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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Thomas Gamec
Councilmember John Dehen
Councilmember David Elvig
Councilmember David Jeffrey
Councilmember Matt Look
Councilmember Mary Jo Olson
Councilmember Sarah Strommen

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis G. Ulrich
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Community Development Director Amber Miller
Management Intern Timothy Gladhill
Assistant City Engineer Tim Himmer
Economic Development Coordinator Sean Sullivan
City Attorney William Goodrich

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gamec called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:08 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scouts Brian (*last name not caught*) and Courtland Bolles.

ADOPT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA THREE RIVERS DISTRICT – RUM RIVER SCOUT CAMP

City Administrator City Administrator Ulrich read the inscription on a plaque recognizing the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America Three Rivers District.

Councilmember Elvig read the conclusion of the proclamation and stated his appreciation to Brian and Courtland and John Andrews and the Northern Star Council.

Fire Chief Kapler presented information about Safety Camp, noting 133 attended Camp and 623 attended the graduation. He commented that Ramsey is fortunate to have this wonderful facility, which the Northern Star Council has allowed the City to use it each year for the two-day Safety Camp.

Fire Chief Kapler stated the Safety Camp focuses on things most likely to harm a child, like finding a weapon, usage of fire extinguishers, wild animal safety, drug related issues, and personal protection.

Councilmember Elvig stated his son attended the Camp and learned about the danger of putting your mail in a rural mailbox with the flag up because it can result in stolen identity. He described the large region covered by the Northern Star Council and Three Rivers District. Councilmember Elvig presented the plaque of appreciation from the City of Ramsey, thanked them for their contribution, and for sharing their Camp with Ramsey and its residents.

John Andrews, representing the Northern Star Boy Scout Council, stated their members are from the community and they seek to deliver the curriculum that has proven to change lives. He explained that Scout Camps are sold from time to time. They now have eight camps, owned by non-profit organizations, so the benefactor is the community through volunteers and that is why Scouting has stayed so strong.

Councilmember Dehen asked about the age of Safety Campers.

Fire Chief Kapler stated that children in Grades 4 and 5 can attend the Camp and additional information is available on the City's website. Safety Camp is held the beginning of June and this year five registration fee scholarships were awarded. The counselors are made up of police officers, fire fighters, and ambulance staff who come to Camp wearing T-shirts and short pants and become friends with the campers. These Camp counselors try to keep their occupation a secret until graduation day when they attend in their uniform. Fire Chief Kapler stated the graduation ceremony is a nice climax to the Camp and is a family event.

A 2008 Safety Camp video was played for the Council and audience.

Motion by Councilmember Strommen and seconded by Councilmember Look to adopt Resolution #08-08-132 Recognizing Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America, Three Rivers District – Rum River Scout Camp for their contribution to the City of Ramsey Safety Camp each year.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Strommen, Look, Dehen, Elvig, Jeffrey and Olson.

Mayor Gamec thanked the Boy Scouts and stated he has attended Safety Camp each year. He stated Bob Litke has been wonderful to assure the Camp is ready and agreed Ramsey is fortunate to have this camp facility, which has a beautiful "up north" feel. Mayor Gamec thanked Jerry Streich and Chandra Kreyer who work with the Safety Camp, noting campers are already registering for next year's Safety Camp. Mayor Gamec also thanked the more than 40 sponsors who provide meals and other things for the campers.

CITIZEN INPUT

Wayne Varner, 6461 153rd Way NW, stated he would like to discuss the 160-foot communication tower that is being constructed in Alpine Park. He stated in July 2008 he sent an e-mail to Councilmembers Look, Strommen, Jeffery, and Olson and asked that the e-mail be forwarded to the other Councilmembers. Mr. Varner stated as of today only Councilmember Look has responded and provided him with a detailed list of what has transpired with the Alpine Park tower. Mr. Varner reviewed the dates of past notifications and meetings held regarding the Communications Tower. He stated on April 20 2007, notices were sent out to residents within 350 feet of the proposed location on the west side behind the soccer fields and swamp. A hearing was held on May 3, 2007, and on May 10, 2007, the Parks Commission got involved and moved the location farther west. On June 7, 2007, at a Planning Commission meeting, three residents voiced concerns over that location and again the tower location was moved. On September 14, 2007, a mailing went out and on September 25, 2007, the City Council tabled action. Mr. Varner stated he has a list of 20 of his neighbors who did not receive notice of the meeting. On October 30, 2007, four alternative sites were proposed, another mailing was sent, and again his neighborhood did not receive notice. On January 8, 2008, the request for a tower site was considered by the City Council at a different area and this time no notices go out. On June 24, 2008, a lease agreement is approved and the permit signed.

Mr. Varner stated his issue is that the neighborhood most affected by the current site didn't receive any notices of the location. The neighborhood did receive notice about the location for the western side of the park, but nothing more. When residents brought this up, City officials said legally they only need to give one notice and it is then up to the resident to keep track of it. Mr. Varner stated that may be legal but it is not ethical. He asked how anyone can keep track because over a year of time transpired and who knows how many locations were considered. Now that the tower is built, residents are getting misinformation.

Mr. Varner stated the signed lease is for five years, with three, five-year renewable options. He stated his interpretation of the FCC ruling is that it requires "reasonable opportunities," which do not equal "required by law." Mr. Varner stated residents were told they would plant 30 trees, but even a 40-foot tree will not disguise a 160-foot tower. Residents were also told the City would receive \$18,000 from the lease that would go directly into Alpine Park improvements. However, that does nothing for his neighborhood that lost, in aggregate, \$500,000 in resale value based on the location of that tower. Mr. Varner noted Alpine Street is 50 mph and the tower is a "kid magnet."

Mr. Varner stated all understand that no one wants a 160-foot tower in their neighborhood and given opportunity, would vote against it. He stated his question is whether the City really needs it and asserted that answer is clear, "no, we don't need service." However, the tower is up. Mr. Varner stated residents could say they want it removed but that won't happen because of the cost. Mr. Varner stated he wants the City to issue T Mobile a letter saying the three, five-year options will not be given. Then, in five years the tower comes down and nothing else is built on that site unless it helps the ballpark.

