

AGENDA
MAPLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
MANAGER WORKSHOP
6:30 P.M. Monday, January 22, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
None
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Maplewood Mall - Former Sears Building Discussion
- F. ADJOURNMENT**

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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 January 22, 2024

REPORT TO: Melinda Coleman, City Manager
REPORT FROM: Danette Parr, Community Development Director
PRESENTER: Danette Parr, Community Development Director
AGENDA ITEM: Maplewood Mall – Former Sears Building Discussion

Action Requested: Motion Discussion Public Hearing
Form of Action: Resolution Ordinance Contract/Agreement Proclamation

Policy Issue:

Toua Xiong will join the City Council to introduce himself and share his future vision and timing of redevelopment for the former Sears building at the Maplewood Mall, located at 3001 White Bear Ave N.

Recommended Action:

This item is for discussion purposes only. No action is needed.

Fiscal Impact:

Is There a Fiscal Impact? No Yes, the true or estimated cost is \$0
 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 site is meant to serve as a local and regional economic activity center for obtaining goods and services, wellness, work, recreation, socialization, learning, and living.

Background:

In July 2018, the Seritage ownership group closed the Sears retail store at Maplewood Mall. The space has remained vacant since that time. In November 2023, Hmongtown 2 LLC purchased the former Sears building and parking area (approximately 14 acres). Toua Xiong is the owner and developer of Hmongtown 2 LLC and the owner of Hmongtown Marketplace, an indoor and outdoor market area at 217 Como Avenue in Saint Paul.

As a part of the workshop, Mr. Xiong will share his vision for the site and be available to answer questions the Council may have regarding the site's future.

Attachments:

None