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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Ramsey
Councilmember Randy Backous
Councilmember David Elvig
Councilmember David Jeffrey
Councilmember Colin McGlone
Councilmember Jason Tossey
Councilmember Jeffrey Wise

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Associate Planner Tim Gladhill
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Finance Director Dianna Lund
Associate Planner Timothy Gladhill
Public Works Director Brian Olson
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
City Attorney William Goodrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ramsey.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Wise, Backous, Elvig, McGlone, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 5.1 Cash & Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2010
- 5.2 November 2010 Financial Report – General Fund & Enterprise Funds
- 5.3 Note the Following Commission and Board Meeting Minutes
11/18/10 Special EDA
12/06/10 EPB
- 5.4 Approval for Exemption for a Gambling License for Minnesota Waterfowl Association – Rum River Chapter
- 5.5 Approve License Applications
- 5.6 Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
11/23/10 Regular City Council
12/14/10 Special City Council
12/14/10 City Council Work Session
12/14/10 Regular City Council
- 5.7 Reaffirm Adoption of Organizational Resolutions adopted January 4, 2011
- 5.8 Adopt Resolution #11-01-007 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing During the Period of December 9, 2010 through December 30, 2010.
- 5.9 Adopt Resolution #11-01-008 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing During the Period of December 31, 2010 through January 5, 2011.
- 5.10 Adopt Resolution #11-01-009 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale
- 5.11 Adopt Resolution #11-01-010 Formally Terminating Sister-City Relationship with Loudi, China
- 5.12 Adopt Resolution #11-01-011 Approving the City of Ramsey's 2012 Budget Calendar

- 5.13 Adopt Resolution #11-01-012 to Request Repeal/No-Reauthorization and no Extension of Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Rulemaking
- 5.14 Adopt Resolution #11-01-013 Authorizing Final Payment to American Liberty Construction for IP 08-22 Sunfish Lake Park
- 5.15 Adopt Resolution #11-01-014 Approving Final Payment to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. for Improvement Project #08-37, County Pond Storm Sewer Outlet
- 5.16 Adopt Resolution #11-01-015 Authorizing 1st Partial Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 10-07 Alpine Drive/Roanoke Street Improvements
- 5.17 Adopt Resolution #11-01-016 Authorizing 17th Partial Payment to Chicago Bridge & Iron (CB&I), Inc. for IP 08-21 Water Tower #3
- 5.18 Adopt Resolution #11-01-017 Authorizing 1st Partial Payment to Dryden Excavating for 176th Avenue Culvert Replacement
- 5.19 Adopt Resolution #11-01-018 Authorizing 2nd Partial Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 08-34, The Bituminous Paving of 151st and 152nd Avenues, Fluorine Street
- 5.20 Approve Amendment No. 3 to Funding Agreement for Cooperative Commuter Rail Station Development (Ramsey Station); Contract #2010-0226C
- 5.21 Adopt Resolution #11-01-019 League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Liability Coverage Waiver Form – Consider Waiting/No Waiving Statutory Tort Limits
- 5.22 Adopt Resolution #11-01-020 related to parking restrictions on CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard), from Basalt Street NW to Germanium Street NW
- 5.23 Adopt Resolution #11-01-021 to Prohibit Parking on Alpine Drive NW from 500 Feet West of CR #57 in the City of Ramsey, Minnesota, for State Aid Project 199-107-007 (S.P. 02-596-11) and Resolution #11-01-022 to Prohibit Parking on CR #57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) from 1,500 Feet South of Alpine Drive NW to 1,400 Feet North of Alpine Drive NW in the City of Ramsey, Minnesota, for State Aid project 199-020-009 (S.P. 02-596-11)

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Wise, Backous, Elvig, Jeffrey, McGlone, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01: Public Hearing to Consider a Street Name Change for a Portion of Azurite Street to 143rd Avenue in the Sunfish Lake Business Park

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

Public Hearing

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Presentation

Associate Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Citizen Input

Don Patterson, General Manager Diamond Graphics, stated they would prefer to not have the name change due to the inconvenience. He noted they have not had any issues with people finding their business. He stated this would be the second address change in the past two years for them. He stated if the name was changed, he preferred it not be confusing. He preferred it be named all one name. He asked the Council to find another solution if the name needed to be changed.

Councilmember Wise asked who had inquired about this street.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated over the years staff has received comments from people who were trying to find this area, especially for motorists who had not been in the area before.

Councilmember McGlone did not believe the problem would be corrected. He asked if it would be possible to make the change to a named street.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated staff had looked at this, but it was difficult to come up with a name that would not cause confusion. He noted when special names were created that were not a part of the grid, especially a small segment, caused confusion in general response.