Mr. Varner stated he also wants the City to make the speed limit on Alpine Street a more reasonable speed because kids will be jumping over snow banks and, in time, there will be a tragedy. He stated he would like the City to adopt a more comprehensive way of letting

neighborhoods know what is going on and a better notification method than the US mail, which has been proven to not work. Mr. Varner suggested the Councilmembers visit neighborhoods to hand out the notices and visit with residents. The Councilmembers can also then realize what a project would do to the neighborhood. Mr. Varner stated that lastly, he would like it remembered that all City employees and the City Council work for the taxpayers of Ramsey, not for T Mobile or the FCC, but for the taxpayers of Ramsey and he wished they would vote that way.

Mayor Gamec clarified that everyone on the Council votes for the best interest of the City and he resents Mr. Varner implying that they do not. He stated the City went through a lot of problems and a lot of difficult decisions had to be made. Mayor Gamec stated that every Councilmember here always works in the best interest of the citizens and the City of Ramsey. He stated he has a lot of respect for Councilmembers and what they go through. Mayor Gamec stated that it is up to families to look after their children and know what they are doing, noting Ramsey holds a Safety Camp to help. Mayor Gamec stated the tower application was handled in the best interest of Ramsey and the Council assured everything was legally handled and also got documentation from the City Attorney and Administrator on the procedures taken. Mayor Gamec stated the tower was centered in that park away from residential and the Council felt that was the best decision at that time. He stated he understands some are not happy but a decision had to be made.

Mr. Varner stated he knows the Council has to make decisions that are not easy. His statement is that residents didn't know because it said the western side.

Mayor Gamec agreed there was a lot of controversy and the tower could not be placed on the west side because of people who came in. Then the Council looked at the other side and established a 6-month moratorium to study the matter. Because of legal pressure, the Council had to make a decision.

City Administrator Ulrich stated the City Attorney was asked to review the tower lease to see what the options are in terms of the additional options.

Attorney Goodrich advised that one of the provisions for termination, in addition to default, is that the owner can terminate the lease after the first option with a one-year prior notice if the Council votes to redevelop the property for a public purpose. So, after the initial four years, with a one-year notice, the City could make a determination that the property is better suited for a different public purpose.

Mr. Varner asked if it has to be redevelopment, and whether the park being used more can be considered "redevelopment."

Mayor Gamec stated Alpine Park is already at the maximum and the Council picked that tower site because it lined up with possible lighting for the fields. Also, other communications can be located on that tower. The Council assured access to the communications building was between fields so it would not interrupt play on the fields. Mayor Gamec stated that the City looked into a lot of things to determine that particular site. The tower height was determined because of the

landfill location and height. Mayor Gamec stated if the tower had to be in that area, that particular site was the farthest away from residents, designed to drop down, there will be a smaller communications building, plus landscaping and fencing was required to protect children in the area.

Mr. Varner stated residents thought field lighting was going to be installed and instead it was a tower. He stated he means no disrespect, but thinks someone told the City Council they had to go with the FCC and he thinks the Council should "fight it" once in a while.

Councilmember Elvig noted that parks typically come with lights or an ice arena dome or another building. He stated that in the future, it sounds like if anything is going on in the Park, the City should notify residents all around the perimeter of the park instead of 350 feet from the area of the project.

Mr. Varner stated that is correct, notice should go out to all around the park.

Councilmember Dehen stated one of the comments from Mr. Varner was about notification and while he has served on the Council for the past two years, that issue seems to reverberate. He stated he always hears that residents are not getting notified. Councilmember Dehen suggested the City establish a list of names when someone comes in, like Mr. Varner, and complains about not getting notified. He stated it is reasonable and prudent for the Council to have a list of the mailing so Councilmembers know who has been notified.

Mayor Gamec stated a list is created and those who sign up at the meeting are also included, even if beyond the required distance.

Community Development Director Miller clarified that with the Alpine Park cellular tower issue, the notification list was the same for all mailings and it was sent to property owners 350 feet from the park itself, not from the tower location, because Alpine Park is one parcel.

Mayor Gamec noted that sometimes residents don't get the notice because it goes to the mortgage company. Others have admitted they got the notice but didn't read it because it came from the City. Mayor Gamec agreed with the suggestion to have the Councilmember visit the neighborhood but noted that in this case, there are about 270 homes.

City Administrator Ulrich stated one constructive process is to review the landscape plan to assure it provides an effective buffer. He suggested that perhaps the closer the landscaping is to the homes, the more effective it will be and perhaps landscaping should be included in the boulevard of Alpine Street.

Mayor Gamec stated he met with one family who was concerned about the height so he explained that the reason for the height was because of the landfill and desire to keep it away from residential homes.

John Enstrom, 8702 - 181st Avenue, requested the Council withdraw Agenda Item 15. 4), Consider Establishing Topsoil Requirements in New Subdivision. He stated he would like to present information for the Council's consideration prior to it being considered for approval.

City Administrator Ulrich pointed out this is a Consent Agenda item.

Community Development Director Miller stated if approved, the item would be referred to the Planning Commission for review of an ordinance so it will come back to the Council for consideration. She stated this process will provide ample opportunity to discuss Mr. Enstrom's concerns.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer explained the recommendation is to develop an ordinance for topsoil and it will be discussed by the Planning Commission.

Frank Yamoutpour, Sunfish Express, stated he received notice from the railroad that they will shut down the road for a month at least. He stated it was his understanding the road would remain open to local traffic but now it will be closed.

Mayor Gamec explained they are working on the railroad tracks so the road had to be shut down for several weeks but that decision is by the railroad, and Anoka County, as the lead agency, sent out the notice.

Mr. Yamoutpour stated he talked with them yesterday and they said the road would be closed for six to seven weeks.

Mayor Gamec stated staff will research the issues and contact Mr. Yamoutpour this week.

Councilmember Strommen pointed out that other businesses may also be affected and asked staff to notify all of them of the information.

Councilmember Dehen stated he does not know what the schedule of construction will be but it seems elemental to have that communication with Ramsey City officials as well as business owners. He asked to receive this information so he can answer such questions, if asked.

Councilmember Look stated if the railroad is changing terms at this point by closing the road for six to seven weeks, that may not have been the intent of the Council when it was approved. If that's the case, he suggested the City may want to send a strong message that the City does not support a closure for that long.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Look requested to remove Consent Agenda Item #9.

Councilmember Dehen requested to remove Consent Agenda Item #11.

