

City of Ramsey
Agenda
City Council Work Session
Tuesday July 19, 2011
Immediately Following Special City Council Meeting
Lake Itasca Room 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Topics for Discussion**
 1. Review City Owned Land Inventory
 2. Council Dias
 3. 2012 General Fund Budget
 4. City Maintenance of RALF Properties.
 5. Update on Resident Survey for Long Term Road Maintenance
- 3. Future Topics for Discussion - *See Attached Calendar***
 1. Review Future Work Session Topics/Calendar
- 4. Mayor/Council/Staff Input**
- 5. Adjournment**

CC Work Session

2. 1.

Meeting Date: 07/19/2011**By:** Patrick Brama, Administrative Services**Title:**

Review City Owned Land Inventory

Background:

As part of the Ramsey City Council's 2011 strategic goals, it was established that developing an inventory of city owned land was a high priority.

To begin this process, staff developed a map of all city owned property classified by a single layer in GIS. Next, multiple staff members were asked to take a look at the map to make sure no city owned properties were left out.

After a base map of all city owned property was established, staff began looking at how to sub-divide parcels into different, logical categories. Eventually, after several revisions, staff came up with 11 different parcel categories. Please see the attached "parcel categories" table for an explanation of each parcel category.

At this point, staff had a working basic map of city owned property including different parcel categories. The next step in the process was to determine which parcels of land staff believed the city has a potential for selling. Certainly, staff used their best judgment to choose salable parcels and revisions will be made as this project progresses. Staff determined which pieces of land were salable by using ArcGIS (along with the tools that come with it), by personal experience with parcels and by looking at the legal descriptions of parcels. To see what parcels staff determined as potentially salable please reference the attached document: "Potential Land Available for Sale."

As a result of the work above, staff developed four (4) maps for the City Council's review. The first map developed, as mentioned above, is a base map of all city owned land: see "City Owned Land Map (All Parcels)." The second map staff developed was a basic map showing only the parcel categories: see "City Owned Land Map." The final two maps were simply extensions of second basic map. The third map contains the National Wetland Inventory (NWI). This map is beneficial for seeing how wetlands integrate with city owned lands. The fourth and final map shows what parcels of city owned land have a potential for sale.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the provided city owned lands information and provide staff with direction as to how the City Council wishes to move forward with certain City-owned parcels.

Funding Source:

NA

Council Action:

Provide staff with direction as to how the Council wishes to move forward on certain city-owned parcels.

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List of Potential Land Available for Sale

Form Review

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Parcel Categories

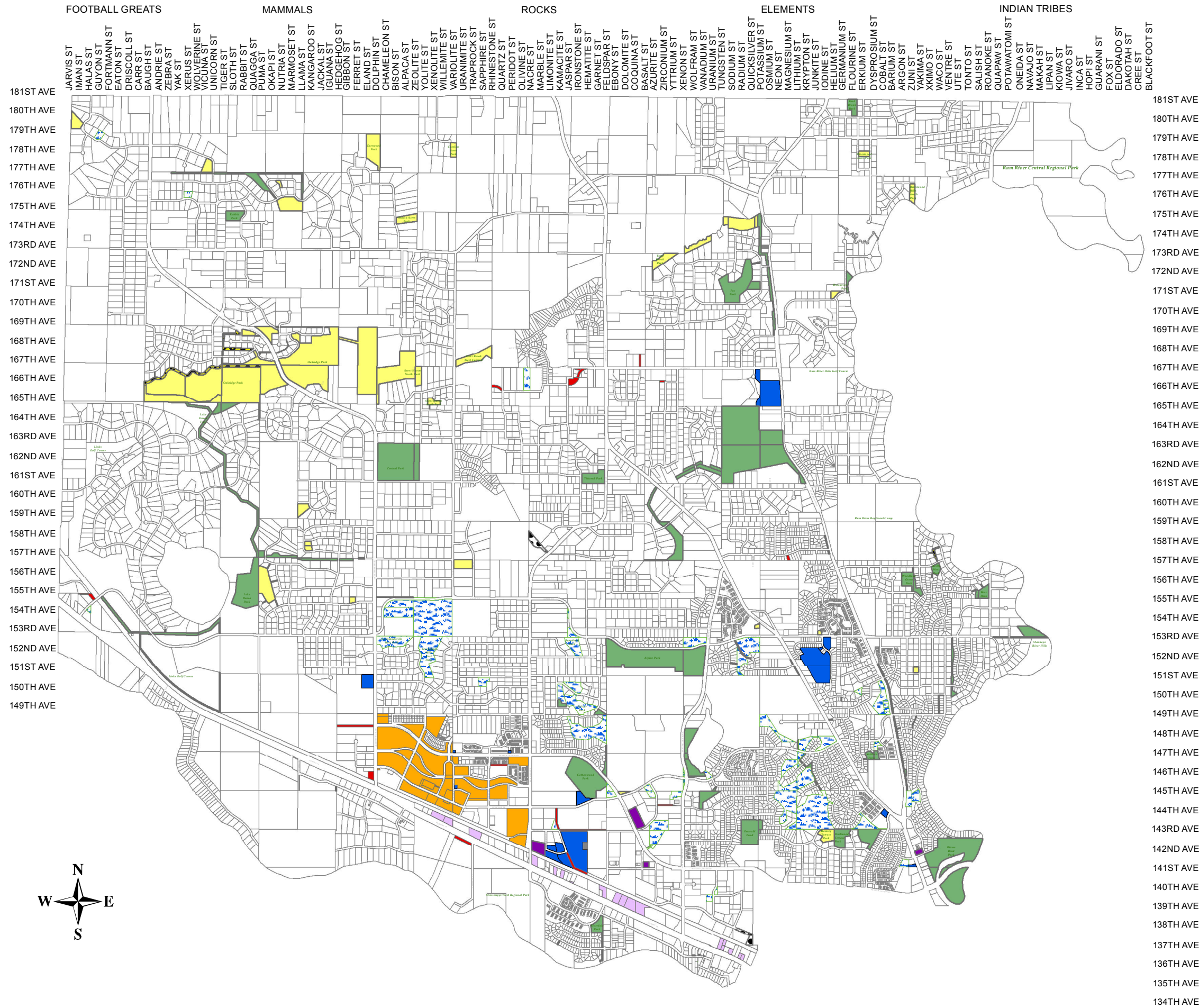
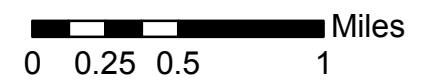
Category Name	Description
Abandon Trail	Parcels that were originally dedicated or purchased for building trails. The trails no longer are needed, are feasible or physically possible.
Cemetery	NA
Drainage/Wetland	Parcels that either are completely covered by wetlands, ponds or lakes; or parcels that are used for storm water ponds and storm water drainage.
EDA	The parcels are owned by the City of Ramsey. However, the Ramsey EDA controls the properties on an internal basis and also markets the properties.
Existing/Future ROW	These properties are either existing Right of Way (ROW) or planned for future ROW.
Multiple Uses/Categories	These parcels contain multiple different parcel categories. Staff felt that 11 categories were enough. Subdividing properties more may make understanding the maps challenging.
Municipal Use	These parcels contain municipal uses. For example, former city halls, current water stations, current pump houses, public works facilities, etc.
Open Space	Open space is a very broad category that arguably could have a hand in several other categories. Generally, open spaces are parcels that the city acquired at the time of development and are set aside for a public purpose. This category includes both legally dedicated and undedicated pieces of open land. This category also includes several lots that contain large portions of wetland. For more information on what dedicated vs. undedicated means see the "Potential Land For Sale" document.
Park/Trail	This category is set aside for parks and trails that are currently being used.
RALF	Revolving Acquisition Loan Fund—for Highway 10 properties.
The COR	Center of Ramsey
Potential Sale ★	Staff identified these parcels as potentially sellable.
NWI	National Wetland Inventory. This overlay shows what parcels in Ramsey are wetlands.



