

June 22, 2021

The June 22, 2021 City Council meeting was called to order via teleconference at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Nikylan Knapper presiding.

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

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to excuse Councilmember Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

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 that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA: Mayor Knapper motioned to amend the agenda to table items 14 and 15, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt, discussion ensued. Councilmember Crosley made a motion to amend the agenda to table items 14-27, seconded by Councilmember Schmidt. Discussion ensued regarding the need to follow the board and commission process established the prior year by the City Council, a voice vote to table items 14-27 received majority approval.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 2649 LYLE AVE FROM SR DISTRICT TO CB DISTRICT: A resident named John, who lives on Lyle, said he is supportive of the project but has concerns about parking and on-street parking, site lines, sound, lighting and the impact to his block and adjoining streets. He added he is concerned that he will not be able to park on the street due to the construction of the new drive-aisles for the parking lot.

Virginia Rafferty echoed John's comments and noted the street is narrow and is concerned about parking and traffic.

Simiya Sudduth lives in house directly next door to the project and is concerned about lack of privacy, noise, parking, lighting and echoed the previous speaker's concerns.

Harley Frankel, property owner, stated his support of the project and said it will be a vast improvement.

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A GAS STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE AT 3033 S. HANLEY ALONG WITH A FULL/SUNDAY PACKAGE LIQUOR LICENSE: Virginia Rafferty asked where this is on Hanley. ACM Traxler stated this is the existing Phillips 66 station and is strictly a change of ownership.

PUBLIC FORUM: Sheila Suderwalla indicated she was not told she would be appointed to a board but was told she was up for nomination. She expressed gratitude to the community for the successful Juneteenth celebration.

Ashleigh Johnson, echoed Sheila Suderwalla's comments regarding the nomination process.

Beth Newman expressed disappointment that the agenda items for appointments were tabled and stated she was told she was only up for nomination.

Mary Kunce expressed support for existing nominees.

John, who previously spoke regarding the rezoning on Lyle, asked if there would be a traffic study on Lyle Avenue. He also stated he has 2 graduates from the 2021 MRH High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- The next Concert in the Park will be tomorrow night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and the elected officials will have a table. There will be no Concert in the Park in July.
- The Let Them Eat Art event will be held in downtown Maplewood on July 9th from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Councilmember Schmidt stated the MRH Parents as Teachers will be hosting a diaper drive to support families of the district's youngest children. Look for a donation box at the Aquatic Center or the Heights, June 1st through July 31st, unopened diapers sizes 2-5.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND JUNE 14, 2021 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

(8:26 p.m.) **DESIGN & REVIEW BOARD & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Sean O'Gorman presented the Design & Review Board & Historic Preservation Commission report to the Council.

(8:37 p.m.) **RESTRUCTURING OUR MAPLEWOOD ORDINANCES BY MARK GOLDENBERG AND DR. ROBERT CROPF PRESENTATION:** Mr. Goldenberg discussed the process for reviewing the ordinances to insure Maplewood has equity-based ordinances that reflect the values or desires of its residents.

Councilmember Crosley proposed potential dates for an upcoming town hall to help determine community values to take place on 8/15/21 and 8/24/21. As part of this town hall, the community can be introduced to the new city manager.

Mayor Knapper discussed handouts included in the council packet regarding Maplewood's plan for equity-based ordinances, topics of which include community outreach, town halls, focus groups, identification of values, and ultimately updating the ordinances.

(9:10 p.m.) **BILL 6165**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO REZONE 2649 LYLE AVENUE FROM SR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO CB COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6165 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6165 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6166, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO U GAS TO OPERATE A CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GAS PUMPS AT 3033 S. HANLEY ROAD was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6166 be moved to its second reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember Wood, duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, that Bill No. 6166 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

(9:28 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper stated the property assessment town hall was held last week with St. Louis County Assessor Jake Zimmerman and staff who answered questions about property assessments and best practices for appealing an assessment. The deadline to file an appeal is July 12. This town hall was recorded and can be found on the city's website.
- Mayor Knapper stated this Fall she will have an intern who is going into her senior year at Lindenwood University where she is focusing her studies on public policies.
- Mayor Knapper stated that she attended a Community Case Review that was put on by St. Louis County Prosecutor, Wesley Bell. Mr. Bell holds Community Case Reviews once a month.
- Mayor Knapper stated she is a member of the Women's Cohort and the Women's Cohort has been invited to a White House briefing.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: The Council will hold a work session and closed session on July 6, 2021.

(9:37 p.m.) 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.