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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 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 Sarah Strommen
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
Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson
Human Resources Representative Colleen Lasher
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 Alec, an Elk River High School Student. Alec introduced himself and indicated he was in attendance as part of a government class.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: Happy Days: Appreciation

City Administrator Ulrich and Mayor Ramey extended the City's appreciation to all who contributed to making the 2011 City of Ramsey Happy Days a huge success including Happy Days Committee members, City Council Members, City staff members, the Ramsey Foundation, and sponsors.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4:01 Receive September 2011 Building Activity Report
- 4:02 Note the following Commission and Board Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) Economic Development Authority meeting minutes dated August 25, 2011
 - 2) Joint Planning Commission and Environmental Policy Board meeting minutes dated September 8, 2011
 - 3) Board of Adjustment meeting minutes dated September 8, 2011
 - 4) Planning Commission meeting minutes dated September 8, 2011
 - 5) Environmental Policy Board meeting minutes dated September 8, 2011
- 4:03 Approve Response to City of Anoka Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- 4:04 Consider Guard Rail Enhancements for the Parking Ramp
- 4:05 Adopt Resolution #11-10-195 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing received during the Period of October 6, 2011 through October 18, 2011
- 4:06 Adopt Resolution #11-10-196 Abating Special Assessments for Property ID 35-32-25-31-0018 (Keith Keifer)
- 4:07 Adopt Resolution #11-10-197 Authorizing the City of Ramsey to Participate in the Multi-Jurisdictional Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 4:08 Adopt Resolution #11-10-198 Authorizing Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Div. B (11-05 through 11-06) 2011 Street Maintenance Program
- 4:09 Adopt Resolution #11-10-199 Authorizing Partial Payment to Sandstrom Land Management LLC for IP 09-24 COR Wetland Mitigation
- 4:10 Adopt Resolution #11-10-200 Authorizing Final Payment to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation for (IP 11-10 through 11-04) 2011 Street Maintenance Program
- 4:11 Adopt Resolution #11-10-201 Authorizing Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Division B of the 2010 Pavement Maintenance Program
- 4:12 Adopt Resolution #11-10-202 Authorizing Final Payment to Great Northern Landscapes, Inc. for Contract B IP 10-23 East Meandering Commons Park
- 4:13 Adopt Resolution #11-10-203 Authorizing Final Payment to Omann Brothers for Trail Paving Project 10-23 East Meandering Commons Park
- 4:14 Adopt Resolution #11-10-204 Authorizing Final Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 10-07 Alpine/Roanoke Street Improvements
- 4:15 Adopt Resolution #11-10-205 Authorizing Final Payment to Omann Brothers Paving, Inc. for IP 11-22 Rhinestone Commons Parking Lot
- 4:16 Adopt Resolution #11-10-206 Authorizing Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground LLC for IP 11-21 Armstrong and Bunker Lake Boulevard Intersection Signalization
- 4:17 Adopt Resolution #11-10-207 Authorizing Partial Payment to Omann Brothers Paving, Inc., for IP 10-25 Chameleon Street Paving
- 4:18 Adopt Resolution #11-10-208 Authorizing Partial Payment to County Line Excavating for IP 09-25 Dysprosium Street Improvements

- 4:19 Adopt Resolution #11-10-209 Authorizing Final Payment to Connexus Energy for Electrical Improvements Related to City Improvement Project #10-23, East Meandering Commons Park
- 4:20 Adopt Resolution #11-10-210 Adopting the Revised Final Assessment Roll for City Improvement Project #11-03, 2011 Street Maintenance Program

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Request for an Interim Use Permit to Allow for the Operation of a Church in the H-1 Highway 10 Business District on the Property Located at 6701 Highway 10 NW; Case of Northern Light Church

Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report and presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval coinciding with the lease term.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Resolution #11-10-211 adopting Findings of Fact #0893 relating to Northern Light Church's request for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a church operation in the H-1 Highway 10 Business District and to adopt Resolution #11-10-212 Approving the Request for an Interim Use Permit and Declaring the Terms as Proposed.

Further discussion: Mayor Ramsey stated he had voted against this request initially; however, the City Council has affirmed its support so he will vote in support of the motion. Councilmember McGlone stated he had voted against this initially because he does not think Ramsey's residents would support this request and he intends to vote against the motion. Councilmember Tossey stated he had voted against this request initially because it did not make financial sense but this action relates to the Interim Use Permit so he would vote to support the motion.

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

7.02: Approve Joint Fire Services Study Group

City Administrator Ulrich reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to adopt Resolution #11-10-213 Establishing a Joint Fire Services Study Group and appointing Councilmember Sarah Strommen.

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

7.03: Discuss Mayor's Recommendations of Desirable Changes and Improvements

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to table discussion of Mayor's recommendations of desirable changes and improvements to a future date.

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

7.04: Discussion Regarding 2012 Union Contract Negotiations (Discussion Closed to the Public)

Deputy City Administrator Nelson indicated staff will be updating the City Council on union negotiations and requesting direction.

City Attorney Goodrich advised the meeting can move into closed session to discuss contract negotiations under Minnesota Statutes 13D.03 and 13D.01 Subdivision 3.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to move to closed session.

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

The City Council meeting moved into a closed session at 7:16 p.m.

The City Council meeting was opened back up to the public at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Ramsey noted the City Council had discussed union negotiations and provided direction.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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