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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Sarah Strommen
Councilmember Randy Backous
Councilmember David Elvig
Councilmember Mark Kuzma
Councilmember John LeTourneau
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Jason Tossey

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Finance Director Diana Lund
Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood
Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
Development Services Manager Timothy Gladhill
City Engineer Bruce Westby
Assistant to the City Administrator Patrick Brama
City Attorney William Goodrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strommen called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Strommen.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: Robin Roland, State Representative for the Government Finance Officer's Association

Mayor Strommen recognized and welcomed Robin Roland the Government Finance Officer's Association State Representative.

Ms. Roland introduced herself and presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Finance Director Lund thanked Assistant Finance Director McAlpine and the Finance Department as a whole for their work, noting this is the 18th consecutive year the City has achieved this award.

The Council congratulated Finance Director Lund and the Finance Department on this achievement.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Backous, seconded by Councilmember LeTourneau, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 4.01: Receive 2013 Building Division Month End Report: March
- 4.02: Note the following Board and Commission Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2013
 - 2) Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes dated February 14, 2013
 - 3) Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2013
 - 4) Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes dated March 4, 2013
- 4.03: Approve License Applications:
 - Peddlers / Solicitors
 - Blaine Anoka Ice Cream, 922 – 94th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN 55434
 - Transient Merchant
 - Ramsey Garden Club, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
- 4.04: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated February 5, 2013
 - 2) City Council Work Session dated March 5, 2013
 - 3) City Council Work Session dated March 12, 2013
 - 4) City Council Regular Session dated March 12, 2013
 - 5) City Council Work Session dated March 19, 2013
 - 6) City Council Work Session dated March 26, 2013
 - 7) City Council Regular Session dated March 26, 2013
- 4.05: Introduce Ordinance #13-09 to Vacate an Easement for Street and Utility Purposes on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Park 67 Industrial Park; Case of Sharp & Associates and Transwest, LLC
- 4.06: Adopt Resolution #13-04-066 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of March 21, 2013, through April 3, 2013
- 4.07: Adopt Resolution #13-04-070 Supporting Legislation Authorizing the Establishment of Municipal Street Improvement Districts
- 4.08: Adopt Updated *MUNICIPAL CENTER FACILITY USE & RENTAL POLICY*
- 4.03: Report from the Public Works Committee Meeting dated March 19, 2013:

- 1) Nominate Chair and Vice-Chair for the Public Works Committee – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve Councilmember Backous as Chair and Councilmember Kuzma as Vice-Chair.*
- 2) Consider Interim Trail in the Right-of-Way of US Highway 10 and 169 – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and address the request for a temporary trail within the right-of-way of Highways 10 and 169 between Bowers Drive and Llama Street by altering driveway/ditch approaches, etc. such that a trail may be mowed by the City a few times a year at minimal expense and direct staff to investigate the permanent grant funded bituminous trail for construction in 2013 with reimbursement of Federal monies at some point in 2015.*
- 3) Review Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) System and Consider Purchase – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve staff to purchase the Precise MRM System and installation in all large plow equipment and sidewalk cleaning machine.*

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers Backous, LeTourneau, Elvig, Kuzma, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember LeTourneau, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers LeTourneau, Kuzma, Backous, Elvig, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Authorize Contracted Mowing Services for The Draw, Municipal Center, and the Northstar Commuter Rail Station

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the staff report and recommendation to use Village Green Landscapes.

The Council acknowledged this is a well thought out strategic plan.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to approve Village Green Landscapes for the 2013 mowing of The Draw, the Municipal Center, and the Northstar Rail Station and authorize the City Administrator to enter into such agreements with Metropolitan Transit as may be necessary for the City to provide summer outdoor landscape services at the Northstar Commuter Rail Station.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers Elvig, Backous, Kuzma, LeTourneau, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

7.02: Approve Play Structure for North Commons

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the North Commons play structure.

Motion by Councilmember LeTourneau, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$48,000 for the North Commons playground project for 2013 implementation from the Lawful Gambling Fund.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers LeTourneau, Kuzma, Backous, Elvig, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

7.03: Adopt Ordinance #13-08 to Sell Surplus City Owned Lands

Assistant to the City Administrator Brama reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt an ordinance to sell City-owned property at 14280 Azurite Street NW, which had been deemed to be surplus land.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to Adopt Ordinance #13-08 Authorizing the City of Ramsey to Sell/Convey Surplus Land and to Waive Reading of the Ordinance as otherwise required by the City Charter.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember LeTourneau	aye
Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Mayor Strommen	aye

Motion carried.

7.04: Approve Amended Easement for Emergency Egress – Ramsey Rail Station

City Administrator Ulrich reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the amended easement for the new utility building at the south side of the tracks at the Ramsey Rail Station.

Motion by Councilmember LeTourneau, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to approve the emergency easement for Ramsey Rail Station as amended from 42.00 feet to 46.00 feet.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers LeTourneau, Backous, Elvig, Kuzma, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

At the invitation of City Administrator Ulrich, newly hired City Engineer Bruce Westby introduced himself, stated he is excited to be with Ramsey, and looks forward to being part of its initiatives. The Council extended its welcome to City Engineer Westby.

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and reminded the Council that he and Mayor Strommen will travel to Washington, D.C. on May 21-22, 2013, to lobby for the Highway 10 and Armstrong Boulevard interchange. He reported that the Governor's Bonding Bill did not include this project, the House Bonding Bill included \$10 million for this project, and the Senate Bonding Bill has not yet come out.

Mayor Strommen announced that last week she and City Administrator Ulrich met with Senator Franken to address issues including the Highway 10 and Armstrong interchange so their trip to Washington, D.C. will be a timely follow up.

Councilmember Tossey stated he believes there will be support by the Governor and Mn/DOT even if the project is not included in the Governor's Bonding Bill. He announced the May 17, 2013, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast fundraiser for Youth First and encouraged all to participate.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember LeTourneau, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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