

AGENDA
MAPLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
MANAGER WORKSHOP
6:00 P.M. Monday, May 09, 2022
City Hall, Council Chambers

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
None
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Single-Family Rehabilitation Program – University of Minnesota Student Presentation
- F. ADJOURNMENT**

RULES OF CIVILITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Following are rules of civility the City of Maplewood expects of everyone appearing at Council Meetings - elected officials, staff and citizens. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone's opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. We appreciate the fact that when appearing at Council meetings, it is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

Speak only for yourself, not for other council members or citizens - unless specifically tasked by your colleagues to speak for the group or for citizens in the form of a petition.

Show respect during comments and/or discussions, listen actively and do not interrupt or talk amongst each other.

Be respectful of the process, keeping order and decorum. Do not be critical of council members, staff or others in public.

Be respectful of each other's time keeping remarks brief, to the point and non-repetitive.

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP STAFF REPORT
Meeting Date May 9, 2022

REPORT TO: Melinda Coleman, City Manager

REPORT FROM: Jeff Thomson, Community Development Director

PRESENTER: Jeff Thomson, Community Development

AGENDA ITEM: Single-Family Rehabilitation Program – University of Minnesota Student Presentation

Action Requested: Motion Discussion Public Hearing

Form of Action: Resolution Ordinance Contract/Agreement Proclamation

Policy Issue:

The graduate students from the Housing Policy course at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs will be presenting their final report for their study of a single-family rehabilitation program in Maplewood.

Recommended Action:

No action is requested at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Is There a Fiscal Impact? No Yes, the true or estimated cost is \$0.00

Financing source(s): Adopted Budget Budget Modification New Revenue Source
 Use of Reserves Other: N/A

Strategic Plan Relevance:

Community Inclusiveness Financial & Asset Mgmt Environmental Stewardship
 Integrated Communication Operational Effectiveness Targeted Redevelopment

The single-family housing program would support neighborhood investment, affordable housing, and home-ownership opportunities in Maplewood.

Background:

The Maplewood City Council, Economic Development Authority, and Housing and Economic Development Commission completed a strategic plan for economic development in Maplewood in 2020. One of the strategies identified as a high priority is addressing the gaps in the city's housing stock and making progress on the housing goals and policies identified in the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. One of the potential housing programs that have been identified is a single-family home acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale program.

The proposed program would be consistent with several goals and policies in the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, including:

- Pursue opportunities to upgrade, enhance, and maintain the existing housing stock as part of efforts to revitalize existing neighborhoods and to promote redevelopment in various areas of the city.
- Partner with agencies and community organizations to implement aesthetic and quality of life improvements at distressed housing sites.
- Advocate that housing in Maplewood will accommodate all racial and ethnic groups in the purchase, sale, rental, and location of housing in the city.
- Promote housing development that respects the natural environment of Maplewood while striving to meet the need for a variety of housing types and costs.
- Promote sustainable housing that is energy efficient, and utilizes green building and operation techniques.
- Improve the availability of affordable housing for both homeowners and renters.

The city council has allocated \$350,000 to support launching a single-family housing program and is interested in partnering with Ramsey County, and its implementation of a new county-wide HRA levy, to build a rehabilitation program to support the city's housing goals.

University of Minnesota – Resilient Communities Project

The city is partnering with the University of Minnesota Resilient Communities Project to research and develop a single-family housing program for Maplewood. The Resilient Communities Project (RCP) partners with local government agencies in Minnesota on locally defined projects that advance community sustainability, equity, or resilience. Research and technical assistance is provided by graduate and professional students and faculty at the University of Minnesota from a variety of departments and disciplines.

We have been matched with faculty and students from a couple of courses at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. The courses are conducting background research, engaging stakeholders, outlining policy considerations, and developing program recommendations and best practices for implementation of a program in Maplewood.

The first graduate student group has completed their final report for their portion of the project and will be presenting their findings at the council workshop. Their presentation will include background research, potential partners, additional funding sources, and program options for the council's feedback and discussion. They have also explored equity and sustainability considerations for the potential program.

The partnership with RCP is not complete. We have been matched with a graduate student capstone course for the Summer 2022 academic term. The final scope of work for the next student group has not yet been finalized. However, we expect the next student group to build on the work of the Housing Policy course, further engage the community, stakeholders, and potential partners, and present additional recommendations for policies and program criteria.

The student deliverables for the project will ultimately be used by the city to develop the policies and program criteria so that the city can successfully implement a single-family rehabilitation program.

Attachments:

None