City Owned Land Project 2011

Legend

- City Owned Parcels
UseType
- Abandon Trail
 - Cemetary
 - Drainage/Wetland
 - EDA
 - Existing/Future ROW
 - Multiple Use
 - Municipal Use
 - Open Space
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 - RALF
 - The COR



FOOTBALL GREATS

MAMMALS

ROCKS

ELEMENTS

INDIAN TRIBES

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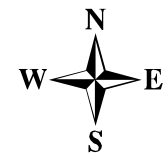
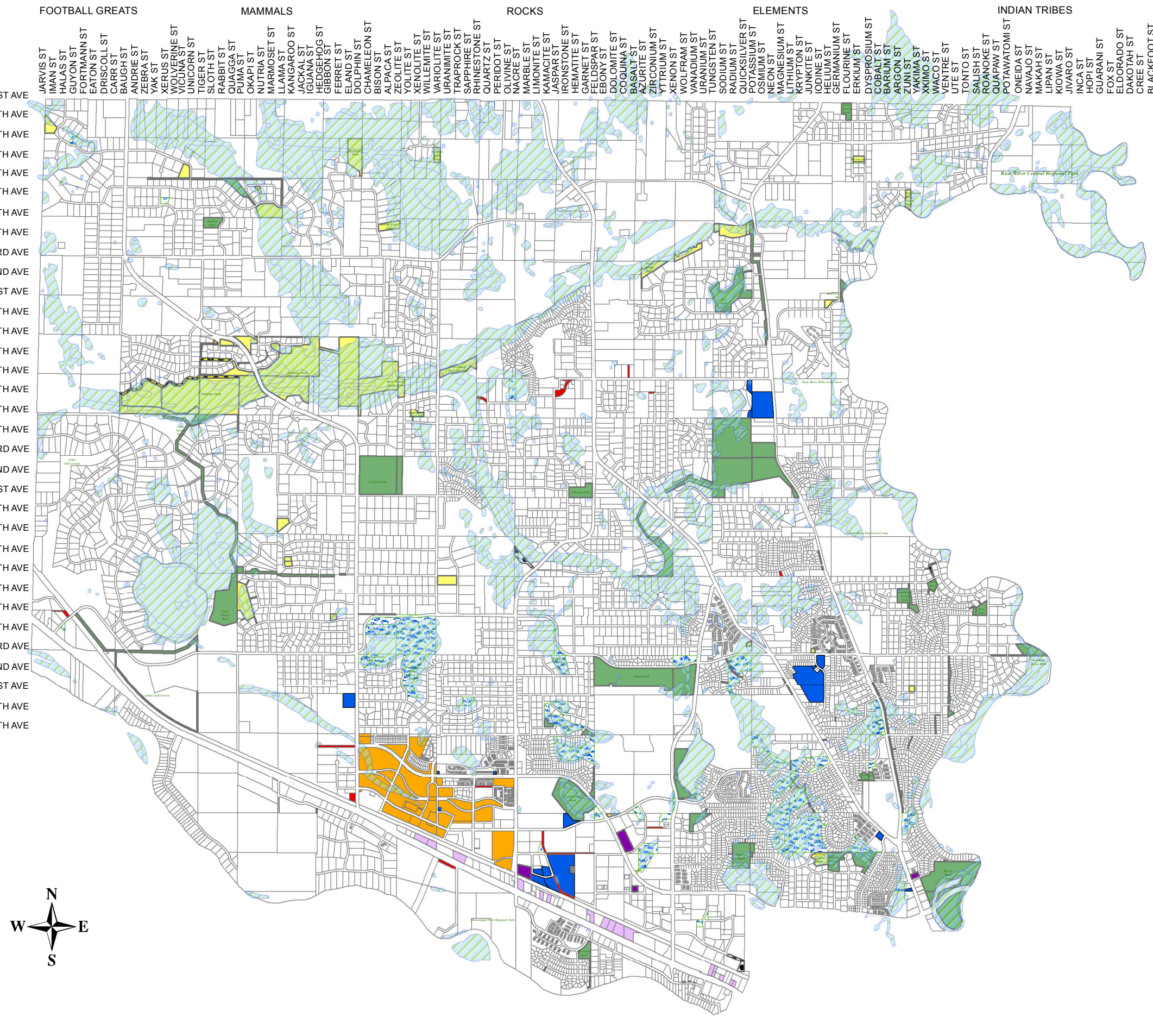
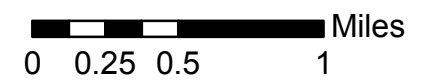
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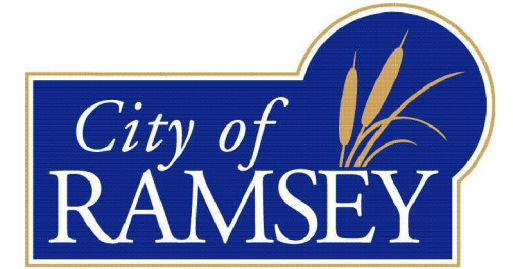


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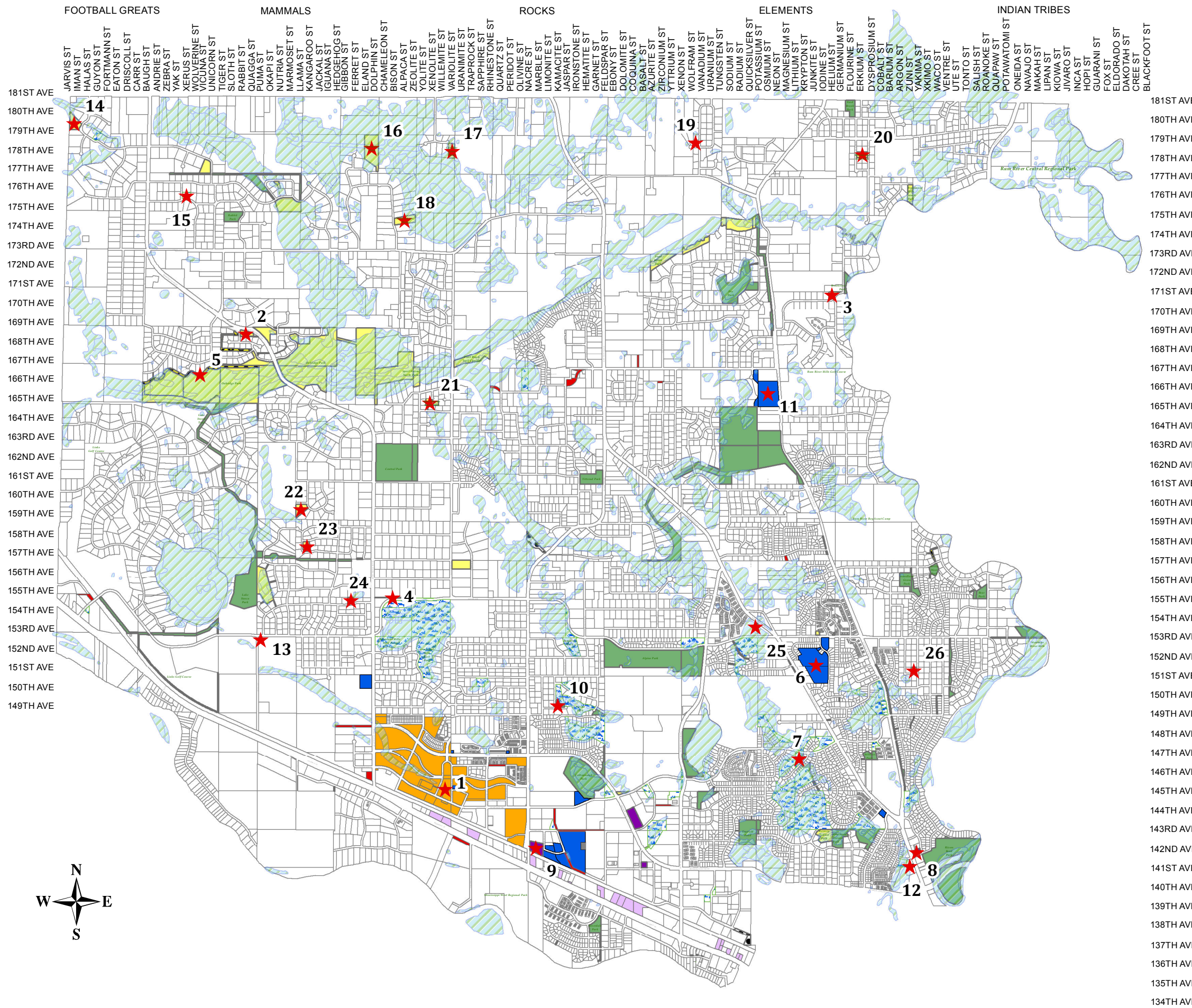
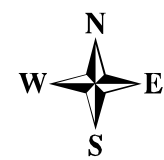
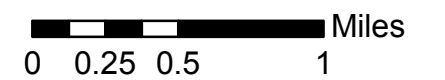




