CPR device. Regional collaboration efforts and participation in a multi-city fire authority study were discussed.

g. Special Allocation and Bond Funds (Excluding Prop S Bond Fund)

The Director of Finance reviewed special allocation and bond funds. Police and fire pension transfers were discussed, including a higher transfer amount in the current year due to timing of valuation. Closure of the Hanley Road Transportation Development District and restrictions on future use of the remaining funds were reviewed, along with other special funds and bond obligations.

4. Adjournment

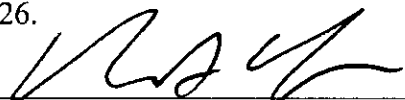
Motion to adjourn: Council Member Homa

Seconded by: Council Member Garcia

Outcome: The budget work session concluded upon completion of the draft budget review, with no formal actions taken. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM.

Certification

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the City Council work session held on May 5, 2026.



Nick Homa, Deputy Mayor

Attest:



Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

Date Approved: May 26, 2026