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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember David Jeffrey

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Public Works Director Brian Olson
Senior Planner Timothy Gladhill
Assistant City Engineer Tim Himmer
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 Elk River Government Class Students.

2. PRESENTATION

Following approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes approval of End of Probationary Periods, the following Fire Fighters were presented: Cory Helgoe, Steve Lundeen, Paul Reighard.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

City Administrator Ulrich stated Item 12 in the Consent Agenda, Introduce Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 117-118 (Town Center) of the Ramsey City Code; Case of City of Ramsey,

should be moved to the regular Agenda Item 7.6 and the title will be changed to say “adopt” instead of “introduce”.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.01 Approve the following License Applications:

Vehicle, D. Allen Holding LLC, 7060 – 143rd Avenue NW – Suite 2, Ramsey, MN 55303

Vehicle, TMBC LLC dba Crystal Pierz Marine, 6781 Highway #10 NW – Suite 110, Ramsey, MN 55303

Peddler/ Solicitor, Walters Recycling & Refuse, Inc., P.O. Box 67, Circle Pines, MN 55014

Peddler/Solicitor, Custom Remodelers Inc., 474 Apollo Drive, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Peddler/Solicitor, American Exteriors of MN LLC, 1408 Northland Drive, Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Pawnbroker, Vehicle Pledge – Div. of Berwyck Group LLC, 6740 NW Highway #10 NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Pawnbroker, Ramsey Pawn LLC, dba Twin Cities Pawn, 6650 Highway #10 NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Special Events, Northgate Church, 7250 E. Ramsey Pkwy, Ramsey, MN 55303

Temporary On-Sale Liquor, Church of St. Katharine Drexel, 7101 – 143rd Avenue NW – Suite G, Ramsey, MN 55303

5.02 Approve the following City Council and City Council Committee Meeting Minutes:

a) January 18, 2011 City Council Work Session

b) January 24 - 25, 2011 Strategic Planning Session

c) February 1, 2011 Special City Council

d) February 1, 2011 City Council Work Session

5.03 Reschedule May 24, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting to May 31, 2011

5.04 Approve Exemption for a Gambling License for Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota

5.05 Accept Plans and Specifications, and authorization to bid City project #09-25;

Dysprosium Street improvements

5.06 Adopt Resolution #11-04-081 amending the terms of the Conditional Use Permit relating to the operation of a religious institution in the R-1 Residential District to allow external activities to occur on the property between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

5.07 Approve agreement for online auction services

5.08 Adopt Resolution #11-04-082 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of March 17, 2011 through April 6, 2011

5.09 Adopt Resolution #11-04-083 Proclaiming April 29, 2011 as "Arbor Day" and the Month of May, 2011 as "Arbor Month"

- 5.10 Adopt Resolution #11-04-084 relating to parking restrictions for the Dysprosium Street NW Reconstruction Project, State Aid project 199-110-106
- 5.11 Introduce an Ordinance amending Section City Code Section 30-3 titled Property Conditions constituting a public nuisance AND amending City Code Section 2-332 titled Abatement and relating to the abatement of grass, weeds or noxious growths in excess of eight inches in height.
- 5.12 Moved to Regular Agenda
- 5.13 Report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on March 22, 2011.
 - 1) Consider a Resolution to Authorize a Paid-on-call Firefighter Recruitment *Ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and adopt Resolution #11-04-085 Authorizing a Paid-on-call Firefighter Recruitment.*
 - 2) Consider a Resolution Ending the Probation of Paid-On-Call Firefighters *Ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and adopt Resolution #11-04-086 approving the End of Probation of Paid-On-Call Firefighters.*
- 5.14 Report from Public Works
 - 1) Consider Agreement with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding Ambient Groundwater Quality Monitoring Wells *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and authorize the use of City owned property to install monitoring wells by Minnesota Pollution control Agency.*
 - 2) Consider Policy for the Disposition of Surplus Wood and Tree Waste – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve the Policy for the Disposition of Surplus Wood and Tree Waste*
 - 3) Consider Update on Retro Fitting of Public Works Lighting – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve the project and contracting with AID Electric for installation of the fluorescent option and that the AID proposal be further modified to require disposal of all fixtures as described in the vehicle storage building.*
 - 4) Discuss Trail Construction in Conjunction with an Overlay to Alpine Drive near Alpine Park

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01 Public Hearing for City Improvement projects #11-01 through 11-06; 2011 Street Maintenance Program

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 7:08 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

Public Hearing

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 7:08 p.m.