City Owned Land Project 2011

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- ★ Potential Sale
- National Wetland Inventory (NWI)
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Potential Land Available for Sale:

Low Restriction:

ID#	Classification(s)	Valuation	Acres	Notes
01	COR	NA	NA	The COR
08	EDA Property	261,200	1.01	This property is vacant. There is a small bluff that makes the topography challenging. However, a small business or a small residential development could work.
09	EDA Property	488,700	4.14	Former Holiday Station. Location of new COR sign. Makes sense to be used by a business.
11	Municipal Use	142,400	16.52	Currently is home to a water tower. Also has a trail that runs along edge.
06	Municipal Use	1,501,769	20.86	This is the old municipal center. There are multiple parcels. One parcel is expected to be used for a future fire station.
13	NA	NA	NA	Parcel dedicated to city to be sold for park dedication funds (Legacy Christian).

Some Restriction Possible:

ID#	Classification(s)	Valuation	Acres	Notes
19	Open Space	5,100	0.89	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> This parcel was picked up through tax forfeiture. Seems like it's would be easy to sell and attractive to build a new home on. NOTE: staff needs to double check ownership of this property.
23	Open Space	80,600	1.69	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> this represents two parcels of land. This seems to be slightly depressed and may be used for drainage. However, no water or wetland is visible. These two properties may be attractive for both neighbors and new construction.
25	Open Space	4,100	0.58	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> this property largely wetland and is also surrounded by wetland—not any homes. Development would be a challenge. This property is a flag parcel.
26	Open Space	40,300	0.84	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> this property has a slight depression to the middle. However, it is dry and open. It seems like it would be attractive for neighbors or a new construction.
02	Open Space	40,300	1.65	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> This property is fairly flat and dry. It may be attractive for neighbors or a new home(s).
07	Abandon Trail	2,600	0.35	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> This is an abandon trail corridor that runs behind a couple people's property. It may be attractive for each neighbor to take the adjoining portion of the trail.
14	Open Space	50,500	3.6	<u>Non Dedicated Open Space:</u> Trott Brook goes through northern part of property. This property seems ideal for a new home and may also be attractive for a neighbor.

Potential Land Available for Sale (cont):

Foreseeable Restriction:				
ID#	Classification(s)	Valuation	Acres	Notes
20	Open Space	40,300	1.52	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property is dry and seems to be a good fit for a new home or expansion of adjacent properties. However, most of the property is encroached by utility easements for overhead power lines.
21	Open Space	34,700	1.96	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property is has small pond and is also partially a wetland. This property may be attractive for a neighbor. An analysis would be needed and pond reconfiguration in order to sell; and to make the property buildable. May impact ability to make a profit.
22	Open Space	50,500	2.80	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property looks like it would be both attractive to build and to be used by its neighbor.
24	Open Space	40,300	0.91	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property is 65% covered by wetland. However, it may be attractive for a neighbor.
16	Open Space	60,500	10.97	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : Deerwood park is a dedicated park. This property is mainly wetland. Neighbors might possibly be interested in this property.
17	Open Space	7,600	2.40	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property is mainly wetland. However the neighboring properties may find it attractive.
18	Open Space	51,300	4.35	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : Shawn Acres Park is about half wetland and half upland. Could be attractive for neighbors or new property owner.
03	Open Space	40,300	1.25	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property seems to be fairly dry and flat. It may be attractive for neighbors or a new home.
05	Abandon Trail	NA	NA	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : This property is a part of complex of properties that make one dedicated park. This parcel (may be two) may be good for a separate discussion because there are so many individual pieces. Some of which the city doesn't need and some of which the city should consider keeping.
10	Park/Trail	40,300	1.051	<u>Dedicated Park</u> : Currently a park. Could be sold off when parks in the COR are developed.
15	Wetland/Drainage	40,000	1.26	Small pond receives storm water from street analysis would be needed and pond reconfiguration in order to sell; and to make the property buildable. May impact ability to make a profit. This property is Not Dedicated for park.
04	Wetland/Drainage	31,900	4.93	Some of the property shows potential for buildable space—close to 50%. Some of it is wetland. This property is Not Dedicated for park.
12	Municipal Use	106,100	0.49	Historic City Hall

Potential Land Available for Sale (cont):

Notes/Information:	
Dedicated Parks	<p>Basically, such lands are held in trust by the City for the specific purpose identified in the grant or dedication. If the City were to use the park land for some other purpose, the previous owner could commence a court action to either regain its ownership or prohibit the City from using it for any purpose other than for parks.</p> <p>In addition, neighboring landowners even taxpayers could bring suit to force the City to use the park land for its original park purpose.</p> <p>Dedicated park land does not belong to the City, but rather is "The property of the dedicator or his successor in interest, in which the City, as trustee for the benefit of the public and not in its own right as such has such an interest as is necessary to enjoy the use thereof as a public [park]" <i>Headley v. City of Northfield</i> 35 N.W.2d 605 (1949).</p> <p>To remove the "park use" designation will require a district court action with notification to the person/entity who dedicated the property, adjacent property owners and the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General acts somewhat as the caretaker of the public's interest in property held in trust. The court will then decide if the park purpose restriction may be removed, and if so, who is entitled to receive title to the property.</p>
Non Dedicated Open Space	<p>Because "non-dedicated" parcels are not legally bound the same way that "dedicated" parks are it makes them easier to disperse. However, it should be noted that some of these pieces of land have a public expectation to become developed as parks in the future; or at a minimum, stay undeveloped. Beyond the public expectation, many undedicated open spaces are covered with wetland (see "Wetland/Drainage" below).</p>
Wetland/Drainage	<p>Properties that contain wetlands, ponds or drainage may require an analysis to be done to reconfigure the parcel in order to make it usable. Therefore, potential profits may be reduced or eliminated (see the City Owned Land Map containing the wetland overlay). Wetlands may be attractive for their ascetic and recreational value.</p>

CC Work Session

2. 2.

Meeting Date: 07/19/2011

By: Patrick Brama, Administrative Services

Title:

Council Dias

Background:

City staff was made aware of two issues that council members have with the council dias (the desk the council members sit at inside the council chambers).

- Issue 1: This is in regard to the low visibility of council members from the audience due to the frontal/facade height of the council desk.
- Issue2: This is in regard to the insufficient leg space that the council desk provides; which may not allow council members sufficient leg/knee clearance.

In an attempt to address both issues stated above, city staff has requested contractor bids on two separate possible alterations to the council dias.

- Option 1: lower the desk facade/front by 4 inches.
(Establish better visibility of council members)
- Option 2: raise the desk platform by 2 inches.
(Establish more clearance for legs/knees)

Please note that council members are not limited to the above two options. These options are presented as a base line to begin council discussions. Other options have been also considered. However, the above options two options are likely the most cost effective.

Attached to this case is a report. In the report is a visual depiction of the two options referred to above. Also included in the report are three contractor bids. PLEASE NOTE: these bids are brief estimates, not official bids. If council does wish to move forward all three contractors would need to come back to give an official bid. Lastly, staff also included information on a LCD monitor wall mount. In the event that the desk facade is dropped, a new mount may be needed.

Funding Source:

Public Improvement Revolving Fund (\$1.68 million balance).

Council Action:

Staff would request that council consider one of the following options:

1. Move forward with official contractor bids on either one (or both) options listed in this case; and, install a "test" LCD wall mount.
 2. Do not move forward with alterations to the council dias.
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Attachments

Dias Report

Form Review

Inbox

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Date

Kurt Ulrich

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City Council Chambers: Desk Realignment Inquiry

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On the page two is a visual of the two options. On pages 3-6 are the costs and bids associated with this project.

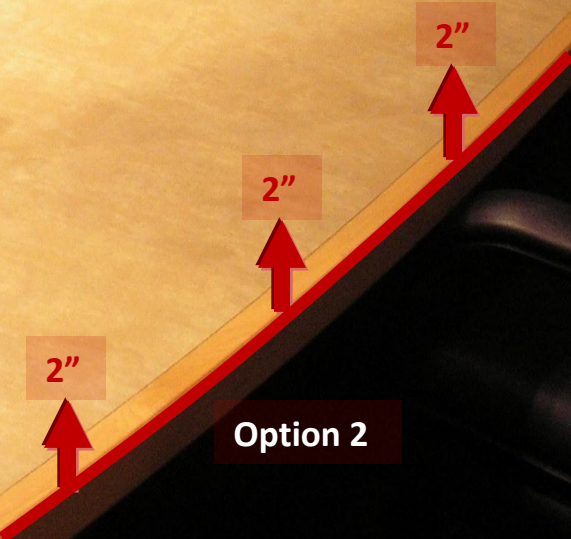
Lastly, if the desk top is dropped the tops of the computer monitors will be exposed. Staff has also provided a remedy for that problem: a LCD wall mount. This mount would allow monitors to be dropped about 3 inches. NOTE: the old fixed mounts do not allow you do drop the height of monitors. Please see page 7 for details.

Options

Option 1



Option 2



Bids/Costs

Company	Option 1 (lower front by 4")	Option 2 (raise desk by 2")	Total Price
Dan's Custom Trim	\$1,400	\$1,800	\$3,200
McChesney Cabinets	\$1,200	\$1,950	\$3,150
Timber Creek*	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$3,300
AVERAGE	\$1,367	\$1,850	\$3,217

*Timber Creek Woodworking would charge \$500 for clean up.

BID MEMO

BID NO.

DATE:

5/25/2011

JOB Cabinet

LOCATION Ramsey City Hall

FIRM City of Ramsey

PREPARED BY Dan's Custom Trim Inc

ADDRESS

APPROVED BY

City/State/Zip Ramsey MN 55303

500 W. Main St. Suite 21 Anoka MN 55303

TYPE OF WORK Trim Work

PHONE 763-427-4066/612-598-1967

WORK INCLUDED

AMOUNT OF BID

Lower Upper Cabinet 4"	1,400.00
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Raise Lower Cabinet 2"	1,800.00
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BID #1

TOTAL BID

3,200.00

EXCLUSIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

TAX

DELIVERY

EXCLUDED

INCLUDED

RECEIVED BY

McChesney Cabinets
18921 York ST NW Suite A
Elk River, Minnesota 55330

Job Name/Number
Job Address

City of Ramsey
Ramsey, MN

5/25/2011

Lower countertop 4"		1,200.00
Raise desk top 2"	Includes new trim work	1,950.00
Sub Total		<u>3,150.00</u>

Total Cost **\$3,150.00**

BID #2

Chad Rezac
McChesney Cabinets
Office- 763-441-3374
Fax- 763-441-6475
Cell- 763-568-8269
chad@mcchesneycabinets.com
www.mcchesneycabinets.com



1449 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55433
(763) 862-3470

6/10/2011

Att: Patrick

Phase 1: Raise Desk Top

Fabricate threaded lifters for laminate desktop. These will fasten to square metal supports on underside of desk. Next would be removal of top installing lifters then re-attaching top. Lastly, we design and install front trim moulding for desk top. This will be designed to function with the adjustable top. Phase 1 cost: \$1800.00

Phase 2: Lower Front of Desk

This will involve making a height adjustment of 4" +/- to the 12" wide wall that supports the solid surface top. Phase 2 cost: \$1500.00

Phase 3: Site Clean-up cost: \$500.00

BID #3

Wall Mount

TV Wall Mount Bracket LCD Flat Screen Monitor

Cost \$20

The flexible aluminum alloy swing LCD wall mount supports LCD flat screens with VESA 75x75(3"x3") or 100x100(4"x4"). Constructed with 3 lbs of high grade aluminum alloy material, the ML10B mount provides up to 33lbs loading capacity. Designed with two-link arm, it's easy to get good viewing position by the 180 tilt, left and right swivel and max 14" extension from wall. Its classic black finish elegantly complements offices, conference rooms, merchandising displays, hotel rooms or any room in the home.



CC Work Session

2.3.

Meeting Date: 07/19/2011

By: Diana Lund, Finance

Title:

2012 General Fund Budget

Background:

Staff will present an overview of the proposed 2012 budget. The numbers presented will reflect staff's first attempt at the budget as they would like to get a better understanding of what the city council would like to see regarding tax rate and levy.

Notification:

A handout will be forwarded to council on Monday.

Funding Source:

No funding required.

Council Action:

Review and discussion of 2012 General Fund Budget.

Form Review

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2. 4.

Meeting Date: 07/19/2011

By: Diana Lund, Finance

Title:

City Maintenance of RALF Properties.

Background:

With the City acquiring Right-of-way Acquisition Loan Fund (RALF) properties there are additional maintenance costs in the upkeep of these buildings such as painting and lawn care.

Staff is currently looking at contracting the painting of the office (front) section of the NAU building and Midwest Car Care building and lawn maintenance of the NAU building. These services would be paid with the rental revenue received on the properties. Painting of the buildings is not required within the contract terms of either property, nor is lawn care for areas outside of the cold storage area of the NAU site. A copy of the proposed contracts for each site and service is attached.

Funding Source:

Rental revenue of the NAU & Midwest Care Care Sites.

Council Action:

Discussion of City required maintenance of RALF properties and authorize staff to select vendor or vendors for contracted services pertaining to lawn maintenance and painting.