Motion by Councilmember Strommen, seconded by Councilmember Look, to approve the regular Council agenda, with the removal of Cases #9 and #11.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Strommen, Look, Dehen, Elvig, Jeffrey, and Olson. Voting No: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Strommen, seconded by Councilmember Look, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as revised:

- 1) Receive City of Ramsey Report of Pooled Cash Flows Period Ended July 31, 2008
- 2) Reschedule September 9 Council Meeting due to Primary Election
- 3) Approve City Council and Council Committee Meeting Minutes
 - (a) City Council/Regular/July 8, 2008
 - (b) Ramsey Town Center City Council Subcommittee/Work Session/July 22, 2008
 - (c) City Council/Regular/July 22, 2008
 - (d) City Council/Work Session/July 8, 2009
 - (e) City Council/Work Session/July 29, 2008
- 4) Approve the following License Applications
 - Special Event
City of Ramsey Happy Days 7550 Sunwood Drive NW Ramsey, MN 55303
 - Transient Merchant
Linda Strelow 1476 Mahogany Street Mora, MN 55051
Eric Johnson 14305 Tungsten Street NW Ramsey, MN 55303
- 5) Approval of the following Rental Licenses
 - Owner: Angelo Juliano Property Address: 5163-146th Circle NW
 - Owner: Katie Greil Property Address: 5654-154th Court NW
 - Owner: Rainmaker Properties, LLC Property Address: 14058 Dysprosium Street NW
- 6) Approval for Exemption for a Gambling License for Rum River Chapter of the Minnesota Waterfowl Association
- 7) Adopt Resolution #08-08-133 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received during the Period of July 18, 2008 through August 7, 2008
- 8) Adopt Resolution #08-08-134 Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election on September 9, 2008
- 9) Adopt Resolution #08-08-136 Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for 2008-2009 Participation in the Safe and Sober Communities Program – **moved to Case #11 on regular agenda**
- 10) Adopt Resolution #08-08-137 Adopting an Addendum to the Development Agreement for Ebony Woods
- 11) Authorize City Council to Execute a Loan Agreement with Clear Choice Countertops, Inc. – **moved to Case #12 on regular agenda**
- 12) Adopt Resolution #08-08-138 Authorizing the Payment to RES Specialty Pyrotechnics for Pyrotechnics Services Related to 2008 Happy Days

- 13) Adopt Resolution #08-08-139 Authorizing the Payment to the Killer Hayseeds for Entertainment Services Related to Happy Days
- 14) Report from Personnel Committee
 - 1) Consider Authorization to Hire a Fire Inspector
- 15) Report from Public Works Committee
 - 1) Consider Authorization to Expand Municipal Center Conference Room – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and directed staff to acquire competitive bids to compare costs and to research the usage of meeting rooms, including Fire 1.
 - 2) Consider Request for Stop or Yield Sign at the Intersection of Hedgehog Street and 155th Lane – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee which was that the Yield signs be posted on the north and south legs of the intersection of Hedgehog and 155th Lane, that the Public Works Department clear the vegetation located within the right-of-way, and that contact be made with corner property owners to review additional sight line improvements that should be made.
 - 3) Consider Establishing an Assessment Policy for MSA Street Construction Projects – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and consider establishing an assessment policy for MSA street construction projects be discussed by the full Council, at a work session.
 - 4) Consider Establishing Topsoil Requirements in New Subdivisions – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and direct staff to prepare an ordinance modifying City Code to require a minimum of four (4) inches of topsoil meeting the MnDOT specifications 3877C, premium topsoil borrow in landscaped areas of all new developments, and work in conjunction with the EPB on other ways of water conservation methods that could be used for the whole community and possible ways to give residents incentive to use them.
 - 5) Consider 2008 Storm Sewer Improvements – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and direct staff to prepare plans and specifications for the 2008 Storm Water Improvement Project which would include the improvements at 6941 – 152nd Avenue; Llama Street and 163rd Avenue; and 6043 Highway #10; and that staff continue to work with the residents of the Kamacite Street and 148th Lane/Avenue project to determine the desired alternative and to proceed with the implementation of that alternative.
 - 6) Periodic Inspection of Parking Ramp – Council voted to ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and direct staff to write a policy for the periodic inspection of the City owned parking ramps be prepared; that staff be directed to investigate possible funding sources for the inspections and direct staff to investigate the possibility of engineering staff becoming certified to conduct the inspections.
 - 7) Cost of Concrete Streets – For informational purposes only – no action necessary.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Strommen, Look, Dehen, Elvig, Jeffrey, and Olson. Voting No: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Business

Case #1: Ramsey³ Presentation of Final Report and Vision and Values Statement

Joe McDilda, Ramsey³ Steering Group Member, presented their final report and encouraged the Council to pay attention to the process used to arrive at the findings. He reviewed the background of Ramsey³ that is a volunteer group that was formed after looking at the land use maps for the 2008 Comp Plan because they thought there were other land uses and elements that Ramsey residents may find important. That is what started Ramsey³ and their desire to be in partnership with the City, which continues to this day. Mr. McDilda stated they recognized funding would be needed to explore the process and get citizen input. The City was not able to find funding so, at that point, Ramsey³ decided to look for other funding, prepared a proposal to the McKnight Foundation, and was successful in obtaining a grant for that work.

Mr. McDilda presented the phases they used to educate and use Open Space Technology (OST) to gather public comments. Another phase was to determine how to use the 1,200 or so different public comments and lay them out into a guideline and identify values. Mr. McDilda read the Ramsey³ vision statement, values statements, checklist to guide review of zoning alternatives and future planning, commenting on each of the six components and recommendations for changes. He emphasized the guidelines can be used when looking at land use maps and Codes to put them in a matrix and determine how many values it does or does not meet. This will give people a way to draw contrast and comparison on different issues and discussions being held. Mr. McDilda stated if these guides can be included, it will go a long way in having the Comp Plan meet the needs and desires of Ramsey's residents. He stated the guides are all of equal importance.

