

WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



January 3, 2013

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

- 5:30 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Lake Itasca Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Reception in the main lobby for new Council positions
- 7:00 p.m. – City Council – Council Chambers
- Immediately Following City Council – HRA – Council Chambers

Thursday, January 10, 2013

- 7:30 a.m. – EDA – Lake Itasca Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Park & Recreation Commission – Council Chambers

Preview of Next Week

Annual City of Ramsey Holiday Party – To be held on Friday, January 4, 2013 at 4:31 p.m., at the Fountains of Ramsey, 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN.

City Council Work Session (5:30 p.m. – LIR)

- Review Council Organizational Resolution
- Consider Feasibility Report for Riverdale Drive Extension
- Approve Consultant Proposal for Three-Year Strategic Action Plan, Governance Plan, and Organizational Assessment
- Schedule Joint Meeting with the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization and Member Cities

City Council (7:00 p.m. – CC)

- 2013 Council Organization
- Approve Consultant Proposal for Three-Year Strategic Action Plan, Governance Plan, and Organizational Assessment
- Schedule Joint Meeting with the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization and Member Cities
- Authorize Renewing the Northwestern Anoka County Community Consortium (NWACCC) Joint Powers Agreement
- Schedule Joint City Council Meeting with City of Anoka
- Adopt Resolution #12-01-002 Decertifying Tax Increment Financing District #10
- Authorize Extension of Agreement With OPUS 21 For Utility Billing Services
- Adopt Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Ordering Plans and Specifications for Riverdale Drive Reconstruction and Extension
- Approve First Amendment to Amended and restated Parking Use and Maintenance Agreement - Ramp A
- Consider Offer to Purchase Surplus City Owned Land -- Windsorwood Property--
PORTIONS MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HRA (Immediately Following CC - CC)

- Elect 2013 HRA Officers
- Update on Leasing Activity - The Residence at The COR
- Consider Offer to Purchase Property - Lot 3, Block 1, COR TWO (Portions may be closed to the public)
- Consider purchase of 14590 Armstrong Blvd. NW Ramsey, Minnesota (Wiser Choice Liquor Store) from M&W Holding Company, LLC. (Portions of this meeting may be closed to the public)
- Approve First Amendment to Amended and Restated Parking Use and Maintenance Agreement - Ramp A
- Update on Edgewood Project, and Approve Commission Agreement - Premier Commercial Properties
- Consider Waiving/Not Waiving Statutory Tort Limits

Environmental Assessment Release for Proposed Reconstruction of Highway 10, Armstrong Boulevard in Ramsey. Public Hearing set for January 9, 2012 in Ramsey.

EDA (7:30 a.m. – LIR)

- Election of Officers
- Updates: Old City Hall Development (data center), Nordvick Property Demolition, Kuro Fitness RLF, 6701 Highway 10, Windsorwood Sale, 8019 146th Ave.
- Discussion of 167th Avenue and Highway 47 Node

Park and Recreation Commission (6:30 p.m. – CC)

- #1 Recommend Play Structure for North Commons
- Commission/Staff Input
 - Winter skiing in Ramsey
 - Update on the 2013 Mississippi River Trail project
 - Process for the 2013 Parks Capital Improvements
 - Solar powered improvements to Alpine Park's off-leash area
 - Winter skating in Ramsey – (the season so far)

Council Update

New Mayor and Councilmembers. A new era officially began Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:00 a.m., as our new Mayor and Council formally took their oath of office.. ***Attached to the Weekly Update is a photo of the swearing-in of the new Mayor and Council.*** The ceremonial swearing-in of the new Council will take place next Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. A cake and coffee reception will be held in the main lobby area from 6:30-7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Armstrong Boulevard Interchange Open House. Anoka County, Ramsey, and MnDOT are hosting an Open House and Public Hearing to the public to officially comment on the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) for Wednesday, January 9th from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Alexander Ramsey Room. More information can be found at www.cityoframsey.com/US10-project-home. ***Attached to the Weekly Update is the notification mailed to the Study Area.***

Department Activities:

Building Maintenance

- Switch out fuel and insurance cards in city staff vehicles
- Repair lights in restroom at the warming house
- Install city map with polling locations for Jo

City Clerk

- Swearing in of Mayor and Councilmembers
- Council/Committee Organization
- Licensing

Finance

- File Insurance Claim with American Family for party that hit Police Expedition
- Meet with new owners of B&B regarding TIF agreement
- Update Webstore with 2013 rates & charges
- Pre-Audit activities: Conflict of Interest and internal controls

Fire

- Notable Responses
 - 12/30- 2yr old in seizures not breathing in the 14200 block of Xenon St NW. Crew assisted Allina with patient care until transported.
 - 12/31- Fire alarm as a result of a log falling out of the fireplace in the 17000 block of Helium St NW. Fire out situation on arrival. Crew checked for extension and that the fireplace was working properly.
 - 1/2- Personal injury accident involving a school bus in the 15000 block of Nowthen Blvd. Unit arrived to find a 3 vehicle accident. Crews assisted with patient care and fluid spill.
- Fire Administration
 - Attended meeting to formulate a building requirement checklist for developers and builders
 - CRM discussions regarding content and timeline
 - Sprinkler rough-in on 2nd phase of Residence

HR

- Reviewed and approved benefit elections
- Researched labor negotiation requests
- Provided annual performance evaluation schedules

IT

- Resolved a major issue regarding our parking ramp security that was causing the system to power off unexpectedly. Several batteries needed to be replaced in the DVR system.
- The City webpage has been updated to reflect the changes on the city council, and the numbers in the phone system will be updated on January 4th.
- Plotter/Scanner research: we are looking at replacing our aging plotter/scanner setup during the first quarter this year. The current system is old and have been scheduled to be replaced this year. We are currently awaiting vendor quotes.