Attachments

Lawn Maintenance Proposal

Painting Proposals

Form Review

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Keepin' It Clean Lawn & Snow

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City of Ramsey, 6701 Hwy 10

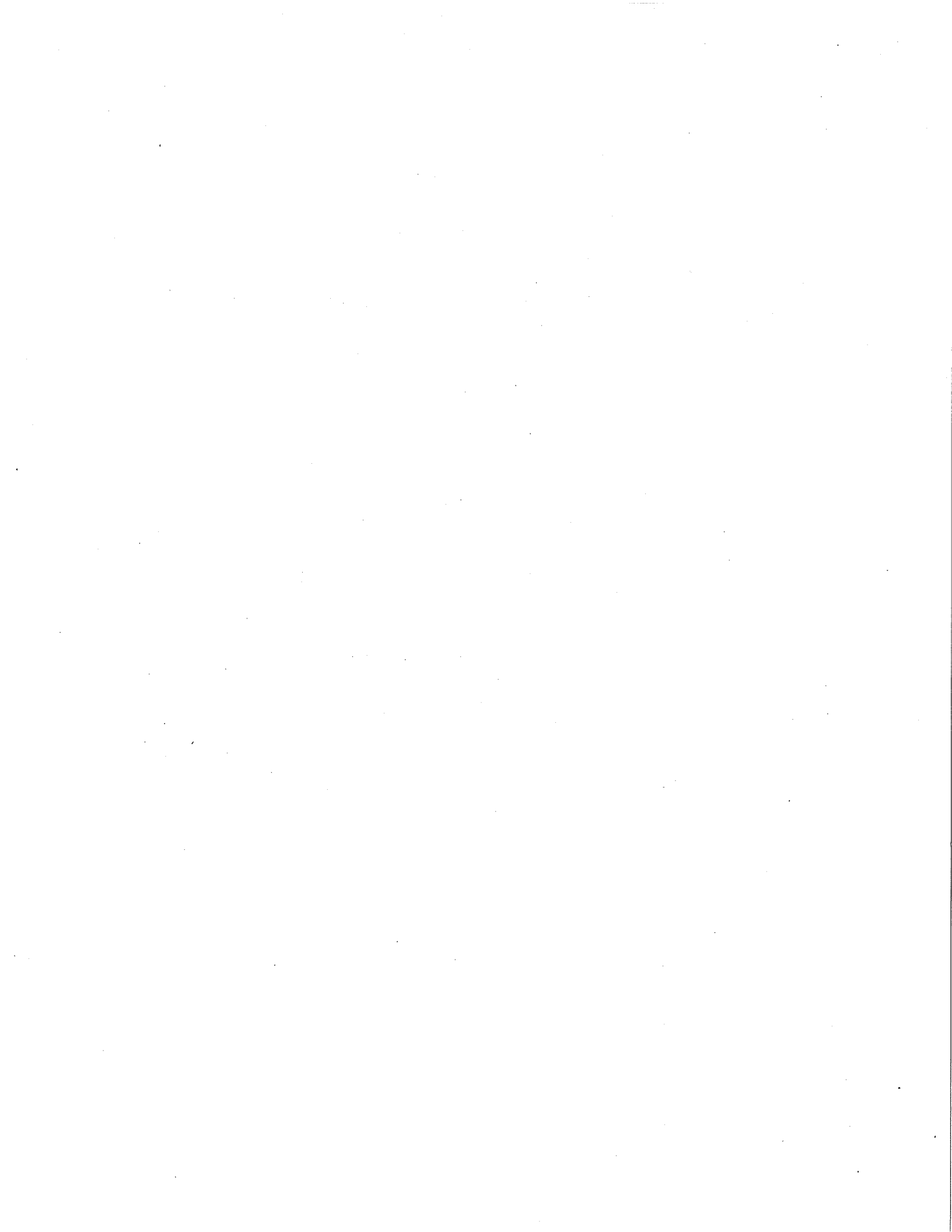
The following is a bid for an initial clean up, which includes pruning of shrubs and bushes, removal of dead branches and debris and spraying weeds in beds and sidewalks for a onetime fee of 225.00. This bid also includes weekly mowing, pruning, trimming and edging, Along with weed control in beds and sidewalks for 425.00/mo. *If you would like fertilization and weed control lawn applications, it will be 525.00/mo.

We would be more than happy to provide these services for you, and get started this week!

Feel free to call me with any questions about this project.

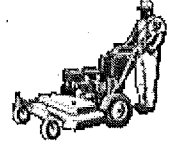
Kind Regards,

Keepin' It Clean Lawn and Snow, LLC



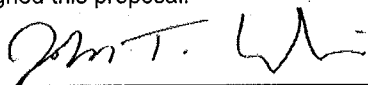


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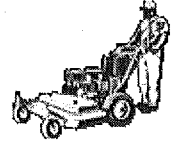
2011 Property Maintenance Contract

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<u>Property Maintenance Includes:</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Clean up of weeds and shrub beds in front of building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prune all shrubs ○ Remove crushed and smashed shrubs ○ Remove volunteer trees ○ Remove weeds and treat so weeds are manageable weekly. 	\$560.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawn Care Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trim around all edges, trees, and obstacles ○ Trim weeds from cracks and spray as needed. 	\$129.00 per week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilizing and Weed Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes granular slow release fertilizer and liquid weed spray of entire lawn 	\$490.00 per time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoices are sent out last week of month for prior service • See Scope of Work attached for more detail on services 	(Appropriate sales tax will be added to all invoices)

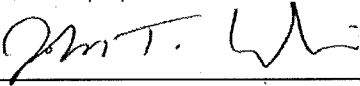


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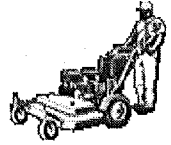
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<u>Terms:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All invoices are due within 10 days of receipt. • SpeedCutters carries \$2,000,000 worth of commercial liability insurance and will provide an insurance certificate upon request. • Contract can be canceled by either party with a 30 day written notice from the first of the month following the notice being served. 	
<u>Acceptance:</u>	
<p>This proposal, including the items and conditions printed on it, if any is hereby accepted. (I) (We) authorize the performance of the work indicated above and agree that the terms and conditions of the Proposal now constitute a binding contract. The terms and conditions of any purchase order or other confirming documentation which SpeedCutters Outdoor Maintenance LLC. may issue, shall not modify the terms of this contract.</p>	
<p>I, the undersigned, understand and agree that there will be an interest charge of 1.5% per month on any past due balance over 30 days. I also understand and agree that if I am in default of this agreement, I will pay all reasonable legal fees, court costs and other costs necessary to collect the debt, including fees charged by a collection agency.</p>	
<hr/> Signed/Title	<hr/> Date



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2011 Additional Proposals

Initial approval next to Service Items

- A. _____ **Core Aeration** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)
1. Common turf areas will be core-aerated one time per season to a depth of no more than 2.5 inches.
 2. Underground lines not buried properly may be damaged (eg. Irrigation lines and heads, cable TV, gas, electric, etc). If damages occur, customer agrees not to hold contractor responsible for damages.

Price: \$225.00

- B. _____ **Mulching** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)
1. Replenish mulch to a 2" depth in all mulched areas.
 2. Will match color and density of current mulch as close as possible.
 3. Yardage to be determined by SpeedCutter's Outdoor Maintenance, LLC and the property manager requesting the work.

Price: \$65.00 per yard installed

- C. _____ **Tree and Shrub Planting or Replacement** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)
1. Remove existing tree or shrub and prepare area for new plant.
 2. Add or Replace trees and shrubs with same type.
 3. Mulch or finish surface with same cover.