Mr. McDilda acknowledged members of the Ramsey³ Steering Group that he served with: Will Thompsen, Sarah Strommen, Ralph Brauer. Read members of the Ramsey³ Visioning Team: Melody Shyrock, Jim Overtoom, Al Pearson, Ryan Hunt, Bob Ramsey, John Enstrom, Colin McGlone, Jim Steffen, Ralph Hunt, Bob Benz, and Dan Markel as a consultant. He also acknowledged City staff, Kurt Ulrich, Amber Miller, Tim Gladhill and Sylvia Frolik and past staff members Pat Trudgeon and Breanne Dalnes. He also extended his appreciation to residents of Ramsey who were involved and provided input.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to adopt Resolution #08-08-140 acknowledging the efforts of the participants in the Ramsey³ project and receiving the Final Report, Vision, and Values Statement.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Elvig, Dehen, Look, Olson, and Strommen. Voting No: None.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #08-08-141 acknowledging the significance of the Ramsey³ Steering Committee.

Further discussion: Councilmember Elvig extended his appreciation for the tremendous work expended in this effort, noting many organizations are looking at Ramsey³'s efforts and are looking for something magnificent to come out of it. He stated this process will create a positive and proactive outlook for Ramsey.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Olson, Dehen, Elvig, Look, and Strommen. Voting No: None.

Mayor Gamec stated he attended a Land Planning meeting and was asked about Ramsey³ and the process used.

Mr. McDilda stated one of the great things in Ramsey is its residents and how much they care about their City and where it is going.

Mayor Gamec advised the Ramsey³ received a trial grant and then the McKnight Foundation dropped all funding for this process. However, they are now looking at it again.

Councilmember Strommen stated Michael Herman came to Ramsey twice during the initial OST and again about a year later to review the draft vision and value statements. Mr. Herman made a comment about the remarkable change that had taken place during that year. He indicated that at the initial meeting, residents made statements at other people and it was not a conversation. Then, a year later, there was dialog and conversation between residents, even though there was not always agreement. Councilmember Strommen stated it was most gratifying to her to learn how to come together as a community, face difficult issues and disagreements, and hold a conversation about them and come together. She stated it is very important for all to acknowledge and thank the residents involved. She stated it is an exciting future if Ramsey can keep moving in that direction.

Mr. McDilda stated he is sure he missed someone during acknowledgements and apologized if that happened. He stated he also wants to acknowledge the Mayor and Councilmembers for their support of Ramsey³ to move forward with the process.

Public Hearing

Case #2: Public Hearing to Consider Execution of Business Subsidy Agreement with CTT Properties, LLC (Panther Precision Machine)

Mayor Gamec closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 8:23 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

Public Hearing

Mayor Gamec called the public hearing to order at 8:23 p.m.

Presentation

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan stated staff has negotiated a development agreement with CTT Properties, LLC (Panther Precision Machine), for a 25,000 sq. ft. office/warehouse building to be constructed in the Fall of this year. The building will be located east of the lot owned by Panther Precision Machine. They currently employ 30 people, 19 of them added since they moved to Ramsey. The new expansion will have nine new job creations paying at least \$14 per hour. The subsidy proposed is within the Council guideline requirement of one job creation for each \$25,000 increment of assistance. In April, the EDA made a motion to recommend approval. It will have an assessed taxable market value of approximately \$1.776 million, generate \$58,200 annually in taxes, and approximately \$34,770 annually in tax capacity. Tax increment generated per year will be approximately \$18,000, which would be used to assist the City with its payment for public improvements. He noted that Tom Olson and Tracy Anderson of CTT Properties are available to answer questions on the project.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Strommen, Dehen, Elvig, Look, and Olson. Voting No: None.

The public hearing was closed at 8:26 p.m.

Council Business

Mayor Gamec called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 8:26 p.m.

Tom Olson, Panther Precision Machine, Tracy Anderson of Dynamic Rigging, Inc. introduced themselves.

Councilmember Elvig asked if it is warehouse or manufacturing space.

Mr. Olson stated it is warehouse, manufacturing, and office.

Councilmember Dehen asked staff to explain the subsidy.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan explained that TIF is a tool the City has to allow new projects to be built by providing land at a reduced cost. In this case, it is \$200,000 and over time, the project will pay taxes to cover the cost of infrastructure and create new jobs. They will sign an agreement to create new jobs or they will have to pay back the assistance. This TIF will expire in 2011 and then the district will be retired. He advised that the City has put up water towers from TIF funds generated beyond expectations.

Councilmember Elvig stated they have a good track record, exceeded initial expectations, and are a wonderful addition to Ramsey.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to authorize business subsidy agreement with CTT Properties, LLC.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Olson, Dehen, Jeffrey, Look, and Strommen. Voting No: None.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to authorize execution of a development agreement with CTT Properties, LLC, contingent upon review by the City Attorney.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Elvig, Dehen, Look, Olson, and Strommen. Voting No: None.

Council Business

Case #3: Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Lots 1 and 1A, Block 1, TC Trail, Anoka County, Minnesota

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan explained that this case is to authorize the sale of torrents property. There is a County requirement that specific authorization is required for torrents property. He explained the Ordinance was introduced and adopted in April for the City requirement and this is now a County requirement.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to adopt Resolution No. 08-08-143 which is a resolution authorizing the sale of Lot 1 and Lot1A, Block 1, TC Trail.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Strommen, Dehen, Jeffrey, Look, and Olson. Voting No: None.

Case #4: Request for Final Plan Review of TC Trail; Case of the City of Ramsey

Associate Planner Gladhill explained this case is related to the platting of Lots 1 and 1A, as well as Outlots A and B of TC Trail, previously portions of Sunfish Lake Business Park and Sunfish Lake Business Park Second Addition. The City engaged the services of Hakanson Anderson to assist. Associate Planner Gladhill stated two accesses are proposed, noting the location of the flag lot. He stated drainage, grading and landscape plans will be considered as part of the Site Plan application. Park Dedication Fees have been satisfied with a previous plat and trail dedication, stormwater fees, sanitary sewer trunk charges, and water trunk charges will be addressed through a TIF Agreement with Panther Precision Machines.

Councilmember Elvig asked about the flag lot.

Associate Planner Gladhill used a map to identify the location and explained the purpose is to provide two points of access, which is important for emergency services.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to adopt Resolution #08-08-144 granting final plat approval to TC Trail.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Strommen, Dehen, Elvig, Look, and Olson. Voting No: None.

