

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson David Elvig
 Commissioner Randy Backous
 Commissioner Colin McGlone
 Commissioner Bob Ramsey
 Commissioner Sarah Strommen
 Commissioner Jason Tossey
 Commissioner Jeffrey Wise

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
 HRA Executive Director Heidi A. Nelson
 Finance Officer Diana Lund
 Development Manager Darren Lazan

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elvig called the regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to order at 8:13 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner McGlone, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Elvig, Commissioners McGlone, Wise, Backous, Ramsey, Strommen, and Tossey. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were none.

HRA BUSINESS

Case #1: Adopt Resolution Approving Proposed 2012 HRA Levy

Finance Director Lund reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to adopt Resolution #HRA-11-09-005 authorizing the approval of the proposed 2012 HRA levy in the amount of \$368,549.

Further discussion: Commissioner Ramsey asked if the extra dollars will be placed into the HRA fund from the opening of The COR. Finance Director Lund stated that at the next meeting Council will be asked to authorize a transfer for \$130,000 to the HRA fund.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Elvig, Commissioners Wise, Backous, McGlone, Ramsey, Strommen, and Tossey. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Case #2: Consider Amendment to Purchase Agreement – The Residence at The COR

HRA Executive Director Nelson reviewed the staff report.

Chair Elvig asked if there will be a worksession scheduled prior to the next regular meeting of September 27 that will include full documentation of the project. HRA Executive Director Nelson said there is no plan for a worksession prior to the September 27 regular meeting, adding the outline is consistent with what was agreed to in the August 23 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve the revised Fourth Amendment to the Purchase Agreement for The Residence at The COR and direct the development team to execute the agreement as a replacement for the previously approved amendment.

Further discussion: Commissioner Tossey said there have been too many amendments to this purchase agreement so he will be voting no.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Elvig, Commissioners Ramsey, Wise, Backous, and McGlone. Voting No: Tossey and Strommen. Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HRA Executive Director Nelson requested that their scheduled tour of the metro area's mixed uses be changed from October 4 to October 3 in order to allow the developer the opportunity to meet with Commissioners during the day on October 4 to provide an update on plans and efforts and ask for feedback. She said this schedule will also allow for attendance at the conference for The COR. HRA Executive Director Nelson noted that both the tours and meetings will be posted.

HRA Executive Director Nelson shared that staff will be hosting a booth again during Happy Days to provide information regarding The COR, rail station, parking ramp, proposed apartment project, and the grand opening of the VA building.

Chair Elvig referred to the kick off event at Connexus earlier today for the Connect Anoka County project that will provide fiber connection for 145 governmental institutions as well as provide great employment opportunities.

COMMISSIONER INPUT

Commissioner Tossey inquired what the Commission will be voting on at the September 27 meeting. HRA Executive Director Nelson said the Commission will be asked to vote on an amended purchase agreement and development agreement, adding that staff is not ready to propose any action on the bonding yet.

Commissioner Tossey thanked the Anoka County Board for broadcasting their Board meeting at Ramsey City Hall earlier that day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Tossey, to close the regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Nelson
HRA Executive Director

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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