Price: Time and materials (\$35.00 per man hour for time figure)

- D. _____ **Deep Root Feeding of Trees and Shrubs** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)
1. Consists of liquid fertilizer being injected into soil around tree or shrub. Amounts are based on size and shape of the plant.

Price: Per Quote



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E. _____ **Rough Area Spraying** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)

1. Any areas that are kept wild that become unsightly or unmanaged looking

Price: Time and materials (\$35.00 per man hour for time figure)

F. _____ **Flowers and Color Arrangements** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)

1. Summer Annuals – Summer annual bed installation planted 6" on center using 45-60 count flats.
2. Fall Mums – Fall annual bed installation planted 30" on center using 12" pots.
3. Seasonal Pot Arrangements – Summer, Fall, and Holiday pot arrangements.

Price: All flowers and color arrangements will require quote based on site specifics

G. _____ **Tree Wrap** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement)

1. Wrap trees in fall with trunk diameters under 3 inches.
2. Will use industry standard tree wrap to protect tree entire winter.
3. Tree wrap to be secured to maintain wrap during entire winter.

Price: \$9.00 per tree

H. _____ **Other Projects** (available at an extra cost and is not part of the base maintenance agreement. A separate estimate will be provided and signed for each extra project)

Price: Time and materials (\$35.00 per man hour for time figure)

CITY OF RAMSEY

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BID TABULATION SHEET

PROPERTY: NAU Youth First
SERVICE: Painting front office section of building

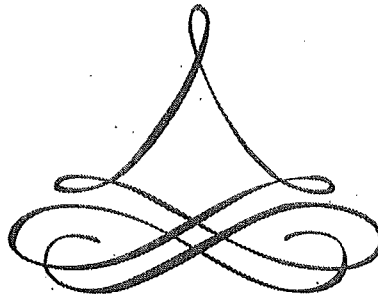
Vendor	Vendor Address	Painting
Task Masters Construction, Inc.	7411 152nd Lane NW, Ramsey	3,950.00
Kevin D. Anderson Exteriors	6621-157th Avenue NW, Ramsey	3,432.50

CONTRACT PROPOSAL

BY: Anderson Exteriors
6621 157th Avenue NW
Ramsey MN 55303
Tel: 763/323-0970 Fax: 763/323-1454 Cell: 612/791-0945

DATE: July 4, 2011

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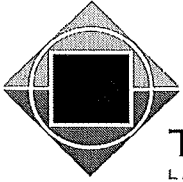
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Total Labor and Material Items 1-6: \$6,865.00

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RAMSEY, MN 55303

ESTIMATE

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07/08/11	1479

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Lic.# 20591015 PHONE 612-363-4538			TOTAL	\$2,850.00

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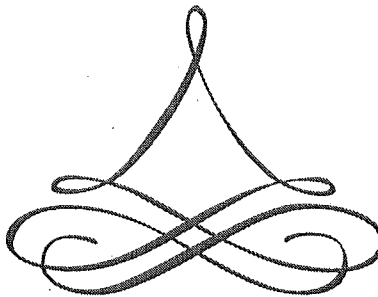
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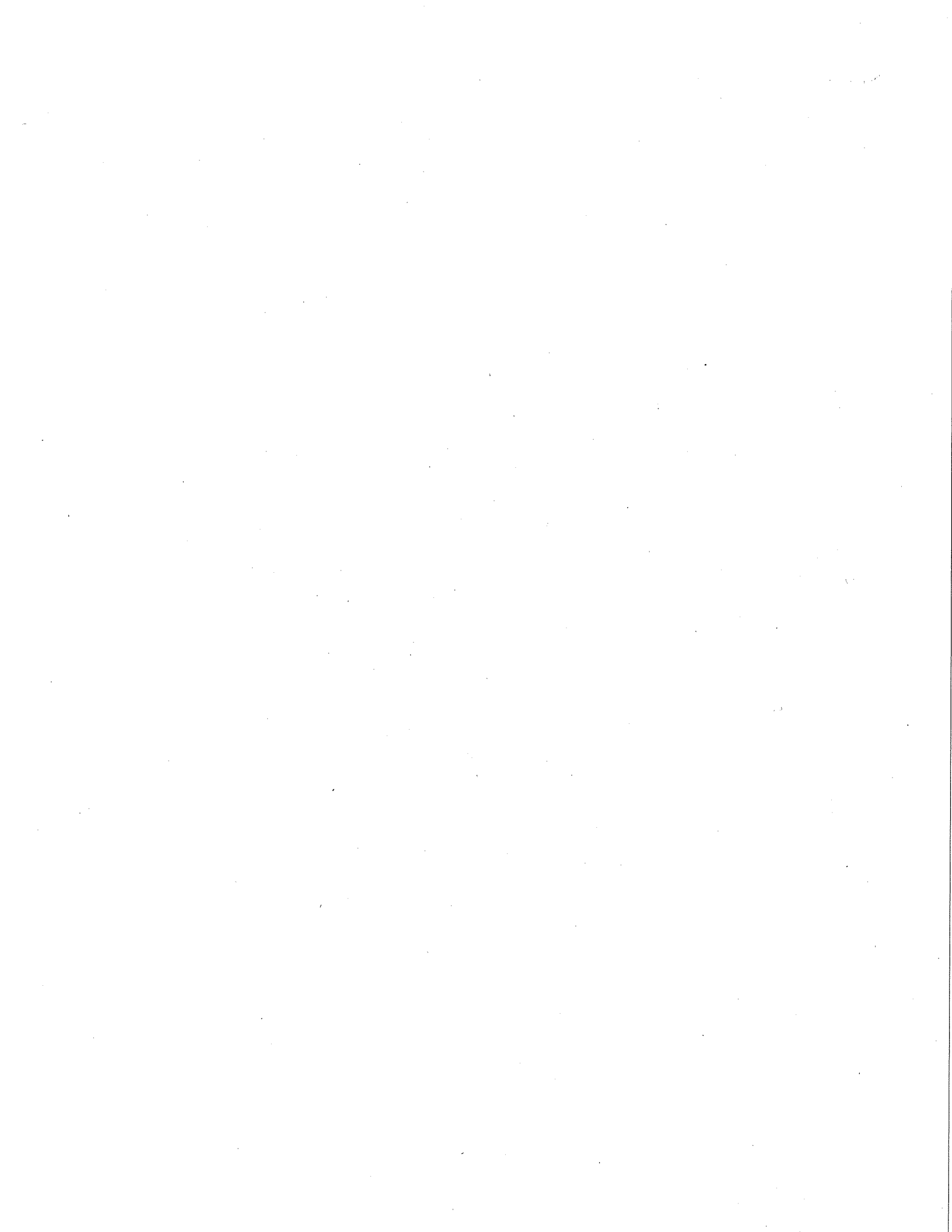
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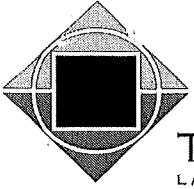
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LIC.# 20591015 PHONE: 612-363-4538			TOTAL	\$3,600.00

CC Work Session

2. 5.

Meeting Date: 07/19/2011

By: Brian Olson, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Update on Resident Survey for Long Term Road Maintenance

Background:

During the strategic planning session in January, City Council identified an initiative to solve the long term road maintenance issue as one of the critical tasks to perform in 2011. The purpose of the case tonight is to provide an overview of the progress made on the 30 question citizen survey and gain consensus on moving forward. At the September 21, 2010 Council work session discussions focused on a franchise fee and public participation campaign to educate the residents of the imminent need for roadway improvements, and solicit their feedback on the potential scenarios that exist for a long term sustainable funding source. Information was presented in work session for completing a public participation program on January 18, 2011, and on January 25, 2011 the City Council provided a "scope of service" by approving the Himle Horner proposal and ultimately approving the 30 question survey on April 19, 2011. Attached to this case is the data from the 30 question survey along with a summary provided by Himle Horner analyzing the results. Himle Horner will be present at this meeting to discuss the results of the attached 30 question survey and to solicit comments from the City Council for the next steps.