Case #5: Request for Site Plan Review; Case of Sharp and Associates, LLC

Associate Planner Gladhill stated this case deals with the Panther Precision expansion of approximately 2600 sq. ft. addition on Lots 1 and 1A of TC Trail. He stated drainage, grading, and landscape plans are generally acceptable, subject to the staff review letter. He noted the revised plans identify the flag lot and increased landscape requirements have been shifted onto the Outlot to the east, which is City owned property. Associate Planner Gladhill stated setbacks conform and the building is proposed to be constructed of precast rib panels with smooth architectural elements. The Planning Commission met on August 7, 2008 to discuss the site plan and recommended approval. Staff recommends approval conditioned on the staff letter dated August 1, 2008 and revised on August 8, 2008.

Mayor Gamec asked if the landscaping would be shifted to the Outlot.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated staff is working with the applicant to shift landscaping to the Outlot in order to accommodate the size of facility they want to build.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan explained that CT Trail wants to make the pond an amenity. The pond configuration has some contour and the intent is to allow them to utilize some trees off site so it looks better.

Councilmember Elvig asked staff to describe the property to the south.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan stated that property is owned by Rotary Systems, another manufacturing company and it fronts on Azurite Street.

Councilmember Elvig commented that he did a fair amount of landscaping on his site and described the resulting problems with storage of snow. He noted that snow on the flag lot and roadway will have to be plowed to the south and dumped onto the area of landscaping. He stated his concern whether there is a friendly neighbor to the south that will allow snow to be plowed onto their lot.

Mayor Gamec noted there is a large area between the building and Rotary Systems.

Associate Planner Gladhill advised that Hakanson Anderson made the flag portion of the lot larger so it could accommodate snow storage. Their engineer felt there would be sufficient width for a blacktop drive plus snow storage.

Dennis Sharp, Sharp and Associates, stated they discussed snow storage and the logical storage location is the ponding area, which will work fine.

Mayor Gamec questioned snow storage in the ponding area and asked whether there are restrictions if the pond has an over flow pipe.

Assistant City Engineer Hinner stated that pond is part of a larger system but he does not know if water leaves that area. He stated staff will work with the applicant to assure it is not a problem.

Councilmember Elvig recommended staff look at that issue and how trash from the snow will be cleaned up before the frost goes out.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, to approve the site plan and associated Development Permit (TIF Agreement Exhibit C), contingent upon conformance with the City Staff Review Letter dated August 1, 2008 *revised August 8, 2008*.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Jeffrey, Dehen, Look, Olson, and Strommen. Voting No: None.

Revise Agenda

City Administrator Ulrich explained that the Economic Development Coordinator has a scheduling conflict and requested the agenda be revised to next consider Case #12.

The Council agreed.

Case #12: Authorize City Council to Execute a Loan Agreement with Clear Choice Countertops, Inc.

Councilmember Dehen asked about the loan agreement with Clear Choice Countertops, Inc.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan advised the business is currently housed in a multi-tenant facility.

Councilmember Strommen left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Councilmember Dehen asked how the City decides which businesses should get loans and why they are not referred to a bank.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan stated it is a revolving loan program and its funds were put in through the old State MIF Program. He explained this fund started when Systematic Refrigeration received a \$300,000 grant that was paid back to the City. The City then paid back the State of Minnesota, as a pass through, and was allowed to keep \$150,000 for this revolving loan program. The amount in that Revolving Loan Fund is now about \$190,000. The Council put together Revolving Loan Fund guidelines that deal with how funds can be loaned and the

interest rate. This is one of the programs staff refers businesses to that are looking for help. It is only for manufacturers, not retailers, and an employment aspect for job growth with good paying salaries is required because the loan is considered a subsidy if lower than market rate.

Councilmember Dehen asked why this fund only applies to manufacturers.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan stated that is a guideline set forth by the Council.

Mayor Gamec explained the Council looked at the volume of jobs that would be created with a retail business versus manufacturing and found it would be better with manufacturing and bring in larger tax increment. He noted a small retail business may be a one-person operation.

Councilmember Dehen asked what the policy rationale is for the City doing the loan as opposed to telling the business to go to the bank.

Mayor Gamec stated he serves on a bank board and there are other loans available, such as through the Small Business Administration, but then the businesses may move from Ramsey and go to another city.

Councilmember Elvig explained that the Economic Development Authority (EDA) recognizes that new business is some of the most expensive business to attract and sometimes requires full subsidy. Part of the initiative of the EDA is to grow the businesses that are already here. He explained how this program can work to assist a business in buying a needed piece of equipment and stated he used a program from Anoka County for his business. The program under consideration has little or no expense to Ramsey because it is a revolving fund.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan explained the fund continues to grow as loans are made and payments come in.

Councilmember Dehen asked what happens if a business defaults.

Economic Development Coordinator Sullivan explained that under this situation the loan will utilize the machinery as collateral. If they default, the City will get the machinery.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to approve the loan request between Clear Choice Countertops, Inc. and the City of Ramsey, to obtain a personal guarantee from Mathew Semler and to authorize the Mayor to execute the required loan documents.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Jeffrey, Olson, Elvig, Dehen, and Look. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Strommen.

Case #6: Adopt Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 9.15 Towers; Case of the City of Ramsey

Associate Planner Gladhill explained the City had a moratorium on cell phone towers during which time staff studied the height, location, and setbacks in the City. At the August 7, 2008, Planning Commission meeting a recommendation was made. However, Commissioners questioned the motion reflected in the meeting minutes so staff reviewed the tape and confirmed that direction was given to staff to work with a property owner who wanted his property excluded from the Overlay District. The Planning Commissioner didn't think they motioned to exclude the property, but that is how the motion was introduced. He stated this Ordinance was introduced on July 22, 2008, and is available for adoption tonight.

Councilmember Dehen noted the new height limit was adjusted to 100 feet and asked what was the rationale to add 20 feet more. He asked if they couldn't use the 100-foot height to co-locate.

Associate Planner Gladhill explained it gives the applicant incentive to construct with co-locations to get the extra 20 feet.

Mayor Gamec noted it will result in fewer towers because of co-locating.

Community Development Director Miller stated locations in parks would also be considered to allow the Council's preference to locate antennas on light poles. He advised City Engineer Olson has indicated light poles for ball diamonds would top out at 100 feet, at the highest, so an additional 20 feet would be needed for tower with co-locates.