Parks

- Record numbers of park patrons at the warming houses for this second week of the skating season!!! So far this year the rink attendants have recorded 1,608 rink patrons using the facilities at Central and the School. This is averaging approximately 16% or 50 people per shift - up from last year at this time when the average was 42 patrons per shift. There is skatable ice at Bear Park too -- (though no one's counting there).
- Focus remains sweeping, flooding of the rinks each day to build ice depth to get us through those warm, January/February thaws later in the winter (*Ahhh, melting...*)

Planning/Building

- Meeting to discuss potential industrial building expansion on Azurite Street
- Updated forms, website, and databases with 2013 information
- Prepare updates to Land Use Application Packets-additional supplemental information typically requested by developers

Police

- **It's Working.** For the first time in several years, the Ramsey Police Department made no arrests for DUI over the New Year celebration. The police department, the County and the State of MN, have spent a great deal of time and money to get the word out about the dangers of drinking and driving. Anoka County Law Enforcement has recently put a new vehicle into service to raise awareness of drunk driving. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Picture of the new Anoka County Law Enforcement Vehicle.*
- **Happy New Year.** Officers received a call of a 40 year old male that was DK and unable to care for himself. Upon arrival, officers were met by the male's sister who indicated that she found him passed out and naked in the basement. He submitted to a PBT with the result of .33 BAC. He was then transported to a detox center in Plymouth because he was unable to care for himself. (They helped him get dressed before the transport.)
- **More Permits.** The police department processed an additional 31 permits to purchase a handgun the final week of 2012. The total for the year was 381 permits issued compared to 276 in 2011 and 207 in 2010.

Public Works

- Continue to sand and clean up snow on a per request basis.
- Start equipment repairs that we have been putting off until the first of the year. These repairs include new rear tires on our backhoe and new tracks on the skid loader.
- On the administration side we are doing some cross training on our sign making software with the park department and starting on performance reviews.

Utilities

- Recorded all final water meter readings at all eight of Ramsey's deep wells, these numbers will be needed when we fill out the DNR water appropriations and the MET councils Sanitary survey for 2012
- Received a quote to rebuild a set of impellers for lift station #2, last summer we had a new set installed for both pumps at this site. The old set can be reconditioned this would be helpful the next time repairs must be made. The impellers at a lift station cup and pump/force the sanitary sewer from a wet well to a gravity sewer further down the line, this lift station in Riverpines subdivision pumps sewer from 158th and Neon street west to Highway 47 then south all the way to Alpine drive where it intersects with a gravity sewer

Save the Date:

- **Council/Staff Strategic Planning/Organizational Development** – Tuesday, January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and again Thursday, January 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The sessions will be held in the Lake Itasca Room and dinner will be provided.
- **Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Casino Royale Gala Dinner Fundraiser** – February 22, 2013 – Greenhaven. More details will follow as the event gets closer.

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: A photo of the swearing-in of the new Mayor and Council
Notification mailed to the study area regarding the Armstrong Boulevard Interchange
Picture of the new Anoka County Law Enforcement Vehicle



US 10 AT CSAH 83 (ARMSTRONG BLVD.)

PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

4TH OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC HEARING



All public meeting information can be viewed on the project website at <http://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/departments/engineering/csa83.aspx>. If you are unable to attend or have specific questions, please contact Anoka County Project Manager Kate Garwood at 763-862-4230.

Anoka County, the City of Ramsey, and MnDOT are partnering to improve the intersection of US 10 and CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard). An Open House and Public Hearing have been scheduled to allow the public to officially comment on the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) that have been prepared for the project. The EA/EAW documents the project's purpose and need along with the social, economic, and environmental impacts. Beginning December 24th, 2012, the US 10 & CSAH 83 EA/EAW will be available for public review at the County Highway Department, City of Ramsey, and the Rum River Library.

Date:

Wednesday, January 9th, 2013

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm, informal Open House

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm, formal Public Hearing (may be extended as necessary)

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm, informal Open House

Location:

Ramsey City Hall

Alexander Ramsey Room

7550 Sunwood Drive NW

Ramsey, MN 55303

WSB & Associates, Inc.
701 Xenia Avenue South
Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55416

WE WANT
**YOUR
INPUT**



US 10 AT CSAH 83
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PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND
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Roll out of Anoka County Toward Zero Deaths DWI Task Force

Taxi Squad



The Anoka County TZD/DWI Task Force is pleased to announce a new weapon in the ongoing campaign against drinking and driving – The Taxi Squad. The Taxi Squad’s message exhorts drivers to “Choose Your Ride,” either a taxi or other sober driver vs. a squad car following a DWI arrest. The new Taxi Squad was deployed for the first time on New Year’s Eve when it traveled throughout Anoka County, stopping at several bars, clubs, and restaurants to deliver the message to not drive after drinking. The Taxi Squad is a mobile message

platform and will not be assigned enforcement duties nor will it actually provide rides for motorists.

The Anoka County TZD/DWI Task Force includes the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office and the police departments of Anoka, Blaine, Centennial Lakes, Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Lino Lakes, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park. Getting motorists not drive while under the influence is very important to all law enforcement agencies. This project is undertaken as part of our partnership in the state’s *Toward Zero Death (TZD)* initiative. *TZD* is a multi-agency approach to address traffic issues regionally through enforcement, education, engineering and emergency trauma care.

Choose Your Ride!