

October 12, 2021

The October 12, 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 Page, 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 she asked that the minutes reflect that we are still under the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Sheila Suderwalla asked the City Council to consider the optics of modifying the boards and commission process after a woman of color was elected mayor. She added there seems to be opposition to our first black female mayor at every City Council meeting.

Carla DeRousse stated she asked the City Council to modify the boards and commissions process to help improve communication within this process. She said it's important to note that the boards and commissions process was modified prior to the election of our new mayor and an amicable compromise was reached at tonight's work session moving forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilmember Wood made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the following for being honored at the Mid County Chamber awards dinner: Karen Scheidt for business person of the year, Jason Watkins for citizen of the year and Jordan Willimann for educator of the year.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval of the Council.

(7:41 p.m.) **R21-45**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, TO ACCEPT THE BID OF FOSTER'S CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SIX CENTS (\$69,686.76) FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS WITHIN INCOME ELIGIBLE AREAS OF THE CITY USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS 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, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

BILL 6173, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 34-OFFENSES TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XI.-RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANTS was given its first reading. Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham. Discussion was held. Councilmember Crosley motioned to amend the ordinance to reflect that the minimum violation be \$200 and the maximum be \$1,000, seconded by Councilmember Page and was approved by the Council. Councilmember Schmidt motioned to approve Bill 6173 as amended, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

On its second reading, it was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6173 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6174, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO MARGARET SQUIRES TO OPERATE A DOG GROOMING BUSINESS AT 3110 SUTTON BOULEVARD was given its first reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6174 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 Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6174 be passed to its third and final reading, which motion received the approval, by voice vote, of the Council.

BILL 6171, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V11. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS (C) TO CREATE A HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6171 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6171 was approved by the City Council on this 12th day of October, 2021 as **Ordinance Number 5966**.

BILL 6172, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 38-PERSONNEL, ARTICLE IX.-HOURS OF WORK, LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND OTHER BENEFITS, SEC. 38-259, TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR LEAVE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE was given its third and final reading. It was moved by Councilmember Schmidt, duly seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, that Bill No. 6172 be approved, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Mayor Knapper, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood. Nays, none.

Bill No. 6172 was approved by the City Council on this 12th day of October, 2021 as **Ordinance Number 5967**.

(7:58 p.m.) OLD BUSINESS – ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEES UPDATE: Mayor Knapper stated that on October 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., City Attorney Graves and Dr. Robert Cropf will conduct a session about the ordinances that each committee will be focusing on. The session will be conducted over ZOOM and will be recorded.

OLD BUSINESS – KIDS COMMUNITY INPUT PROJECT UPDATE: Councilmember Schmidt reported that advertising on social media and getting the word out would begin on October 15, 2021 with flyers to be distributed to the schools, city hall and the library. Project submission deadline will be December 15, 2021. Produce report of kid's thoughts and ideas for a council goalsetting session in January.

OLD BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 16, 2021 BUDGET TOWN HALL OUTLINE AND DISCUSSION: City Manager Reese reviewed the proposed outline. The breakout session was discussed. The council asked that more time be allotted for Karen Dilber for budget education, overview and timeline.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION: Councilmember Wood thanked everyone involved in the recent regional night out events especially the police and fire departments.

Councilmember Page thanked his wife for her understanding that he needed to attend tonight's council meeting on their 19th wedding anniversary.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Knapper reported that her *Move with the Mayor* yoga event held this past Saturday was a success. She thanked the instructors from the studios of Urban Breath yoga studio, the Collective yoga studio and Complete Harmony Yoga for Youth.
- Mayor Knapper encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.
- Mayor Knapper will be taking part in the Ryan Hummert Scholarship run on October 23 and urged everyone to join her in support of Ryan Hummert.
- Mayor Knapper will begin having *Coffee Talks with the Mayor*. Look for future posts on social media.
- Mayor Knapper congratulated Deputy City Clerk Karen Scheidt on receiving the Mid County Chamber award.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

(8:18 p.m.) 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 to discuss matters relating to documents related to a negotiated contract under Section 610.021(12)RSMO, seconded by Councilmember Faulkingham, which motion received the following roll call vote: Ayes, Mayor Knapper, members Crosley, Faulkingham, Page, Phillips, Schmidt and Wood.

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