

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #13-07-119

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW (AUAR) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED AS THE COR (FORMERLY RAMSEY TOWN CENTER)

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Ramsey, hereinafter referred to as “Developer”, is proposing to develop The COR, a mixed-use development, within the City of Ramsey, hereinafter referred to as “City”; and

WHEREAS, under the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Subject Property is designated as Mixed-Use; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is proposing to locate a mixture of residential, commercial, light industrial, office, institutional, and public uses on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Developer desires that the variety of land uses to be intermingled amongst each other to provide for diversity of uses and density; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is proposing that the Ramsey Town Center contain up to 2,200 housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is proposing that the Ramsey Town Center contain up to 1,724,042 square feet of leaseable commercial, retail, office, and institutional square footage; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4410.4300 of Minnesota Rules states that a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) must be conducted if certain mandatory thresholds are exceeded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4410.4400 of Minnesota Rules states that a mandatory Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared if certain mandatory thresholds are exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey Town Center, as proposed will exceed many of the applicable thresholds for requiring a mandatory EAW and EIS; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4410.3600 of Minnesota Rules allows for alternative environmental review of a project when environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4410.3610 of Minnesota Rules allows for a local unit of government to use an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) environmental review process instead of and EAW and EIS; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted an AUAR for The COR, then known as Ramsey Town Center, in 2003 (the “2003 AUAR”); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to update the 2003 AUAR following the same AUAR process; and

WHEREAS, the City ordered the AUAR Update on April 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Official Comment Period closed on June 12, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. That the City hereby adopts the Final AUAR Update as regulated by Chapter 4410.3610 of Minnesota Rules be conducted in relation to The COR development in an area.
2. That the environmental review contained in the AUAR document shall be based off of the concept plan as commonly known as Development Plan 6.02.
3. That the environmental review contained in the AUAR document shall be based on having a potential total of 2,200 residential and up to 1,724,042 square feet of leaseable commercial, retail, office, and institutional square footage

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 9th day of July, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk