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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 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: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson
Public Works Director Brian Olson
Senior Planner Timothy Gladhill
City Engineer Tim Himmer
City Attorney William Goodrich
Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson
Human Resources Representative Colleen Lasher

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

Mayor Ramsey noted that Council, staff, family, and friends had met prior to the Council meeting to honor former Councilmember David Jeffrey.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

City Administrator Ulrich stated staff suggests adding Item 5.15 Resolution Recognizing Councilmember David Jeffrey for His Service to the City of Ramsey and Item 7.06 Consider

Change Order for City Project #10-07, 151st and 152nd Avenues and Fluorine Street, Soils and Turf Re-Establishment.

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers 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:

5.01 Approve the following licenses:

Special Events Permit

City of Ramsey Happy Days - 7550 Sunwood Drive NW - September 16 - 18

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Boulevard NW - Outdoor Services - 10:30 - amplified music - May 29 - September 4

Motor Vehicle

Auto Fitness and Service Center - 7029 Highway #10 NW

5.02 Approve Special Event Permit for The Draw for 2011

5.03 Approve Rental License - Savannah Oaks Senior Apartments

5.04 Approve Lease Agreement for 6811 Hwy 10 by TMBC, LLC dba Crystal Pierz Marine

5.05 Authorization to Purchase Wetland Banking Credits for City Improvement Project #11-21; Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevard Intersection Signalization

5.06 Adopt Resolution #11-06-114 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received during the Period of June 9, 2011 through June 22, 2011

5.07 Adopt Resolution #11-06-115 Extending and Amending the Terms of an Interim Use Permit for Grading and Mining Purposes through December 31, 2011; Case of BNSF Railway Company

5.08 Adopt Resolution #11-06-116 Approving Minnesota Law, 2011, Chapter 112, Article 11, Section 16 (TIF District 14)

5.09 Adopt Resolution #11-06-117 Appointing Councilmember Backous to Serve on the Public Works Committee

5.10 Adopt Resolution #11-06-118 Appointing Councilmember Tossey to Serve as the Primary Council Representative to the Joint Law Enforcement Council

5.11 Adopt Resolution #11-06-119 Appointing Representatives to the Connect Anoka County Broadband Governance Group

5.12 Adopt Resolution #11-06-120 Amending the "Policy for Appointing Board and Commission Members"

5.13 Adopt Resolution #11-06-121 Renaming A Public Park within the COR

5.14 Adopt Resolution 11-06-122 Authorizing 3rd Partial Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 10-07 Alpine Drive/Roanoke Street Improvements

5.15 Adopt Resolution #11-06-123 Recognizing Councilmember David Jeffrey for His Service to the City of Ramsey

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Ordinance to Amend to Chapter 117 of City Code Relating to Required Depth of Topsoil; Case of City of Ramsey

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Ramsey stated that when the six-inch topsoil depth standard was adopted, the City cast a burden on developments already graded by requesting that they remove two inches of topsoil. He said this outcome was never considered.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to waive the Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #11-09 to amend Chapter 117 of City Code reducing the required depth of topsoil from six (6) to four (4) inches.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

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

Motion carried.

7.02: Consider a Resolution Approving the 2011-2012 LELS Sergeant's Labor Contract

Human Resources Representative Lasher reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember McGlone stated he will be opposing this resolution and contract because it will result in the only group receiving a raise as well as paid work out time, which is half of the full time equivalents.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Resolution 11-06-124 to approve the 2011-2012 LELS Sergeant's Labor Contract.

Further discussion: Mayor Ramsey noted the raise would be for 2012, which has not yet been budgeted. He stated that while this will open up discussions for other groups, others have gone to arbitration so this contract is in the best interest of the City. Ms. Lasher stated the Patrol group would be negative for two percent as of January 1, 2012.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Tossey, Backous, Elvig, and Wise. Voting No: Councilmember McGlone.

7.03: Appoint Alternate Council Representative to Economic Development Authority

City Administrator Ulrich reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Ramsey nominated Councilmember Backous as the alternate Council representative to the Economic Development Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to Resolution #11-06-125 Appointing Councilmember Backous as Alternate Council Representative to the Economic Development Authority.

Further discussion: None.

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

7.04: Consider Change Order for City Project #10-07; Alpine/Roanoke Street Improvements

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Elvig asked if the pedestrian ramps would be \$7,000 on just this project.

City Engineer Himmer said there would be 12-13 ramps or almost double, adding there was to be 10 feet of curb removal but will now be 18 feet, as the ramps have to be full width across and maintained.

Councilmember Elvig clarified the ramps will be \$700 to \$800 each.

City Engineer Himmer stated that was correct.

Councilmember Elvig inquired about funding.

City Engineer Himmer stated funding would come from MSA funds for the pedestrian ramps, trails, and sod all being eligible except for 10% of the landscaping, which the City will get back at the end of the year.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the change order for trail extension and pedestrian ramp upgrades to current MnDOT standards, and consideration of potential turf establishment revisions.