Recommendation:

Based upon discussion

Funding Source:

No funding source has been identified for this action.

Council Action:

Based upon discussion

Attachments

survey data

survey summary

Form Review

Inbox

Kurt Ulrich

Reviewed By

Kurt Ulrich

Date

07/14/2011 03:44 PM

Form Started By: Brian Olson

Started On: 07/13/2011 12:01 PM

Final Approval Date: 07/14/2011

DECISION RESOURCES, LTD.
3128 Dean Court
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

CITY OF RAMSEY
RESIDENTIAL STUDY
FINAL MAY 2011

Hello, I'm _____ of Decision Resources, Ltd., a nationwide polling firm located in Minneapolis. We've been retained by the City of Ramsey to speak with a random sample of residents about issues facing the city. This survey is being taken because the City is interested in your opinions and suggestions on city services and road maintenance. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported. (DO NOT PAUSE)

1. Approximately how many years have you lived in the city of Ramsey?
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|--------------------------|-----|
| LESS THAN TWO YEARS..... | 5% |
| TWO TO FIVE YEARS..... | 9% |
| SIX TO TEN YEARS..... | 26% |
| 11 TO 20 YEARS..... | 28% |
| 21 TO 30 YEARS..... | 19% |
| OVER THIRTY YEARS..... | 12% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 0% |

2. What do you like most, if anything, about living in the city of Ramsey?

UNSURE, 2%; RURAL/OPEN SPACES, 30%; HOUSING/NEIGHBORHOOD, 10%; FRIENDLY PEOPLE, 5%; QUIET AND PEACEFUL, 18%; CLOSE TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS, 5%; SAFE, 4%; SCHOOLS, 3%; CLOSE TO WORK 6%; SMALL TOWN FEEL, 9%; CONVENIENT LOCATION, 6%; WELL-MAINTAINED, 3%.

3. What do you think is the most serious issue facing the city of Ramsey?

UNSURE, 10%; NOTHING, 6%; HIGH TAXES, 10%; CITY GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, 6%; CORE PROJECT, 13%; TOO MUCH GROWTH, 6%; LACK OF BUSINESSES, 8%; LACK OF RETAIL, 5%; CITY BUDGET PROBLEMS, 8%; STREET MAINTENANCE, 13%; TRAIN NOISE, 2%; POOR ECONOMY, 2%; TRAFFIC CONGESTION, 2%; LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSIT, 2%; RISING CRIME, 2%; SCATTERED, 5%.

4. How would you rate the quality of life in Ramsey -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?
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| EXCELLENT..... | 21% |
| GOOD..... | 72% |
| ONLY FAIR..... | 7% |
| POOR..... | 0% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 0% |

In Ramsey, local property tax revenues are distributed to the city of Ramsey, Anoka County and either the Anoka-Hennepin or Elk River

school district. In 2011, the percentage of your local property taxes going to the city of Ramsey is 38 percent.

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| 5. When you consider the property taxes you pay and the quality of city services you receive, how would you rate the value of those city services -- excellent, good, only fair or poor? | EXCELLENT.....5% |
| | GOOD.....54% |
| | ONLY FAIR.....35% |
| | POOR.....3% |
| | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3% |

I'd like to get your feedback about Ramsey city streets and roads. Since we are interested in your views of streets built and maintained by the city of Ramsey only, you should exclude county roads such as County Road 83 or Armstrong Boulevard and County Road 56 or Ramsey Boulevard, as well as state highways such as 47 and Highway 10.

For each of the following, please rate it as excellent, good, only fair or poor.

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6. The overall quality of city-maintained streets and roads?	5%	49%	35%	9%	1%
7. The width of city streets and roads?	8%	74%	15%	2%	1%
8. Safety features such as street lighting, sidewalks and signage?	3%	52%	38%	7%	1%
9. The quality and condition of Ramsey's roads and streets compared to neighboring cities?	4%	53%	34%	7%	2%
10. The responsiveness of the city to road maintenance and repair needs?	3%	59%	29%	6%	3%

Nearly half of the city of Ramsey's 178 miles of city roads were constructed between 1976 and 1985. With routine maintenance, the average expected life of these roads is 40 years, which means that between 2016 and 2025, about \$90 million or more in road reconstruction will be necessary to repair or replace city streets. The majority of the cost of this work will be the responsibility of local taxpayers. Currently, the city's street reconstruction policy funds reconstruction projects by assessing adjacent property owners.

Knowing this information....

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| 11. | Do you believe the city of Ramsey needs to develop a long-term street reconstruction and funding policy? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY YES.....11%
YES.....62%
NO.....19%
STRONGLY NO.....3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4% |
| 12. | Would you favor or oppose an increase in your city property tax if it were dedicated to the long-term maintenance and reconstruction of city streets? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY FAVOR.....3%
FAVOR.....39%
OPPOSE.....42%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....8%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8% |

Let's consider three different options the city might consider to pay for long-term road maintenance and reconstruction. For the following three options, please tell me if you would favor or oppose the proposed funding options.

First, the city could use the road improvement assessment method that is typically used for general maintenance projects. This means that the city would assess your property for your portion of the total project amount, based on the lineal footage of your property. For a typical two-acre lot size, this could amount to an assessment of \$27,000 total or about \$225 per month for 10 years. For a quarter-acre lot size, the assessment could be \$9,000 total or about \$75 per month for 10 years.

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| 13. | Would you support or oppose this option? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY FAVOR.....2%
FAVOR.....17%
OPPOSE.....50%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....27%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5% |
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Another option is for the city to initiate a citywide property tax levy that charges all property owners for the total cost of a long-term maintenance and reconstruction program. Your portion of the citywide tax would be based on your property value. For an average \$150,000 home, this could amount to \$24 per month; while a \$450,000 home could see \$51 per month increase. The tax would be added to your property tax bills and would be payable for the next 40 years.

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| 14. | Would you support or oppose this option? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY FAVOR.....3%
FAVOR.....36%
OPPOSE.....45%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4% |
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Finally, the city could initiate a citywide franchise fee that charges all customers, including tax exempt properties, an equal amount of the total cost of a maintenance and reconstruction program. In other words, the franchise fee would be the same whether you own a \$150,000 home or a \$450,000 home. This could amount to about \$28 per month for every residential customer and \$54 per month for commercial customers. The fee would be payable for the next 20-40 years.

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| 15. Would you support or oppose this option? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY FAVOR.....5%
FAVOR.....44%
OPPOSE.....35%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5% |
| 16. Of these three options -- a standard assessment of just affected property owners, a citywide property tax based on the value of the property, or a standard citywide franchise fee charging everyone the same amount - which do you most prefer? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | ASSESSMENT/STRONGLY....5%
ASSESSMENT.....12%
PROPERTY TAX/STRONGLY..6%
PROPERTY TAX.....9%
FRANCHISE FEE/STRONG..18%
FRANCHISE FEE.....26%
NO (VOL.).....19%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5% |
| 17. Do you believe that the city should install sidewalks when reconstructing a roadway? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY YES.....5%
YES.....32%
NO.....49%
STRONGLY NO.....12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2% |

The following are statements that some have cited in support of a city-wide long-term road maintenance and funding program. For each, please tell me if you find the statement very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or not at all convincing.