Councilmember McGlone recommended changing the name to something different to clear up the confusion.

Fire Chief Kapler understood the hassle this would cause the businesses, but he believed the renaming of the street was a good idea. He stated it was important to stay with the grid for public safety purposes. He suggested the City could send a letter to Diamond Graphics customers as to why the City was changing the name of the street.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Elvig, Jeffrey, Backous, McGlone, Tossey, and Wise. Voting No: None.

The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Council Business

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 7:16 p.m.

Councilmember Wise stated as long as Diamond Graphics agreed that the City should send a letter to their customers/supplier, he was not against the proposal.

Councilmember Backus stated he would rather change the whole road.

Mayor Ramsey stated he was not opposed to this.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated if the Council was recommending a name change for the road, he stated staff would like the opportunity to discuss names, renote the public hearing, and bring this back.

Councilmember Jeffrey stated he was not opposed to this, but it was a short stretch of road and he would like to have one name for this road.

Associate Planner Gladhill recommended this case be tabled for staff research on a street name and to contact the rest of the property owners for their feedback.

Councilmember Elvig requested staff reach out to the EDA also.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, to table indefinitely.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Backous, Elvig, McGlone, Tossey, and Wise. Voting No: None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Exceed the Amount of Square Footage Allowed for Accessory Structures Located at 8150 - 144th Avenue NW; Case of Leon Richter

Associate Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Wise stated it appeared there was a lot of screening of trees. He stated he liked this proposal.

Leon Richter, 8150 - 144th Avenue NW, stated he was present for any questions. He stated he was 1,052 over.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to adopt Resolution #11-01-023 adopting Findings of Fact #0882 related to the request for a conditional use permit for oversizing of accessory structures and adopt Resolution #11-01-024 providing the conditional use permit for oversizing of accessory structures, based on the Findings of Fact.

Further discussion: Councilmember Elvig stated he did not have any issues with this, but how were the upgrades being rationalized. Associate Planner Gladhill responded it depended on the size of the land as well as where on the land the structure was being proposed to be placed. Councilmember McGlone stated he liked the proposal, but the issue he had was the escrow. He asked how the City would be certain Mr. Richter did the deal. Associate Planner Gladhill responded if Mr. Richter did not comply, the City had actions that could be taken to ensure compliance.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Wise, Backous, Elvig, Jeffrey, McGlone, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

7.02: Consider Award for Contract for Engineering Services related to City Project 11-21, the Signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lakes Boulevards, and Associated Infrastructure Improvements to Serve the Legacy Christian Academy Development

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to award a contract to WSB in the amount of \$291,344 for City project 11-21, the signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevards, and associated infrastructure improvements to serve the Legacy Christian Academy development contingent upon the approval of an agreement with LCA for design fees up to a maximum of \$106,000 which agreement is provided under a separate case.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Elvig, Wise, Backous, Jeffrey, McGlone, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

7.03: Consider agreement with Legacy Christian Academy for Reimbursement of Engineering Design Fees related to City Project 11-21; the Signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lakes Boulevard, and Associated Infrastructure Improvements to Serve the Legacy Christian Academy Development

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

City Attorney Goodrich asked if the Council wanted escrow for the money the City might spend for engineering fees.

City Engineer Himmer noted requiring an escrow had been done before.

Councilmember Elvig stated it made sense to obtain an escrow to protect the City.

Councilmember Wise stated he would be in favor of a letter of credit.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, to approve the engineering design services reimbursement agreement with LCA, subject to the review and approval by the City Attorney and with a reasonable escrow.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Elvig, Jeffrey, Backous, McGlone, Tossey, and Wise. Voting No: None.

7.04: Review Go Cart Concept at Former Oasis Market Site Located at 14550 Armstrong Boulevard NW; Case of Karl Janzen

Associate Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

City Manager Ulrich recommended the Council waive the escrow and instruct staff to look into this proposal further and come back to the Council at a future worksession.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to authorize the waiving of the \$600.00 escrow and staff be directed to work with the applicant to put together an agreement and bring this to a worksession based on the rationale that this is for the potential of a public purpose and benefit to the City.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Elvig, McGlone, Backous, Jeffrey, Tossey, and Wise. Voting No: None.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

Councilmember Tossey stated he had been approached by a couple of Councilmembers and he wanted to make it clear that he was not thinking the City had not done anything in the past year.

Mayor Ramsey noted the Mayor Snowmobile Ride was coming up and applicants are available.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Elvig seconded by Councilmember Wise, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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