

May 12, 2020

The May 12, 2020 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 Crader, Councilmember Faulkingham, Councilmember Pardini, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Schmidt and Councilmember Wood.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: No need.

City Attorney John Hessel asked that the record reflect that under Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency must be stated in the minutes so he is asking that the minutes reflect that the United States is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus and the Governor as well as the County Executive have issued stay-at-home orders and as a result of that we are all participating in this meeting via Zoom remotely, therefore the members of the City Council are participating in the meeting electronically and are not at the Council Chambers but they can, of course, vote on all matters because of this emergency.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood announced the city has a new street sweeper and the streets will be swept on the first and third week every month. Also, bulk item trash pickup and yard waste pickup resumes this week.

Councilmember Pardini announced the Nelson Mitten Scholarship fund established to help 3 seniors with funds to assist with college expenses. There is a link on the MRH website if anyone is interested in contributing to this scholarship fund.

Mayor Greenberg stated the Kiwanis Club, working in conjunction with the MRH School District, also provided three \$1,000 scholarships.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2020 AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Councilmember Wood motioned to approve, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips and was approved by the Council.

R20-17, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REQUESTING THAT MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ST. LOUIS COUNTY RECEIVE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE \$175 MILLION IN FUNDING RECEIVED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY FROM THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT TO REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR ACTUAL PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS INCURRED RELATED TO COVID-19 was introduced. Councilmember Pardini referenced the county's charter regarding spending authority as it related to COVID funds. Councilmember Phillips asked if other area municipalities are considering similar resolutions. Acting City Manager Traxler replied other area municipalities are considering similar

resolutions. 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 Crader, Faulkingham, Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R20-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2020 HEAVY DUTY ¾ TON CHEVROLET SILVERADO TRUCK FOR \$40,671 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Wood and seconded by Councilmember Schmidt to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Greenberg, members Crader, Faulkingham, Pardini, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: The Council discussed the city manager search and asked the Acting City Manager to check with the consultant to see if it was appropriate to resume the search process. The Council discussed concerns with third party delivery services overcharging restaurants.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Greenberg asked City Attorney Hessel if there is a time when the City Council will be required to meet in person. Mr. Hessel said if the city believes there is a concern, it is up to the city to decide when to resume in-person meetings.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Traxler reported City Hall should be open next week.

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.