



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, July 14, 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 Residential Permit Parking Recommendations

The City Manager reviewed concerns previously raised by residents living near MRH High School and Middle School regarding student parking in surrounding residential neighborhoods. Concerns included congestion, blocked driveways, and the volume of vehicles parked on nearby streets during school hours. The City Manager noted that Council discussed the issue in December 2025 and directed staff to further evaluate options and consult with the school district. Following discussions with school district representatives, the Public Works Department, and the Police Department, staff recommended a residential permit parking program if Council chose to regulate parking in the affected area.

Council discussed the operational impacts of a permit parking program, including education and outreach to residents, permit distribution, visitor permits, and enforcement responsibilities. Police staff explained that a permit system utilizing vehicle hang tags would be easier to enforce than a time-limited parking restriction, which would require repeated monitoring of parked vehicles throughout the day.

Several Council members expressed concern that the issue originates with student parking associated with the school and questioned whether a residential permit parking program placed too much responsibility on neighborhood residents. Discussion focused on the availability of parking at the municipal pool lot, which currently has significant unused capacity during school hours. Council members suggested that the school district explore additional policies or procedures to encourage students to utilize the pool lot rather than nearby residential streets.

Council also discussed the role of the school district in addressing the issue. While acknowledging that regulation of public streets is a municipal responsibility, several members expressed interest in a more collaborative approach involving both the City and the school district. Discussion included whether the district could better track student drivers, establish parking expectations for students, or implement measures encouraging compliance with designated parking locations.

Council members further discussed concerns previously raised by residents regarding blocked driveways and by fire officials regarding emergency vehicle access on narrow residential streets when vehicles are parked closely together. Staff noted that while existing parking regulations can be enforced when violations occur, those measures do not fully address neighborhood concerns regarding congestion and accessibility.

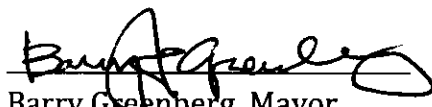
Additional discussion addressed the effectiveness of residential permit parking programs in other areas of the City, the possibility that parking demand could shift to other nearby streets, and opportunities to encourage alternative modes of transportation, including bicycling, carpooling, and use of remote parking facilities.

Following discussion, Council reached consensus directing staff to reengage with MRH School District representatives to discuss potential collaborative solutions and to continue evaluating options before moving forward with a residential permit parking program. Staff indicated that school district representatives could be invited to participate in a future work session to further discuss the matter. No formal action was taken.

4. Adjournment

Upon motion by Council Member Homa, seconded by Council Member Garcia, the work session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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


Barry Greenberg, Mayor

Attest: 
Tanya Bohlken, Deputy City Clerk

Date Approved: August 11, 2026