

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

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Bob Ramsey

Also Present: HRA Executive Director Heidi A. Nelson
 City Administrator Kurtis G. Ulrich
 Public Works Director Brian Olson
 City Engineer Tim Himmer
 Development Manager Darren Lazan
 City Attorney Bill Goodrich

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elvig called the regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to order at 8:48 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, Strommen, and Tossey. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Ramsey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

HRA BUSINESS

Case #1: Consider Amendment to Purchase Agreement – Suite Living

HRA Executive Director Nelson reviewed the staff report.

Development Manager Lazan advised the amendment includes a nonrefundable fee of \$20,000 for the 60-day extension and provided an update on earnest monies and fees paid to date. He advised that Mr. Wings is performing due diligence for financing.

Brian Wings, 4721 Fable Parkway North, Hugo, representing Suite Living, provided an update on the project and assured the HRA they are committed to proceed with this \$20 million building. He indicated the site plan approvals included the flexibility to increase the number of rooms, within the existing footprint so another level would not be required. To allow winter construction, they plan to blanket the site.

Development Manager Lazan indicated staff would bring forward an amendment to the license agreement to accommodate blanketing the site.

Motion by Commissioner McGlone, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with Toti Development and direct staff to execute the agreement.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HRA Executive Director Nelson provided an update on the feasibility work for the realignment of Sunwood Road and negotiations with Coborns.

Development Manager Lazan provided an update on the Sunwood Road realignment feasibility study and work with WSB and Anoka County on lane alignment.

HRA Executive Director Nelson reported on the two proposals for appraisals for the properties west of Armstrong Boulevard. Following a brief discussion, the HRA indicated its preference to consider this matter as an agenda item at the December 13, 2011, meeting.

HRA Executive Director Nelson reported on productive meetings held with parties interested in The COR, the positive media coverage on recent events, and upcoming agenda items.

COMMISSIONER INPUT

Chairperson Elvig reported on the successful opening of the VA Clinic and inaugural train stop in Ramsey.

City Administrator Ulrich provided an update on a recent meeting with Mn/DOT, Anoka County, and Metro Transit and support of Mn/DOT to make the Armstrong Boulevard/Highway 10 interchange the highest priority with the Highway 10 project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi A. Nelson
HRA Executive Director

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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