

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a City Council Work Session on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Ramsey
Councilmember Randy Backous (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)
Councilmember Colin McGlone
Councilmember Sarah Strommen
Councilmember Jason Tossey (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)
Councilmember Jeffrey Wise

Member Absent: Councilmember David Elvig

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Finance Director Diana Lund
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood
Street Supervisor Grant Reimer
Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson
City Attorney William Goodrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the City Council Work Session to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

2.01: Review 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Management Report

Aaron Nielson, Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Company, presented the Management Report, a summarization of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Councilmembers Backous and Tossey arrived at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Ramsey asked why the general government amount is so large when compared to other cities but the public safety number is smaller.

Finance Officer Lund explained that general government includes TIF and governmental funds beyond the General Fund.

Mayor Ramsey noted that comparable cities are at \$85 per capita and Ramsey is at \$205 per capita, a large difference.

Councilmember Backous noted it comprises 33% of the balance and asked if that is the best way to report on it.

Finance Officer Lund reviewed the items that are included in the government line item.

Mr. Nielson noted another variable is whether all cities are consistently presenting from year to year and other cities may be making a different allocation.

Finance Officer Lund indicated in 2011, general government was \$2.2 million versus public safety at \$3.9 million. She explained that general government included over \$1 million in TIF, \$466,000 in HRA, \$551,000 for Bus Service, in addition to other special revenue and capital projects of \$450,000. Those figures are included in the \$205 per capita calculation.

Councilmember Wise noted Ramsey is on the low end of the comparable cities, which also makes a difference.

Finance Officer Lund pointed out the averages are fairly close, from \$606 to Ramsey's \$614, so it depends on how the city reports. She explained that Ramsey places TIF under Special Revenue Funds, not Capital Projects as reported by other cities.

Mr. Nielson completed review of the Management Report.

Finance Officer Lund stated this item is on the City Council's consent agenda as well as authorization to seek the Certificate of Excellence.

Informational; no action required.

3. FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

City Administrator Ulrich indicated the June 19, 2012, agenda will include continued discussion of 2013 budget and review of goals.

3.01: Consider Support of Anoka County Library Grant Request

City Administrator Ulrich advised the Anoka County Library has asked the City to support its grant request to fund the "Anoka County Library on the Go," project to provide access to library materials and services at a satellite location in the lobby of the Ramsey City Hall. He reviewed the items for which the City would be responsible, noting it will involve little to no cost and there is no City match requirement to the grant. City Administrator Ulrich recommended a letter of support be written on behalf of the Anoka County Library's grant application under the Mayor's signature.

Mayor Ramsey asked whether Andover and Ramsey were competing for the grant funds.

City Administrator Ulrich stated his understanding that the grant funding can accommodate both requests and indicated a library tour is scheduled for July 28, 2012, if anyone is interested in attending.

The consensus of the Council was to support staff's recommendation.

4. MAYOR / COUNCIL / STAFF INPUT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to adjourn the Work Session meeting.

The Work Session of the City Council was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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