- | | VRC | SMC | NTC | NAA | DKR |
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| 18. The road maintenance and reconstruction program will spread out the cost over a long period of time so property owners are not burdened by large annual assessments. | 22% | 47% | 9% | 20% | 1% |
| 19. This program more fairly distributes the cost of a road maintenance program to all property owners, all of whom benefit from well-maintained roads. | 30% | 34% | 14% | 22% | 0% |

	VRC	SMC	NTC	NAA	DKR
20. A long-term road maintenance program and dedicated funding source are needed to ensure road projects are not delayed and ultimately cost us more.	32%	36%	11%	20%	0%
21. We need this program to ensure our local roads and streets are safe for pedestrians and drivers.	39%	35%	7%	19%	0%
22. Ramsey's streets are a citywide asset. Investing in them is necessary to attract new residents, businesses and jobs.	28%	39%	11%	22%	0%

The following are statements some critics have cited in opposition to a long-term road maintenance and funding program. Once again, for each of the following please tell me if you find the statements very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or not at all convincing.

	VRC	SMC	NTC	NAA	DKR
23. Ramsey's streets are in fine condition; they don't need more investment.	19%	34%	19%	28%	0%
24. In the current economy, our residents cannot afford to spend more.	34%	31%	11%	24%	0%
25. The city needs to put the money it already has to better use.	29%	17%	24%	29%	1%
26. By instituting a long-term road maintenance and funding program, the city is taking away taxpayers' power to petition against or stop a road project.	22%	20%	30%	27%	1%
27. We should be focused on other priorities right now, like lowering local government spending and attracting new jobs.	25%	26%	23%	25%	1%
28. What is your principal source of information about Ramsey city government and its activities?					

CITY NEWSLETTER, 54%; LOCAL NEWSPAPER, 19%; CITY WEBSITE, 7%; WORD OF MOUTH, 5%; CABLE TELEVISION, 7%; CITY EMPLOYEES, 3%; MEETINGS, 5%.

Moving on to just a few final questions for demographic purposes....

29.	Could you please tell me which of the following ranges includes your age?	18-34.....20%
		35-44.....25%
		45-54.....24%
		55-64.....18%
		65 AND OLDER.....12%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
30.	Do you have school-aged children or pre-schoolers living in your household?	YES.....45%
		NO.....55%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
31.	Do you own or rent your residence? (IF "OWN," ASK:) What is the value of your current residence -- under \$100,000, \$100,000-\$150,000, \$150,001-\$200,000, \$200,001-\$250,000, \$250,001-\$300,000, or over \$300,000?	RENT.....7%
		OWN/UNDER \$100,000.....4%
		OWN/\$100,000-\$150,000..7%
		OWN/\$150,001-\$200,000.33%
		OWN/\$200,001-\$250,000.31%
		OWN/\$250,001-\$300,000.10%
		OWN/OVER \$300,000.....6%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
32.	Gender (BY OBSERVATION)	MALE.....50%
		FEMALE.....50%
33.	Ward (FROM LIST)	ONE.....30%
		TWO.....23%
		THREE.....23%
		FOUR.....24%

City of Ramsey Long-Term Road Maintenance Program Residential Survey Results – July 2011

- 1. More than 9 out of 10 respondents believe the quality of life in Ramsey is good or excellent, and a majority of participants believe they are receiving good value for their taxes.**
 - 21% rated the quality of life as “excellent” and 72% rated it as “good.”
 - When asked to consider the amount of taxes paid to the city and the quality of services received in return, 59% of respondents believe they receive good or excellent value.

- 2. Majorities of respondents believe the city’s streets and roads currently are in good condition and well maintained, but they still consider road maintenance to be a significant issue for the city.**
 - When asked to rank Ramsey’s local streets and roads according to various characteristics, the following majorities gave rankings of excellent or good:
 - Road width (82%)
 - The city’s responsiveness to road maintenance and repair needs (62%)
 - The quality and condition of Ramsey’s roads compared to neighboring cities (57%)
 - Safety features such as lights, sidewalks and signs (55%)
 - The overall quality of streets and roads (54%)
 - Road maintenance and The COR (Ramsey’s downtown development project) were identified equally as the “most serious issue facing the city.”

- 3. Almost three out of four respondents believe Ramsey needs to develop a long-term street reconstruction and funding policy.**
 - After learning that reconstruction of nearly half of the city’s roads will be necessary between 2016 and 2025 and that the city’s current policy provides for funding reconstruction with assessments, 73% of respondents said the city should develop a new policy; 11% of those felt strongly about this.

- 4. Among three options presented for funding long-term road maintenance and reconstruction, a citywide franchise fee is more acceptable than a property assessment or citywide property tax.**
 - 49% of respondents favored a franchise fee, 47% opposed.
 - 39% favored a citywide property tax, 57% opposed.
 - 77% opposed – 27% strongly – a standard property assessment based on lineal footage.
 - When asked to choose among all three options, 44% favored the franchise fee (18% strongly).

- 5. Ensuring safety and spreading out the cost of long-term road maintenance and reconstruction are the most compelling reasons for supporting a new policy, according to respondents.**
 - 74% believe safety is an important reason to pursue a new policy; 39% of those felt strongly.
 - 69% of respondents believe spreading out the costs and keeping property owner assessments low is a compelling reason; 22% of those felt strongly.
 - Concern about the current economy was the most compelling reason tested in opposition to doing a long-term road maintenance and funding program.

Decision Resources, Ltd. conducted a telephone survey administered to 300 randomly selected adults living in the city of Ramsey. Professional interviewers conducted the survey June 7-21, 2011. The typical respondent took 11 minutes to complete the questionnaire. The results of this study are projectable to the universe of adult Ramsey residents within 6.0% in 95 out of 100 cases.

CC Work Session

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Meeting Date: 07/19/2011

By: Jo Thieling, Administrative Services

Title:

Review Future Work Session Topics/Calendar

Background:

Attached is a list of future items for Council review.

Funding Source:

N/A

Council Action:

No formal action required - for review purposes.

Attachments

Future Topics/Calendar

Form Review

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**Work Session Calendar
2011**

Month	Date	Topics for Discussion
Others on List – including 2011 Strategic Planning Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion relating to prepaying park dedication – Northfork (TG) • Look at pilot programs (e.g. volunteer programs – low maintenance) • Proactively recruit residential development and seek builders input • Review development fees and standards regarding construction • Develop TIF tracking plan with regard to fiscal disparities impact • Establish fund reserve policy • Review City-owned lands and create plan for it – <i>scheduled for July 12 agenda</i> • Review park programming and potential reallocation of parks – <i>scheduled for July 12 agenda – included in Review City owned land . . .</i> • Construct boat landing at River’s Bend – <i>was reviewed with Council and determined it was not a priority at this location.</i> • Build on outdoors/sportsmen’s market (e.g. stock pond/lake) • Coordinate COR marketing and City marketing • Create Master Plan 167th Avenue/Highway 47 – plan for redevelopment – Discuss after Joint Meeting between CC & EDA • Develop community center/indoor sports complex • Old Town Hall relocation • Review & revise Development Management contract and manage COR expenditures • Consider creation of a Transportation Taxing District • Seek grant funding for transportation projects and service delivery • Complete US 10/ County Road 83 interchange design – pursue funding • Establish position on TH #47 South of Bunker to Highway #10 <p><u>Public Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review plan for US Highway #10 pedestrian overpass and connection with Municipal Center ramp • Review Dirt Road Elimination Policy (DREP) • Create opportunities for snowmobile, four-wheeler & golf cart use • Review sidewalk plowing policy