Councilmember Elvig left the Council Chambers at 8:52 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Look, to adopt Ordinance #08-24 amending City Code Section 9.15 Towers.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Dehen:	aye
Councilmember Elvig:	absent
Councilmember Strommen:	absent
Councilmember Jeffrey:	aye
Councilmember Olson:	aye
Councilmember Look:	aye
Mayor Gamec:	aye

Motion carried.

Case #7: Adopt Ordinance to Amend Section 9.12 (Signs) of City Code to Incorporate "Dynamic Display" Sign Regulations; Case of the City of Ramsey

Community Development Director Miller stated on July 22, 2008, the City Council introduced an ordinance to amend sign regulations to regulate dynamic display signs. The ordinance will define digital display, size of the sign, and speed of the message. It is staff's recommended action to adopt this ordinance on roll call vote

Councilmember Elvig returned at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor Gamec stated he was contacted by the radio station that wants a dynamic display community billboard sign. He noted this Ordinance regulates how many seconds a message can be displayed and the height of the lettering. He asked if a variance application can be made if the radio station would like large lettering or a different speed of message display.

Community Development Director Miller stated there is a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process so if they want something other than currently allowed, they could come before the Planning Commission and request something different.

Mayor Gamec questioned the rate allowed.

Community Development Director Miller stated it is three seconds.

Mayor Gamec stated the speed of the message display is related to the speed of traffic on Highway 10.

Community Development Director Miller advised that staff met with the radio station personnel and explained the procedure if, in the future, they want to make application.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Dehen, to adopt Ordinance #08-25 amending Section 9.12 (Signs) of City Code to establish dynamic display standards.

Councilmember Look:	aye
Councilmember Olson:	aye
Councilmember Jeffrey:	aye
Councilmember Strommen:	absent
Councilmember Elvig:	aye
Councilmember Dehen:	aye
Mayor Gamec:	aye

Motion carried.

Case #8: Update on Improvement Project #08-27, 167th Avenue NW Realignment and Acceptance of Appraisals and Authorization to Negotiate Land Acquisitions

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the end of June the Council discussed this project as part of the design preparation authorized in April 2008. Staff tried to balance and minimize environmental and property impacts. In June, three alternatives were prepared for the westerly 500 feet and Council direction was to determine costs with each option. Appraisals were performed and costs provided in detail. Assistant City Engineer Himmer noted the three alternatives range from \$420,000 to \$27,000. He described each of the alternatives, noting Alternate 1 results in the resident leaving a home valued at \$431,666 for total acquisition of the parcel plus a minor easement. Alternate 2 costs \$27,766 and skirts the wetland, impacting two

property owners with the most significant impact being to the same property as impacted in Alternative 1. However, that property owner is not in favor of the project or supportive of acquisition. That property owner indicated if there is a taking, he would prefer the City take it all. Alternate 3 shifts the curve to the east and pushes acquisition to the next property over. That property owner was not too thrilled about the project but indicated they understood and would investigate options so they could make an informed decision. However Alternate 3 results in the most significant impacts to the wetland and the Watershed District may not support such a project. Based on acquisition alone, the cost is \$49,250 plus additional costs for more fill, storm sewer, and geotechnical investigation that is estimated at \$126,000 of additional costs. Assistant Engineer Himmer stated staff also investigated purchasing wetland banking, which would lower the costs significantly. Staff requests authorization to accept appraisals and start negotiations once the final alignment is decided upon.

Mayor Gamec asked about the driveway location for the property and stated it may be best in the long run to go with Alternative 2 but buy the whole property.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated that would leave open the option of resale and noted utilities are in the area.

Councilmember Look noted there has been some discussion about a costly culvert under the roadway with Alternate 2.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated that was with Alternate 3, not Alternate 2.

Councilmember Olson asked what is the total cost and how would it be funded.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated all funds will be paid through MSA dollars. He estimated the costs for the project, not including property acquisition, at about \$900,000. It was noted the sanitary sewer and watermain portions are proposed to be funded through their corresponding Utility Funds. It is estimated that \$190,000 would be financed through the Water Utility Fund, and \$250,000 through the Sewer Utility Fund.

Councilmember Elvig agreed that Alternate 2 is the best approach and he would like to authorize staff to find out if the land can be purchased or if they want to maintain their dwelling and live there for a while.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated that property owner is in attendance. He advised that staff has talked about alternate driveway locations, options, and would look to find a compromise if it is more economical.

Councilmember Dehen asked where this road goes.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer described the Section 1 location from Highway 5 on the east to Quartz where there is a T in the road.

Councilmember Dehen asked if the City has done mapping so it is not done piecemeal fashion.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated at Quartz there are easements in place and assured the Council that nothing done here would be redundant with future work.

Councilmember Dehen noted this action would make a significant improvement to the road and he wondered if this may not be a good corridor.

Mayor Gamec explained that drivers are going off the road and onto private property. This is one of the most dangerous corners in Ramsey and the City has wanted to change it for several years because it is a safety factor.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated no one has questioned the need for this project and understand it needs to be done.

Councilmember Dehen noted just the corner of 7131 is being impacted.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated that is correct, and it impacts about 750 square feet.

Councilmember Dehen stated it may be even less impact because the City already has some easement.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the roadway would fall in the right-of-way but the trail would be within two feet of the property line. There is no request for standard drainage and utility easements because they already exist in the street.

Councilmember Dehen asked whether the City would be required to take the full seven acres if the project only impacts a small part.

City Attorney Goodrich advised that Ramsey can take just the amount necessary.

Councilmember Dehen asked whether the owner has been approached about taking just the area of impact.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the property owner has been approached but not with the appraisal or dollar figures because the appraisals are under consideration tonight.

Councilmember Dehen noted the area of small impact in Alternate 2 is appraised at \$27,000.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the value of the land to be taken is \$15,600. Damages and loss of trees is added as well as encroachment in having the road closer to the home and loss of property, which equates to \$27,766.

Councilmember Dehen noted that Alternate 2 also impacts the 7100 property and asked what is that cost.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the cost for 7100 impacts is \$10,100. He explained there are also impacts at 7131 and 7046 so staff considered all acquisition costs to assure a comparison based on “apples to apples.”

Councilmember Dehen asked about the third property.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer explained there would be a small impact for easement damages to the third property.