Further discussion: Councilmember Wise asked if the turf establishment will be more because of the North Fork location and asked if this is an unnecessary expense. City Engineer Himmer said if this were to happen today the turf restoration would be included as good or better, adding that on Alpine Street work is not assessable so the City would likely get many questions of why we restored on one side and not the other. He said seed is a good option and the City cannot attribute this to any certain property. Councilmember McGlone said he is concerned about path elevations undulating above the curve making it harder to mow. He asked if this sod is designated for some of those other areas, adding 400 yards seems to be a lot. City Engineer Himmer explained that seed and blankets were included in the original contract with geo-mesh blanket to avoid gas mains, and the contractor followed the grade as best they could but likely erred on the side of boulevard snow storage. Councilmember McGlone said he wanted to clarify this point for the residents to better understand this change and why the heights will vary. Mayor Ramsey said it is appropriate to restore the yards, as they were very nice in this area. Councilmember Elvig noted Council has not set policy on how to do this but will do so through policy review over the next few weeks. Councilmember Wise said he was pleased that this action is not precedent setting and will be up for review.

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

7.05: Consider Award of Contract for Improvement Project #10-22, Ramsey Municipal Parking Facility

Public Works Director Olson reviewed the staff report and noted the \$4.1 million engineer's estimate resulted in a \$2.68 million contract with Knutson, which was competitively bid. He said the City has 60 days to award the contract, after which the City includes bid alternates to give flexibility for both the Council and contractor to construct after August 25, 2011, at a cost to be defined within the different bids.

Councilmember Elvig asked staff to bring all the changes to Council first unless untimely. He said he would like to manage the change orders.

Public Works Director Olson said that would be fine as long as it does not delay the decision-making.

Councilmember Backous suggested delaying this vote.

City Attorney Goodrich suggested tabling the item instead.

Mayor Ramsey said there is no need to table because this is an informational item at this point only and no vote is necessary.

Councilmember Elvig suggested clarifying Council's position more formally.

Public Works Director Olson said that action would not be necessary because Council has the authority to delay action for 60 days.

City Administrator Ulrich suggested a motion to bring this item back in 60 days for formal action.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to bring back consideration of award of contract for Improvement Project #10-22, Ramsey Municipal Parking Facility by August 9, 2011, to award contract without penalty or alternate.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Wise, Elvig, Backous, and McGlone. Voting No: Councilmember Tossey.

7.06: Consider Change Order for City Project #10-07, 151st and 152nd Avenues and Florine, Soils and Turf Re-Establishment

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report, adding the current contract outlined importing material through the City but that cost should not be absorbed by the contractor or assessed. He added time and material estimates are outlined as not to exceed \$9,000, and the change order will be funded through the public improvement fund.

Councilmember McGlone asked if the residents have been informed of this change order.

City Engineer Himmer said notice was given to the residents last Friday and the contractor is prepared to do the work immediately. He said the notice also offered residents to do the work on their own and receive a credit for the seed of \$0.15/sq. ft. or \$110.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve Change Order for City Project #10-07, 151st and 152nd Avenues and Florine, Soils and Turf Re-Establishment.

Further discussion: Councilmember Tossey confirmed there would be no increase to the residents' assessment.

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

Schedule

The following schedule was acknowledged:

- 1) Local Government Officials Meeting - Wednesday, June 29 - Chomonix Golf Course, Lino Lakes
- 2) City offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day, Monday, July 4

- 3) There will be no EDA meeting on July 4 - the July meeting has been canceled
- 4) There will be no Council or HRA Work Session on Tuesday, July 5

Filings Closed for Special Election

City Administrator Ulrich stated that election filings have closed and the ballot will include the following candidates: Brenda Look, Sarah Strommen, Thomas Towberman, and Tim Wrenn. He said the special election will be held on August 16.

Mayor Ramsey encouraged candidates to check with City staff about campaign signage rules.

Events at The Draw

Mayor Ramsey said last week's event at The COR included a wonderful concert by Big Walter Smith, but approximately 100 people attended because of the poor weather. He encouraged residents to attend this week's event featuring sailboat and remote control boats at the amphitheater in The Draw.

State Shutdown

Councilmember Elvig asked if any City operations will be affected if the State government shuts down.

City Administrator Ulrich said the shutdown will have some effect on road construction projects such as a delay in the parking ramp and other roadway projects. He said that while Ramsey does not rely on Local Government Aid, licensing and regulations such as permits through the State will be unavailable, water inspections and private contracting. City Administrator Ulrich stated essential services will be determined and remain in effect, so there are no concerns about health, safety, and wellness matters. City Administrator Ulrich stated the shut down will affect mostly projects and State approval delays, such as Board of Soil and Water Conservation.

Mayor Ramsey encouraged the public to obtain their tabs and licenses from the License Center in case the State government shuts down.

Ramsey Raceway

Councilmember Wise announced that Ramsey Raceway will be open on July 8, which is a slight delay because of the recent rain and weather.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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