Presentation

City Planner Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Citizen Input

There was none.

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

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Council Business

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to approve the feasibility study for the 2011 Street Maintenance Program; including any proposed revisions.

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

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Consider authorization to bid City project #11-21; the signalization of Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevards

Assistant City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Ramsey noted some residents may question why the school is paying a portion and the City is paying a portion. He stated it is due to an agreement that was made in 2009, which the City is honoring.

Mr. Himmer added the funding from the City is going to come from State Aid, and not from the City's General Fund.

Public Works Director Olson added the County paid for approximately one-third of the roadway improvements.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to authorize the solicitation of bids for City project #11-21.

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

7.02: Request to Approve Anoka County Connectivity Services Agreement for Broadband Services

City Attorney Goodrich reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the agreement with the noted amendments and to grant the City Attorney authorization to agree to any additional modifications that may be proposed by the County.

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

7.03: Request to Adopt Ordinance to Amend Section 117-90 "Map" of Chapter 117 of the Ramsey City Code Related to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan; Case of the City of Ramsey

Senior Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember McGlone commented there were a few residents in the room at the last meeting that thought their taxes may go up in response to this issue. He noted they will not be going up as a result.

Senior Planner Gladhill explained that staff received a response from the County Planner, which reiterated this will not trigger a change to residents' assessed value. Functional use changes may occur such as residential to commercial. He suggested residents call City Hall or go to the City's website if there are any concerns.

Councilmember McGlone asked Senior Planner Gladhill to explain legal non-conforming use, also called grandfathering.

Senior Planner Gladhill clarified if a resident has been approved for a certain use or tax level currently, the City cannot demand a resident change to conform to future regulations. This is in the City Statute.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #11-03 to amend section 117-90 "Map" of Chapter 117 of the Ramsey City Code related to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Jeffrey	absent
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye

Mayor Ramsey aye

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

7.04: Request for Adopt Ordinance to Amend City Subdivision Code Related to Financial Sureties for Required Improvements

City Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Elvig stated he appreciated the amendments that have been incorporated into this ordinance. He suggested staff document what worked, and what didn't, and visit this in 12 months.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #11-04 amending the City's subdivision ordinance related to financial sureties including the amendments proposed at this meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Jeffrey	absent
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

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

7.05: Consider Proposed Amendment to Purchase Agreement - The Residence at The COR

Deputy City Administrator Nelson reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the proposed amendment to the purchase agreement contingent on the HRA's approval of the agreement in the next HRA meeting.

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

7.06: Introduce Ordinance to Adopt City Code Section 117-118 (Town Center) of the Ramsey City Code; Case of City of Ramsey

Senior Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #11-05 to Adopt City Code Section 117-118 (Town Center) of the Ramsey City Code; Case of City of Ramsey

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Jeffrey	absent
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

May 24 CC Meeting Rescheduled

The May 24 City Council meeting has been rescheduled to May 31, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. due to some Councilmembers attending the ICSC Conference.

Support for Councilmember Jeffrey

Mayor Ramsey reported Councilmember Jeffrey has been absent the past few meetings, and had just learned he is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Councilmember Jeffrey will have surgery for the tumor. Mayor Ramsey asked for support for Councilmember Jeffrey.

Joint City Council Meeting w/EDA

City Administrator Ulrich noted there is a Joint Council EDA meeting on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. He noted staff is in the process of scheduling joint meetings with surrounding cities.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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