



## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**Tuesday, May 7, 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**

The following council members were present:

Council Member Garcia – Not Present  
Mayor Greenberg – 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; Public Works and Planning Director Todd Hughes; Public Works Superintendent Jason Watkins; and Police Chief Matt Nighbor.

#### **3. Draft Budget Review**

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

##### **a. Police Operations & Capital Improvement**

Police Chief Nighbor and staff reviewed the police department draft budget. No new major capital outlay requests were proposed. Capital expenditures included routine vehicle replacements, leased equipment, body-worn cameras, electronic control devices, and replacement of expiring ballistic vests. The department proposed reducing the annual vehicle replacement from three vehicles to two for the upcoming fiscal year to control costs, while acknowledging potential future maintenance impacts.

Operational changes included an increase in officer wellness expenditures. Uniform expenses increased due to the city rebranding effort. Training expenditures were reduced due to anticipated in-house training capacity.

Proposed technology items included investigative cell phone analysis software and mobile fingerprinting devices intended to improve efficiency and reduce overtime costs. Dispatch costs increased due to higher call volume allocation, and staff discussed anticipated impacts of ECDC call-taking reforms.

##### **b. Public Works Operations & Capital Improvement**

Public Works and Planning Director Hughes and Superintendent Watkins reviewed the public works budget and capital improvement plan. Capital projects were discussed by vehicle class and functional areas over a multi-year planning horizon. Items included fleet replacements, facility repairs, safety improvements, and equipment upgrades.

Uniform costs increased due to citywide rebranding and expanded use for additional staff divisions. Fuel expenditures increased due to consolidation into citywide accounts. Facility costs were discussed, including HVAC control system upgrades and electrical system improvements at city facilities, some of which were tied to potential future bond funding.

Additional capital items included a grant-funded bus shelter project, infrastructure improvements, safety equipment storage, and deferred projects from prior years. Street maintenance, snow operations, and equipment limitations were discussed, along with ongoing efforts to manage staffing and maintenance workloads efficiently.

#### **c. Prop S Bond Fund**

Staff referenced Prop S bond-related expenditures as part of broader facility and capital discussions. No separate actions were taken.

#### **d. Parks Operations & Capital Improvement**

Staff reviewed parks capital projects planned within the long-range capital improvement program, including Yale Park improvements, Yale Open Space development, playground and pool facility replacements, signage planning, and park infrastructure upgrades. Several projects were noted as phased or split across fiscal years and dependent on grant funding or coordination with other initiatives.

#### **e. Sewer Lateral**

Staff briefly addressed sewer-related capital planning, noting that program fees from the updated sewer lateral replacement program was helping to reduce the account deficit. No new action items were identified

#### **f. Solid Waste**

Staff reviewed solid waste operations and long-term contract planning. Financial projections showed stabilization of the solid waste fund under the current contract, with discussions focused on future vendor availability, service challenges, and anticipated renegotiation timelines. Council members discussed service quality concerns and limitations in alternative providers.

#### **4. Adjournment**

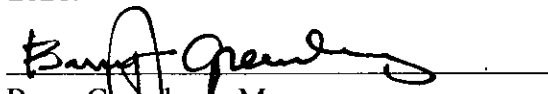
**Motion to adjourn:** Council Member Wiley

**Seconded by:** Council Member Mattox

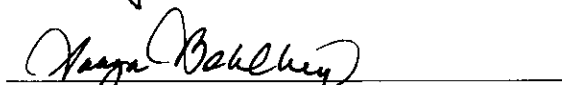
**Outcome:** The budget work session adjourned upon the completion of the draft budget review, with no formal actions taken. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

#### **Certification**

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the City Council work session held on May 7, 2026.

  
Barry Greenberg, Mayor

Attest:

  
Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

**Date Approved:** May 26, 2026