

April 27, 2021

The April 27, 2021 City Council meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Barry Greenberg presiding.

ON ROLL CALL, the following members were present: Mayor Greenberg, Councilmember Crosley, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

The City Attorney asked that the record reflect that pursuant to Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law provides that members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers can participate and vote remotely on all matters when an emergency exists and he asked that the minutes reflect again that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

R21-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 AS OFFICIAL was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips, to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Acting City Manager Traxler read a plaque for Mayor Greenberg thanking him for his 18 years of service as an elected official.

MOTION TO RECESS: Councilmember Wood motioned to recess, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR: The Honorable Genesis Draper performed the oath of office of Mayor Nikylan Knapper.

BREAK FOR SHORT RECEPTION: The Council adjourned for a short reception.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING: The Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, which motion received the approval of the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mid County Director Jeannine Beck thanked outgoing Mayor Greenberg for his years of service and welcomed Mayor Knapper and looks forward to working with her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- The S.O.L. Food Farmers Market will be opening tomorrow at its new location at 2808 Sutton (Living Room/Bolyard's parking lot).
- Laura Miller is collaborating with a group of MRH Middle School students and science teacher, Mr. Henske, to design and plant flower planters in the Special Business District. This project should be completed in May.

Councilmember Phillips mentioned that Bolyard's will be closed beginning tomorrow to prepare to move across the street to their new location. They hope to reopen around May 10, 2021.

R21-17, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING BRANDI MILLER AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND FELICIA EZELL-GILLESPIE AND CHRISTOPHER DULLE AS PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL JUDGES OF THE ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT, MUNICIPAL DIVISION, OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR: Mayor Knapper opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Wood motioned to nominate Councilmember Schmidt as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Phillips. No other nominations were heard. Mayor Knapper closed the nominations for Deputy Mayor. The motion to approve Councilmember Schmidt as Deputy Mayor was approved by the Council. Mayor Knapper thanked Councilmember Wood for her work as Deputy Mayor over the past years.

OLD BUSINESS-EQUITY DISCUSSION: Councilmember Crosley asked about the RFP. Acting City Manager Traxler stated the RFP will go out this week with a submittal deadline of 45 days.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

- Councilmember Schmidt asked if the Council had any comments to her email regarding the town hall notes. ACM Traxler said a revised version of the town hall notes that incorporates the Council's suggestions will be sent to the Council before posting live.
- Councilmember Faulkingham stated the (.gov) top-level domain is available now for free so the city might consider www.cityofmaplewoodmo.gov.
- Councilmember Crosley asked for an update on any city manager applications.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper stated she recently spoke to Bob Slavin who has 6 city manager resumes he will be submitting to the Council.
- Mayor Knapper stated she will be leading a campaign for the collection of food donations for the St. Louis Area Foodbank. The drive-through collection will take place Saturday morning, May 8, 2021, at the Maplewood Family Aquatic Center parking lot.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Acting City Manager Traxler stated a final draft version of the budget will be posted on the website next week.
- There will be a general work session on May 11, 2021 to discuss a variety of topics Mayor Knapper has been working on.
- The Department of Health continues to loosen restrictions which allows us to open more parks.
- He encouraged the Council to stop by Ryan Hummert Park to see the pour-in-place playground surface.
- He stated the city planted numerous large shade trees in Deer Creek Park to provide shade for the playground. The city wanted to plant the shade trees in lieu of shade structures due to maintenance of the shade structures and the benefits provided year-round.

Councilmember Schmidt asked if an email blast could be sent out when the budget is posted.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED, TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION, LEGAL ACTIONS AND/OR COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 610.021(1)RSMO. AND/OR SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING UNDER SECTION 610.021(11) AND/OR SEALED BIDS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND SEALED PROPOSALS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS UNDER SECTION 610.021(11) AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(13)RSMO. AND/OR EMPLOYEE MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(3)RSMO. AND/OR REAL ESTATE MATTERS UNDER SECTION 610.021(2)RSMO. AND/OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT UNDER SECTION 610.021(12)RSMO: No need.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Phillips.