Councilmember Cook asked about the trail and stated hopefully this will be an example of using State Aid dollars for the road. He noted that in the Northfork area, MSA funds were used for trails/sidewalks and the City Council talked about policy relating to MSA and assessments.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated there will be no assessments because this project improves the safety and geometrics of the road. It will also improve walkability by including trails.

Councilmember Look stated the Council discussed possibly assessing some of the Northfork costs since the road would be upgraded. He is concerned about spending about \$1 million of MSA dollars for this project. He asked if all the MSA dollars will be spent on one project when there are many projects throughout the City.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer agreed with the concern of using \$1.4 million potentially on this project. He explained that MSA dollars accrue annually and carry into the next year. Ramsey can also spend out into the future allocations. He stated he was trying to get down to the exact costs and impacts to the future with MSA dollars.

Councilmember Look stated the Council discussed having a policy for use of MSA dollars. With the Northfork property, Andrie Street, there was going to be an assessment; however there will be no assessment with this project. He stated there needs to be a consistent policy.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated they are two drastically different projects because this project was looked at as a major road within Ramsey that was not up to safety standards, there was a need for an east/west connection, and it was initiated by Ramsey as a transportation need.

Councilmember Elvig stated with the Northfork project, the City was petitioned to improve the road to a higher standard and that initiated the discussion that at some point the City should look at a policy. With Northfork, the only tool to upgrade beyond the City’s standards involved MSA plus assessments.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated that is correct and Northfork was always intended to be an assessed project.

Councilmember Elvig noted that Ramsey was “scolded” for pooling State Aid funds because the City was not putting the money to work. He stated it is good to have a road plan to anticipate

road projects that will be coming up. Now, no more than two years of MSA is pooled and Ramsey does not spend out beyond four years.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer agreed there was some discussion about being penalized for conducting due diligence before projects were done.

City Administrator Ulrich asked staff to put together a proposal with Alternate 2 after talking with that homeowner whether to purchase the entire area or just the small area needed.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated there are 7 to 8 acquisitions that need to take place and the other acquisitions need to be resolved.

Councilmember Elvig supported staff being authorized to start negotiations.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated it sounds like Alternate 2 is the alignment but the question is whether or not the City needs to purchase all of 7131.

Councilmember Dehen asked why Ramsey would want to purchase easements ahead of time before knowing the price for 7131. He stated he wants to know the price first so Ramsey is not "held hostage" on the easements already purchased.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated regardless of what happens, they are independent acquisitions and construction easements. He stated he would like those pieces concluded and then come back with a recommendation on the 7131 property.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Look, to adopt Resolution No. 08-08-145 authorizing the required property acquisition for the realignment of 166th / 167th Avenue NW to State Aid standards, based upon the alignment in Alternate 2, and the final decision coming back to Council with findings, conclusions and concerns of the staff.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Look, Dehen, Jeffrey, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Strommen.

Case #9: Authorize Installation of Security Cameras in TH 47 Pedestrian Underpass

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated this project was approved in the Summer of 2005 with some reconstruction on Highway 47. The meeting minutes at that time indicate some concern about security. Since that time, lighting has been installed and most recently, graffiti was discovered as well as broken lights. Staff is trying to determine how to address security cameras and concerns about costs, housing equipment, and temperature issues so staff investigated cameras that work through the Internet and records at City Hall. Staff recommends the use of IP cameras. The cost is \$9,050.86 for a three-year contract with Quest at \$65.40 per month plus install of cameras, software and hardware needs.

Councilmember Olson asked who maintains the cameras.

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated the maintenance under either option will be a City responsibility and those costs were not included. The cameras are vandalism resistant and would be purchased as a capital improvement. He noted that ten years of service equals the DVR option of \$16,117.65, to recapture those costs.

Councilmember Look stated the reality is that there is a fair amount of vandalism that occurs in this area and the parks that cost the City real dollars. He stated he favors this camera and to research the possibility at other parks that have vandalism.

Motion by Councilmember Look, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to authorize staff to proceed with the installation of IP security cameras in the Highway 47 pedestrian underpass and execute a 3-year contract with Qwest for an Internet service connection.

Further discussion: Councilmember Jeffrey stated he agrees with Councilmember Look but noted these cameras will not be surveilled, but played back should vandalism occur. Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated it will be similar to the camera in the parking ramp that is recorded 24 hours a day but not monitored 24 hours a day. He suggested the same types of signs be placed as used in the ramp. Councilmember Dehen stated his concern about spending \$10,000 every place the City experiences vandalism. He asked if this is a problem area with vandalism or assaults. Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated it is an area where a person can hide, there is not an established neighborhood, and it could be open to other types of activities. Councilmember Dehen asked if this is the worst area. Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated he does not know whether it is the worst area but there has already been significant vandalism over a short time period. At the original approval, conduits were approved to be installed in the event surveillance was needed. Councilmember Elvig stated when this overpass went in, the Council had the opportunity with the project on the east side of Highway 47 and wanted a connection point. The developer agreed so over six to ten weeks, it was approved and went in. However, this is a tunnel where activities could occur and some kind of camera or surveillance is needed. He stated that he thinks this purchase is necessary and is sorry vandalism had to happen before it was considered. Assistant City Engineer Himmer agreed a camera was always "on the radar." He stated he tried to work a camera into another location and may bring that forward once the Town Center moves forward. Councilmember Dehen urged parents to talk with their children and explain the high cost to all from vandalism.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Look, Olson, Dehen, Elvig, and Jeffrey. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Strommen.

Case #10: Accept Plans and Specifications for City Project #08-29, Alpine Park Watermain Loop, and Authorize for Bid

Assistant City Engineer Himmer stated this project was authorized in May and he would like authorization to put plans out for bids. He stated staff will continue to negotiate with the MPCA for easements.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to accept the plans and specifications for City Project #08-29, Alpine Park Watermain Loop, and authorize for bid.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Olson Dehen, Jeffrey, and Look. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Strommen.

