

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 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
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Public Works Director Brian Olson
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood
City Attorney William Goodrich
Development Manager Lazan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.01: Consider the Introduction of an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ramsey to Convey its interest in a Property (Lot 3, Block 1, CORE ONE)

Deputy Administrator Nelson reviewed the staff report and indicated if the ordinance is introduced tonight, it would be considered for adoption at the March 27, 2012, Council meeting.

City Attorney Goodrich advised The COR plat will be platted shortly but since it is not yet recorded, the legal descriptions are "Ramsey Town Center." Once platted, it will all become Lot 3, Block 1, The COR.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey seconded by Councilmember Wise, to introduce Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ramsey to convey its interest in Lot 3, Block 1, CORE ONE, Anoka County, Minnesota to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Ramsey, Minnesota.

Further Discussion: The Council discussed the notice provided for this special meeting. City Attorney Goodrich read the relevant Charter section, noting it states the Mayor or three members can call a meeting to order upon 24-hours notice. With regard to ownership, Deputy Administrator Nelson explained a quitclaim deed had been approved in May 2011 and the Council will gift the land to the HRA prior to it going to Flaherty and Collins. Councilmember Tossey cited State Statutes requiring 72-hours posted notice, regardless of Charter requirements. City Attorney Goodrich explained the City's Charter takes precedence over State Statute and Mr. Bray had scheduled this meeting based on the Mayor's call with 24-hours notice. He advised that no one has filed for special notice of meetings with the City. The Council discussed requirements for meeting notice and timing between ordinance introduction and adoption.

The consensus of the City Council was to direct staff to post three days' notice for a Special City Council Meeting to assure the process is open and transparent.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Due to the concern raised relating to the sufficiency of meeting notice, Mayor Ramsey adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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