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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Sarah Strommen
Councilmember Jill Johns
Councilmember Mark Kuzma
Councilmember John LeTourneau
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Melody Shryock

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Police Chief Jeff Katers
Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton
Community Development Director Timothy Gladhill
City Engineer Bruce Westby
City Planner Chris Anderson
Asst. City Administrator/Economic Development Manager Patrick Brama

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strommen called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Strommen.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: Board and Commission Member Oath of Office

Mayor Strommen administered a ceremonial Oath of Officer to new Commissioners Matt Woestehoff and Laura Moore. She noted that Mr. Woestehoff will join the Planning Commission and Ms. Moore will join the Environmental Policy Board. She thanked all the residents of Ramsey that choose to share their time and skills with the City.

2.02: Police Incident Update

Police Chief Katers stated that late yesterday the City received an online threat to a preschool. He noted that it was never a specific threat to any school in Ramsey or the outside community but a vague threat. He stated that officers investigated the threat and interviewed the individual. He noted that it was a vague threat and there was no means or credibility and the individual does

not have the means to carry out the threat. He stated that the Ramsey Police Department attempts to share information on their social media site and appreciate the public not sharing rumors or innuendo. He stated that even through there was not a credible threat to Ramsey schools, officers were at the schools this morning to reassure the public. He recommended that the members of the public stay vigilant, “if you see something say something”. He noted that the police can only respond to things they know about. He welcomed any additional questions that residents may have and noted that official responses are posted on the social media sites.

Mayor Strommen stated that this information was shared in a desire to remain open and transparent.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4.01: Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending March 31, 2018
- 4.02: Schedule Canvassing Board to Canvass Results of April 10, 2018 Special Election
- 4.03: Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated March 20, 2018
 - 2) City Council Regular dated March 20, 2018
- 4.04: Adopt Resolution #18-069 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of March 22, 2018 through April 4, 2018
- 4.05: Adopt Resolution #18-068 Approving the Transfer of Excess General Fund Revenues to the Equipment Revolving Fund, Facilities Construction Fund, Capital Maintenance Fund and Public Improvement Revolving (PIR) Fund
- 4.06: Adopt Resolution #18-070 Resolution Establishing Procedures Related to Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations under the Internal Revenue Code (Bonding for 2018 Road Reconstruction Projects)
- 4.07: Adopt Resolution #18-075 Approving Premise Permit for Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association at The Links of Northfork
- 4.08: Adopt Resolution #18-076 Prohibiting Parking on Puma Street NW, from Bunker Lake Boulevard NW to Alpine Drive NW, for Improvement Project #18-05
- 4.09: Adopt Resolution #18-073 Appointing an Environmental Policy Board Member
- 4.10: Adopt Resolution #18-071 Hiring Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Workers and Temporary Interns

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Consider Site Plan, Landscape Plan, and Amended Conditional Use Permit Associated with Connexus Energy's Solar Project (Project No. 17-135); Case of Connexus Energy

City Planner Anderson reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the Amended Conditional Use Permit. He noted that there are no significant changes to the CUP document other than the inclusion of two additional Permittees. He noted that the Site Plan and Landscape Plan are very similar to what had been provided as a conceptual layout when the request originally came forward, just with more detail.

Mayor Strommen noted that the Council has had thorough discussion on this topic and the Planning Commission has also had a thorough review.

Councilmember Kuzma asked for information on the decommission process.

Andrew Dahlen, SoCore Energy, stated that SoCore Energy is responsible for the decommissioning process. He explained that the steel would be recycled, and the company would be obligated to restore the site to its original contours.

Mayor Strommen noted that in driving through southern Minnesota she has noticed more solar farms.

Councilmember LeTourneau asked for information on the funding and cost savings that Connexus customers may see as a result of this project.

Brian Burandt, Connexus, provided additional information on the funding for the system and the tax credits that will be received. He noted that if the Connexus customers will see a decrease in their bills on day one. He stated that the Connexus campus was originally looked at, but the City believes that parcel has higher economic development value and encouraged the company to look at other parcels which is what led Connexus to this parcel owned by Anoka County.

Motion by Councilmember LeTourneau, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to Adopt Resolution #18-074 Approving the Issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Connexus Energy to Allow the Installation and Maintenance of a Solar Energy System on as a Principal Use in the Public/Quasi-Public District and Declaring Terms of Same.

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

7.02: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-072 Accepting Feasibility Study and Ordering Plans and Specifications for COR Infiltration Basin Improvements, Improvement Project #18-09

Civil Engineer Linton reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt Resolution #18-072 accepting the Feasibility Study and ordering plans and specifications for COR Infiltration Improvements, Improvement Project #18-09.

Mayor Strommen noted that as discussed at the last meeting, the City has already agreed to this project and collected funds.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to Adopt Resolution #18-072 Accepting Feasibility Study and Ordering Plans and Specifications for COR Infiltration Basin Improvements, Improvement Project #18-09.

Further discussion: Councilmember Kuzma stated that as The COR continues to develop, the funds for this project will be reimbursed. Mayor Strommen noted that this is a good proposal as it fulfills the infiltration requirements, protects the wellhead protection area, and is an efficient use of land.

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

7.03: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-077 Approving 2020 MUSA Boundary Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Ramsey Elementary 2nd Campus

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt Resolution #18-077 approving an amendment to the 2020 Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) boundary. He noted that this amendment is being requested by the Metropolitan Council as part of the Ramsey Elementary School 2nd Campus project. He noted that the City Council previously approved a resolution granting submittal of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to reguide the subject property from Low Density Residential to Public/Quasi-Public. He noted that the purpose of the resolution is to clarify that Comprehensive Plan amendment to include an updating of the 2020 MUSA boundary.

Councilmember LeTourneau referenced the use of phased boundary. He asked if this area was already planned to be included in the MUSA in the future and if this request is simply moved forward.

Community Development Director Gladhill confirmed that this area was planned to be included in the MUSA during the time of 2020 to 2030. He noted that only the elementary school parcel will be moved into the MUSA at this time and the remainder of the area will remain in the phased timing.

Motion by Councilmember Shryock, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to Adopt Resolution #18-077 Approving a Clarification of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Purpose of Revising the 2020 MUSA Boundary for Ramsey Elementary Campus 2.

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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