

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a City Council Work Session on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Ramsey
Councilmember John Dehen
Councilmember David Elvig
Councilmember David Jeffrey
Councilmember Colin McGlone
Councilmember Jeffrey Wise

Also Present: City Administrator Kurt Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator Heidi Nelson
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Councilmember Elect Jason Tossey
Councilmember Elect Randy Backous
Development Manager Darren Lazan
Associate Planner Tim Gladhill
Planning Manager Amber Miller
Building Official Mick Kaehler

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the City Council Work Session to order at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Land Use and Disposition Alternatives for Former Municipal Campus

Planner Manager Miller reviewed staff's report.

Councilmember Jeffrey believed this area needed to be R-1.

Councilmember Elvig agreed.

Mayor Ramsey believed the land should be marketed the way it was.

The Council discussed the alternatives and reached the consensus to stay away from high density (townhomes, apartments, etc.), but senior assisted living development proposals would be looked at; to market this area as R-1; and for staff to obtain an appraisal of the property. Council also agreed they would look at offering the land for free if someone agreed to build a fire station for the City and to look at a PUD for the property.

2) Architectural Standards in Residential Districts

Associate Planner Gladhill reviewed staff's report.

The Council discussed the options of adding incentives if additional materials were added to a development.

It was Council's consensus to have staff come back with the minimum standards recommendation.

Council discussed the maintenance code and recommended staff proceed with their recommendations.

Council discussed accessory structures and recommended increasing the size of the accessory building to reduce the number of requests received. Council requested staff come back to the Council with recommendations regarding architectural standards, flexibility on size, etc. and bring this issue back to a Council worksession for further discussion.

3) Green Building/Sustainable Development

Planning Manager Miller reviewed staff's report.

The Council discussed green developments, geothermal possibilities, what the City wanted to accomplish, certification needed, possible incentives including tax abatements, attempting to obtain grant funds through various sources, and if a green development would attract or detract businesses from coming into the City.

4) Consider Design Services for Council Dais and Entry Door Modifications

Deputy City Administrator Nelson reviewed staff's report.

Council discussed modifying the dais and the west entry door.

It was Council's consensus to obtain further information as to the cost of the dais modifications and to obtain a bid for the door modification.

Mayor Ramsey requested a bid be obtained for a key pad to be put on the fire emergency door in the Itasca Room.

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

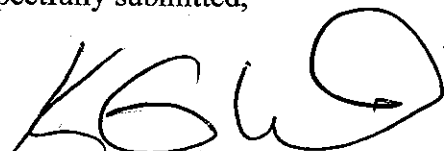
City Administrator Ulrich stated there would be no public works meeting in December. He updated the Council on the rail station.

The Council discussed the City's holiday party being held on Friday, January 21.

ADJOURNMENT

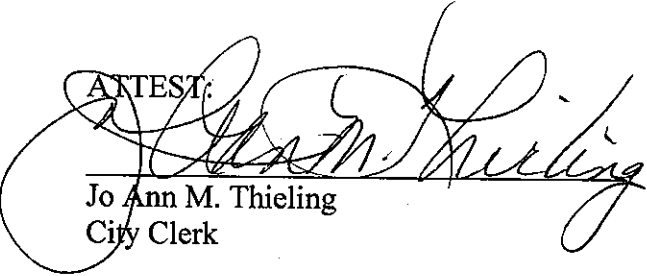
The Work Session of the City Council was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:



Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

Drafted by Kathy Altman
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