Case #11: Adopt Resolution #08-08-XXX Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for 2008-2009 Participation in the Safe and Sober Communities Program

Councilmember Look stated he has experience with this Program and requested that consideration be tabled so Police Chief Way can make comment. He explained that Ramsey receives money from the State for the Safe and Sober Communities Program. The "Safe" portion deals with seat belt use, which is not a primary offense so the driver cannot be pulled over for it. The "Sober" portion has to do with enforcement of alcohol arrests. To qualify for the Program, the officers have to make so many stops per hour or per day. Councilmember Look stated that he does not mind police officers making stops for legitimate reasons, but not to meet quotas. He does not want Ramsey residents put into a situation where they are pulled over for a reason that may be fabricated. Councilmember Look stated he was pulled over and given a card indicating they were conducting this Program at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This left a "bad taste in his mouth." He stated that he has no problem with, as a secondary offense, ticketing if seat belts are not being worn but he does have a problem with quotas.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, to table consideration of Resolution #08-08-XXX Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for 2008-2009 Participation in the Safe and Sober Communities Program and to request Police Chief Way attend the next Council meeting to address the Council's concerns.

Further discussion: Mayor Gamec noted that Highway Patrol Officers also make stops in Ramsey, not just local officers.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Gamec, Councilmembers Elvig, Jeffrey, Dehen, Look, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Strommen.

Case #12: Authorize City Council to Execute a Loan Agreement with Clear Choice Countertops, Inc.

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

National Night Out

Councilmember Jeffrey reported that National Night Out went well and thanked residents, staff, officers, fire and safety personnel for their participation.

Traffic Concerns at 142nd Street and Argon

Councilmember Look agreed National Night Out was very successful and it gives residents an opportunity to talk to Councilmembers. He stated he was asked about traffic levels at 142nd Street and Argon and indicated he would support discussion at a Work Session to discuss the possibility of closing it off. He explained resident's concern due to bypass traffic cutting through their neighborhood, which poses public safety and welfare concern for those residents. Councilmember Look stated if the Council agrees, he would like the topic discussed at a Public Works meeting and a recommendation received from Fire Chief Kapler.

Councilmember Jeffrey stated he also heard that concern.

Councilmember Elvig agreed the whole area needs to be looked at for traffic.

Recycling Fees

Councilmember Elvig stated Ms. Backus asked why they pay a recycling fee when they don't recycle through the City but through another provider. He stated he did not know the details of that program and asked staff to provide that information so he can relay it to Ms. Backus. He suggested the *Ramsey Resident* newsletter include information on the recycling program and fees, or that it be answered on camera.

Concerns with Survey

Councilmember Elvig reported a resident called about the survey being conducted by a citizen-led group about a potential referendum to purchase greenways and waterways. The resident wrote down notes and believed the City was sponsoring the survey and pushing the initiative. Councilmember Elvig stated he explained that it was a citizen-led initiative but the survey staff made comments to her that it was initiated by the City. He stated he is concerned this group may be misrepresenting themselves as an "arm" of the City and asked staff to call the person in charge and make that distinction with them.

Mayor Gamec advised that Decision Resources states at the beginning of the survey that they are an outside agency and asking questions about the City.

Councilmember Dehen noted there is a "City connection" because an Environmental Policy Boardmember wrote to the City requesting comments about the survey.

Mayor Gamec stated the biggest problem is when the survey asks residents if they want to pay higher property taxes. He stated he has also received some calls on the survey.

City Administrator Ulrich stated the City is not paying for the survey and is not in charge of the survey. The survey was provided to the City to inform us it was being sent out. He explained that it is the intention of the group to share the survey results with the Council at a future Work Session meeting.

Councilmember Elvig stated it is a phone survey, not a written survey.

Mayor Gamec stated the survey on parks and open space is going out in conjunction with the Three Rivers Park District.

Public Access to Mississippi River

Councilmember Dehen stated he spoke with Parks Supervisor Riverblood about trying to get access to the Mississippi River for Ramsey residents. He noted there is a beautiful stretch of the Mississippi River in Ramsey but no access because there is no landing. Parks Supervisor Riverblood had said he would talk with County staff about getting a landing by Diamonds, off Traprock. Councilmember Dehen noted other access locations in neighboring communities and stated if a landing is available in Ramsey, it will allow residents to enjoy the River.

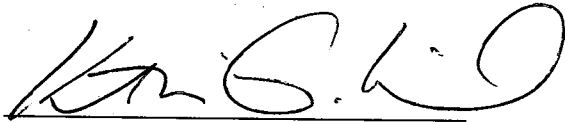
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Dehen, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

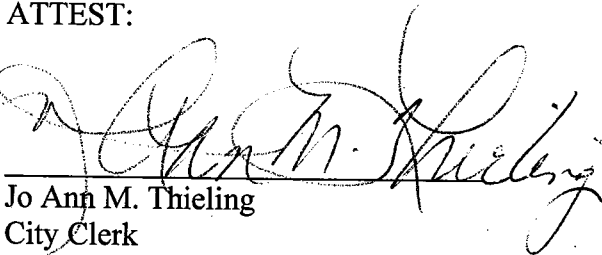
The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:



Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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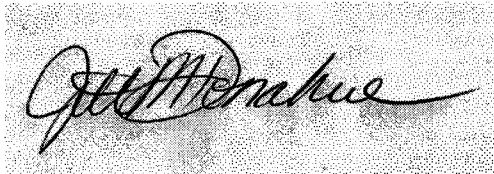
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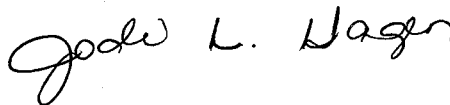
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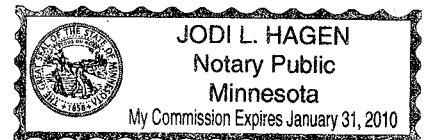


Business Manager

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(1) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space	\$ 15.00 <hr/> (line, word or inch rate)
(2) Maximum rate allowed by law for the above matter	\$ 15.00 <hr/> (line, word or inch rate)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF RAMSEY
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ramsey City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Business Subsidy Agreement with CTT Properties, LLC and/or its operating entity.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed Business Subsidy Agreement with CTT Properties, LLC and/or its operating entity. The City of Ramsey complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and upon advance request, information will be provided in an alternative form and interpreters will be available. Any person with such a request should contact Jo Ann Thieling at 433-9840 by noon on Thursday, August 7th, 2008. There is a TDD machine at Ramsey Municipal Center; the number is 763-427-8591.

Written comments are welcome and shall be addressed to the Ramsey City Council, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. Written comments shall be received at the above address prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

Jo Ann Thieling
City Clerk
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