

RESOLUTION #11-06-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION TO PROMOTING GREATER EFFICIENCY IN THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the county, cities, and school districts in Anoka County have been meeting to explore and improve the cooperation and collaboration between the local units of government; and,

WHEREAS, the local units of government in Anoka County have a history of working together to reduce costs and provide efficient services; and,

WHEREAS, the economic, social, and civic environments continue to change, requiring local units of government to develop new methods of service delivery; and,

WHEREAS, the changes in the roles and working relationships of elected officials, staff, and constituents, the evolution of the services to be delivered, and the degree and accountability of authority require vision-driven leadership; and,

WHEREAS, we must lead through an uncertain financial future, unstable economic conditions, undesirable financial trends, unfamiliar budget practices, changing organizational models, worried employees, and a concerned population,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. That the City of Ramsey embraces the concept of cooperation and collaboration to promote greater efficiency in the use of public resources and is committed to exploring opportunities.
2. That the City of Ramsey supports the efforts of the City, County, and School Collaboration Project and endorses the five principal focus areas:
 - a) Trust and Information Sharing: Establishing an environment of trust among the cities, county, and school districts, and developing better working relationships and providing more cost-effective public services.
 - b) Service Sharing: Facilitating efficient and cost-effective sharing of services, facilities, and other resources.
 - c) Fiber and Technology: Maximizing the use of fiber and shared technology to support public services.

- d) Economic Development: Promoting a business-friendly environment that expands and retains a dynamic range of business and industry within our communities.
 - e) Citizen Communication: Developing effective, consistent, and ongoing communication networks with citizens, businesses, and other stakeholders.
3. That the City Administrator of the City of Ramsey shall lead and direct staff to work with other units of government to implement this project and keep the City Council of the City of Ramsey informed and engaged in the process.
 4. That the staff of the City of Ramsey at all levels are encouraged and directed to work with their counterparts in other governmental units to identify opportunities for cooperation and consolidation and recommend these opportunities to their supervisors.
 5. That the managers and supervisors of the City of Ramsey are hereby authorized to test opportunities for cooperation and consolidation of services and implement them where practical.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 14th day of June 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk