



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL City of Maplewood, Missouri

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Greenberg presiding.

2. Roll Call

Council Member Garcia – 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.

3. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10 – Animals and Fowl to Update Poultry-Keeping Regulations and Add Beekeeping Regulations

Mayor Greenberg invited community members who attended the meeting to share their perspectives on the proposed beekeeping regulations.

Resident Tony Myers spoke regarding his experience living adjacent to beehives located on a nearby property. Mr. Myers stated that although he had initially opposed the placement of the hives, he had not experienced problems until several bee swarms occurred. He reported witnessing approximately five swarm incidents and expressed concerns about bees gathering in his yard, around water features, and near family members and pets. Mr. Myers stated that the proposed regulations appeared reasonable and expressed support for establishing standards governing beekeeping activities. He also raised concerns regarding the ability to control bee movement and the potential impact of nearby hives on neighboring property owners.

Resident Pam Gundlach addressed the Council regarding concerns about aggressive bees affecting her property. She described incidents in which her husband was stung several times while gardening and stated that protective equipment had been provided by a neighboring beekeeper while efforts were made to address the issue. Ms. Gundlach asked how aggressive bees would be regulated under the proposed ordinance and suggested that beekeepers receive training or education regarding proper hive management. She also questioned whether limits would be placed on the number of beehives permitted within residential areas.

Council Discussion

Council Members discussed the proposed beekeeping regulations, including the establishment of standards where none currently exist, permitting requirements, compliance with setback and flyway barrier requirements, nuisance provisions, best management practices recommended by the Missouri State Beekeepers Association, the inclusion of emergency contact information as part of the permitting

process, educational opportunities related to beekeeping, and placement requirements for water sources and setbacks from adjoining properties.

The Council generally agreed that the proposed ordinance would provide a framework for regulating beekeeping and addressing complaints, while allowing future amendments if additional issues arise. Council Members also discussed proposed amendments to poultry-keeping regulations, including potential setback requirements for chicken coops, grandfathering existing coops should new setback requirements be adopted, and increasing the allowable number of chickens from six to eight, consistent with neighboring communities.

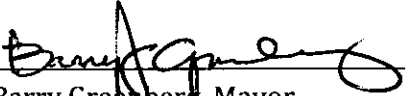
City staff indicated that suggestions raised during the discussion would be reviewed and incorporated into the final ordinance language as appropriate.

Council Members thanked residents for attending and sharing firsthand experiences and feedback.

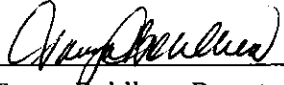
4. Adjournment

Upon motion by Council Member Homa, seconded by Council Member Wiley, the work session adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the City Council meeting held on August 11, 2026.


Barry Greenberg, Mayor

Attest:


Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

Date Approved: August 18, 2026