

July 13, 2021

The July 13, 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 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 that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY KGI, LLC LOCATED AT 3233 LACLEDE STATION RD. FOR A FULL AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE: No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON HOW THE CITY SHOULD ALLOCATE \$64,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS WHICH WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022: Charlie Hinderliter, resident and Library Board member, asked the Council to consider allocating some of the funds to help with repairs to the library building, specifically water leaks. He stated the library provides services to the whole community and would fit within the funding requirements of the grant.

Ashley Bryant, director of the Maplewood Public Library, echoed Mr. Hinderliter's comments and further stated the library offers hotspots for WiFi and is a heating and cooling center for the community. She noted several areas are closed within the library due to mold issues.

Sheila Suderwalla, resident and executive director of the non-profit Artists First, agreed with previous speakers and asked that the council find creative ways to meet the library's needs.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- Email issues continue at City Hall. Please call if your email goes unanswered.
- Curbside storm damage pickup will continue through Monday, July 19.
- Schlafly is hosting a monthly market on the first Sunday of every month from 11-3 with vendors selling food, crafts and apparel.
- Metropolitan Orchestra pop-up concert will be performing in Maplewood on August 1 at 2849 Laclede Station Road. Everyone is welcome.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

DISCUSSION OF 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS: Council members asked ACM Traxler if capital improvement funds could be used to help fund repairs needed at the library building. ACM Traxler will work with library director Ashley Bryant to determine the repairs needed and he stated they could. Other items discussed were cosmetic improvements to the east end of Manchester such as the Yale bus stop, adding a pocket park, covered bus stops, lighting, or rental assistance for tenants. ACM Traxler stated that after the Manchester overlay project is completed, a potential pedestrian crosswalk is being investigated and sidewalk improvements and street trees are planned for the eastern entrance to Maplewood. The Council agreed to hold off on deciding to allow the public additional time to comment.

DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS: Finance Director Karen Dilber explained the American Rescue Plan Act funds are designed to assist cities with rebuilding from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The funds are non-recurring and should be applied primarily to non-recurring expenditures. It is predicted the city will receive \$1.4 million in ARPA funds. The Council asked for a list of anticipated expenditures.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: President Evan Loveless presented the Library Board report to the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE A PACKAGED LIQUOR AND SUNDAY PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENSE FOR U-GAS LOCATED AT 3033 S. HANLEY ROAD: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE A FULL LIQUOR AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KGI, LLC LOCATED AT 3233 LACLEDE STATION ROAD: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

R21-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, HONORING AND COMMENDING TERRY MERRELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-19, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REAPPOINTING SEAN O’GORMAN TO THE DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD AND HISTORIC AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REAPPOINTING DANA VALENTI (FORMERLY HUTH) TO THE DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD AND HISTORIC AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING ASHLEIGH JOHNSON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING LORRAINE FRAZIER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING SARAH WALKER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-24, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING JULIE FRANCOIS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-25, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING BETH NEWMAN TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM DUE TO A RESIGNATION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-26, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING REBECCA FLYNN TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-27, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REAPPOINTING SHEILA SUDERWALLA TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-28, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING FELICIA CANN-HANSON TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-29, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REAPPOINTING NIKKI BISEL TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-30, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, APPOINTING STEFAN DENSON TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM AND ESTABLISHING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, REAPPOINTING HEIDI SCHOEN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING HER TERM OF OFFICE AS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024 was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to

approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-32, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR QUIET ZONE SERVICES WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT THE SUTTON BOULEVARD AND GREENWOOD BOULEVARD RAILROAD CROSSING was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-33, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) POLICE PATROL VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATEWIDE CONTRACT AVAILABLE UNDER THE STATE OF MISSOURI'S DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$39,332.00) was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

R21-34, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF KI INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$26,021.48) FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE was introduced. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham to approve the resolution, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

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 third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6165 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote. Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6165 was approved by the City Council on this 13th day of July, 2021 as **Ordinance Number 5960**.

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 third and final reading. A motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt that Bill No. 6166 be tabled

for the reading of the findings of fact, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

The Mayor and City Council make the following findings of fact for the petition for a Conditional Use Permit for a service station with convenience store at 3033 S. Hanley Road:

- The proposed use complies with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will contribute to and promote the community welfare and convenience.
- The proposed use will not cause substantial injury to the value of neighboring property.
- The proposed use does comply with the overall neighborhood development plan and existing zoning provisions.
- The proposed use will provide, if applicable, off-street parking and loading areas in accordance with the standards of the Zoning Code.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase traffic hazards.
- The proposed use will not substantially increase fire hazards.
- The proposed use will not overtax public utilities.
- The proposed use will not place an undue burden on municipal services.

It was then moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that the findings of fact be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Councilmember Schmidt motioned to bring Bill 6166 back onto the table, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6166 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

BILL NO. 6166 was approved by the City Council on this 13th day of July, 2021 as **Ordinance No. 5961**.

(9:22 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Schmidt asked for input on the flyers she designed and a distribution plan was discussed. Councilmember Crosley discussed dates for the town hall meeting. The Council agreed on August 29 to be held virtually. Councilmember Schmidt thanked ACM Traxler and Finance Director Dilber for the city's distinguished budget document and asked that a future meeting include public input and discussion about the budget document. Mayor Knapper also thanked ACM Traxler and Finance Director Dilber and everyone else that assisted with this document.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper noted that new city manager, Michael Reese, will begin on August 9, 2021.
- She reported that St. Louis County Department of Public Health has issued a public health advisory regarding the Delta variant of COVID-19. Go to www.stlcorona.com for more information.

- New MRH School Superintendent Dr. Bonita Jamison started on July 1 and will be reaching out to each of the councilmembers in the near future.
- Mayor Knapper stated that Let Them Eat Art was a great event and thanked the first responders and public works department for their help and assistance to community members when the rain storm came through.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: ACM Traxler mentioned the Wayfair Use Tax legislation recently passed which once fully implemented, will bring in more revenue to cities and help level the playing field between internet sales vs. bricks and sticks businesses.

(9:48 p.m.) PUBLIC FORUM: No one spoke.

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION 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: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to hold a closed session, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned.