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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Sarah Strommen
Councilmember Randy Backous
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
Police Captain Jeff Katers
Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
Development Services Manager Timothy Gladhill
City Engineer Bruce Westby
City Attorney Joe Langel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strommen 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 Strommen.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4.01: Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2013
- 4.02: Receive June 2013 Financial Reports – General Fund and Enterprise Funds

- 4.03: Note the following Commission and Board Meeting Minutes:
- 1) Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 3, 2013
 - 2) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 6, 2013
 - 3) Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 6, 2013
- 4.04: Approval of Application from the Anoka Women of Today to Conduct Bingo at Ramsey Happy Days on September 7, 2013
- 4.05: Enter into Lease Agreement with PACT Charter School for Storage Space at 6701 Highway 10
- 4.06: Adopt Resolution #13-07-120 Appointing Election Judges for the Special Election on July 30, 2013
- 4.07: Adopt Resolution #13-07-126 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of July 4, 2013, through July 17, 2013
- 4.08: Adopt Resolution #13-07-122 Approving Partial Payment to North Pine Aggregate for IP 12-20; CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) – Sunwood Drive
- 4.09: Adopt Resolution #13-07-124 Authorizing Partial Payment to North Pine Aggregate, Inc. for IP 12-28; Rum River Hills Storm Sewer Replacement
- 4.10: Adopt Resolution #13-07-123 Approving Final Payment to Jullian M. Johnson for IP 12-24; 2012 Storm Sewer Improvements

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Consideration of Adopting Resolution #13-07-125 Accepting Bids and Authorizing Award of Contract for IP 13-00; 2013 Pavement Management Program

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report, presented the low bids received for each Program, and described four alternatives for the Council's consideration. He answered questions of the Council relating to the need for the second asphalt lift in RTC 9th to protect the base course and curb and gutter, which are privately owned.

City Administrator Ulrich noted if improvements are made in the RTC 9th Addition, the City may not have an option to bill back costs to the property owner. He recommended notifying the property owner of the bid process and attractive bids received. It was noted the City owns RTC 8th Addition and RTC 10th Addition. RTC 9th Addition is owned by a private party.

Development Services Manager Gladhill explained it had been a third party escrow agreement and the title company holding that escrow changed and released those funds without notice to the City.

The Council discussed whether improvements should be made to RTC 9th Addition in an effort to protect existing infrastructure. It was pointed out that a private title company had made a mistake in releasing the escrow funds, and the property is owned by a private developer who needs to complete the project on private property, so it is not a City problem to solve.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember LeTourneau, to adopt Resolution #13-07-125 Accepting Bids and Authorizing Award of Contract for IP 13-00; 2013 Pavement Maintenance Program, to Allied Blacktop Company of Maple Grove, Minnesota in the amount of \$338,072.73 for the Program A improvements, and to North Metro Asphalt of Ham Lake, Minnesota in the amount of \$187,286.00 for the Program B improvements, excluding the approved alternate bid for wear course for RTC 9th Addition.

Further discussion: City Engineer Westby advised the RTC 9th Addition road is currently in poor condition and he supports the suggestion to inform the property owner of the attractive bid received and provide the option of completing that project. The Council discussed road conditions during winter weather and potential for damage to City roadways when the RTC 9th Addition is completed at a future date. City Engineer Westby stated the contractor would level the pavement edge of the RTC 8th Addition to assure a smooth transition. Councilmember Riley stated his motion does not preclude staff from informing the property owner of the attractive bid received. In response to the Council's questions, City Attorney Langel advised that generally speaking, once the escrow money has gone back to the developer, there is typically no contractual recourse to get the money back to the City. With regard to possible recourse should the City's roadway be damaged by a project on private roadways, he indicated it will depend on the language within the City's ordinances and the development agreement but most often, a period of time is allowed to place the wear course.

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

7.02: Adopt Resolution #13-07-121 Concerning the Commencement of Renewal Proceedings Under the Federal Cable Act

Karen George, Executive Director of Quad Cities Cable Commission (QCCC), explained the purpose of the Commission and terms of the Contract.

City Administrator Ulrich stated the City recently received notice that the QCCC would release some capital funds. As a result, over next two years the City of Ramsey will be receiving \$100,000 to purchase equipment and make upgrades to improve the quality of broadcast.

Motion by Councilmember Backous, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to adopt Resolution #13-07-121 Concerning the Commencement of Renewal Proceedings under the Federal Cable Act.

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

7.03: Receive Update on Highway 10 Access Study Group and Provide Comment on Draft Problem Statement

Development Services Manager Gladhill presented an update relating to the Highway 10 Access Study, goals of Mn/DOT, and draft problem statement.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember LeTourneau, to adopt the Highway 10 Access Study Policy Statements.

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

8.01: Budget Update

Finance Director Lund provided a presentation relating to the 2014 budget process.

Mayor Strommen stated the Council will be working on the preliminary 2014 budget until it is adopted in September.

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings, Ward 1 special election, and events.

Mayor Strommen reported on the Mayoral Round Table Meeting hosted by Senator Klobuchar with newly appointed Transportation Commissioner Anthony Foxx.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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