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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 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
Finance Director Diana Lund
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Police Chief James Way
Human Resources Manager Colleen Lasher
City Clerk Jo Ann Thieling
Development Services Manager Timothy Gladhill
City Attorney William Goodrich
Interim Engineer Shane Nelson
Councilmember-Elect Mark Kuzma
Councilmember-Elect Chris Riley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ramsey.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: Presentation and Swearing in of New Police Officer

Police Chief Nelson introduced Officer Shannon Schlender and described her ten years of law enforcement experience.

City Attorney Goodrich swore in Officer Shannon Schlender to the position of Ramsey Police Officer.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 4.01: Receive October 2012 Financial Reports – General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- 4.02: Note the following Board Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes Dated September 10, 2012
 - 2) Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes Dated October 11, 2012
- 4.03: Approve License Applications:
 - Transient Merchant
Abundant Life Ministries, Box 1061, Anoka, MN 55303
 - Temporary Intoxicating
St. Katharine Drexel, 7101 – 143rd Avenue NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
- 4.04: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) Special City Council – October 16, 2012
 - 2) City Council Work Session – October 23, 2012
 - 3) City Council Regular – October 23, 2012
 - 4) Canvassing Board – November 13, 2012
 - 5) City Council Work Session – November 13, 2012
 - 6) City Council Regular – November 13, 2012
- 4.05: Approval for Exemption for a Gambling License for Simply Outdoor Experiences to Conduct a Raffle at 8019 Armstrong Boulevard – Holte Contracting Office
- 4.06: Approve Highway 10 Access Easement to benefit property located at 6781 Highway 10 NW
- 4.07: Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Ramsey and County of Anoka for Assessment of Property
- 4.08: Authorize Entering into a Joint Powers Agreement for Conduct of Elections between Anoka County and the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate Costs for Election Expenses
- 4.09: Adopt Resolution #12-11-176 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of November 8, 2012, through November 20, 2012
- 4.10: Adopt Resolution #12-11-177 Authorizing Partial Payment to North Pine Aggregate for IP 12-20 Armstrong / Sunwood Drive
- 4.11: Adopt Resolution #12-11-178 Authorizing Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for IP 12-23 Alpine Drive Resolution

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Backous, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to approve the agenda as revised to consider Case 7:06 prior to Case 7.05.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- None.

Councilmember Wise left the Council Chambers at 7:03 p.m.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Ordinance #12-XX Adopting 2013 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges

Finance Director Lund reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to waive the requirement of the City Charter to read the Ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #12-18 Adopting the 2013 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Strommen	aye
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Wise	absent
Mayor Ramsey	aye

Motion carried.

Councilmember Wise returned to the Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

7.02: Adopt Ordinance #12-XX to Amend City Code Section 117 – 118 (The COR) Approving Amendment to The COR Design Framework Related to Off-Street Parking, Signs, Parks and Trails, and Sub-District Boundaries

Development Services Manager Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to waive the requirement of the City Charter to read the Ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #12-19 Amending Section 117-

118 “The COR Districts” of Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ramsey, Minnesota, to Amend Sub-District Boundaries, Parking Regulations, Parks Section, and Master Sign Plan.

Further discussion: Development Services Manager Gladhill answered the Council’s questions related to the Planning Commission’s discussion about the sizing of signs, illumination, and cost of construction. With regard to the brightly lit car dealership signs along Highway 10, Development Services Manager Gladhill advised the Code allows only enough brightness (lumens) to read the message, which provides flexibility.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Strommen	aye
Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

Motion carried.

7.03: Adopt Ordinance #12-XX to Amend City Code Chapter 117, Article II, Division 8 (Signs) Related to Temporary, Construction Real Estate, and Off-Premise Signs

Development Services Manager Gladhill reviewed the staff report and answered questions of the Council related to exemptions for real estate signs that identify location and size of leasable space. He indicated this type of signage is considered temporary in nature and would be removed upon leasing the space. It was noted that dynamic display signs are regulated by frequency of display and level of lumens.

The Council acknowledged the need for the City to follow Code requirements when placing temporary signage for The Draw events.

With regard to the Northfork sign being located within the right-of-way and intersecting the path, Development Services Manager Gladhill advised that it had been approved and the City obtains a Mn/DOT permit each year. It was suggested that Northfork be encouraged to better maintain its sign and possibly shift its location. Development Services Manager Gladhill indicated staff would further explore this issue.

The Council asked about the temporary trailer with a “Now Hiring” sign that had been placed alongside the intersection of Highway 10 and Alpine Drive for several weeks. Development Services Manager Gladhill indicated he was not aware of the trailer.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to waive the requirement of the City Charter to read the Ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #12-20 Amending Article II, Division 8 (“Signs”) of Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ramsey, Minnesota.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Strommen	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

Motion carried.

7.04: Adopt Ordinance #12-XX Vacating Portions of Drainage and Utility Easement at 6012 146th Avenue NW; Case of Jesse and Dana VerBeek

Development Services Manager Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to waive the requirement of the City Charter to read the Ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #12-21 Vacating a Portion of an Easement for Drainage and Utility Purposes in the City of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Strommen	aye
Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Wise	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

Motion carried.

7.06: Attorney – Client Privileged Discussion Regarding the Pending Isanti County District Court Lawsuit Titled “County of Isanti, Plaintiff, vs. Keith Kiefer, Defendant, vs. City of Ramsey and City Administrator, Kurtis Ulrich, in his official capacity and individually, Third Party Defendants”

City Attorney Goodrich advised that under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.015, Subd.3(b), the meeting can move into closed session to discuss litigation strategy regarding this pending lawsuit entitled “County of Isanti, Plaintiff, vs. Keith Kiefer, Defendant, vs. City of Ramsey and City Administrator, Kurtis Ulrich, in his official capacity and individually, Third Party Defendants.” The litigation deals with cleanup of property at 6203 Rivlyn Avenue NW. He indicated that Kennedy & Graven Attorney Mary Tietjen, Minnesota Legal Trust, is representing the City in

this litigation and is in attendance. The closed session will be tape recorded and that tape will be maintained for a period of eight years.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to move to closed session to discuss acquisition negotiations.

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

The City Council meeting moved into a closed session at 7:24 p.m.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:52 p.m.

City Attorney Goodrich stated the Council held discussion on the described litigation. No specific conclusion was reached and it is expected that in the future the Council will be holding additional closed meetings on this matter.

7.05: Consider Entering into a Purchase Agreement for the Property Located at 8901 – 146th Avenue NW, Minnesota, owned by USCO Corp. (Portions may be closed to the public)

City Attorney Goodrich explained that the City negotiated a purchase price for 8901 – 146th Avenue NW and has now received a counter offer. He advised that under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd.3(c), the meeting can move into closed session to discuss confidential or non-public appraisal data and acquisition negotiations. He indicated closed session discussion will relate to property acquisitions of the USCO Corp. site, 8901 – 146th Avenue NW, for the Sunwood Drive/Realignment Project. The closed session will be tape recorded and that tape will be maintained for a period of eight years.

Councilmember Wise recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to move to closed session to discuss acquisition negotiations.

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

The City Council meeting moved into a closed session at 7:54 p.m. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:23 p.m.

City Attorney Goodrich stated the Council held discussion and no final decision was reached except to direct staff to negotiate a final offer to purchase the real property located at 8901 – 146th Avenue NW and lease back terms.

7.06: Attorney – Client Privileged Discussion Regarding the Pending Isanti County District Court Lawsuit Titled “County of Isanti, Plaintiff, vs. Keith Kiefer, Defendant, vs. City of Ramsey and City Administrator, Kurtis Ulrich, in his official capacity and individually, Third Party Defendants”

This item was considered prior to Case 7:05.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

8.01: There will be no Council Work Session on Tuesday, December 4, 2012

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming events and that Ramsey has been designated a Transit Improvement Area by the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development so it will be able to apply for State and Federal grants. He also announced that the Anoka County Library received a grant to sponsor kiosk libraries in Andover and Ramsey and labor negotiations have begun.

Councilmember Tossey reported on the tragic loss of life that occurred yesterday on Highway 10 in Anoka. He indicated the Ramsey City Council will be holding joint meetings with the Anoka City Council to discuss Highway 10 and the need for improvement.

Mayor Ramsey advised that Highway 10 is also Anoka County’s number one priority

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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