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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Monday, August 6, 2018, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
 Police Chief Jeff Katers
 Community Development Director Timothy Gladhill
 City Engineer Bruce Westby
 City Planner Chris Anderson
 City Planner Chloe McGuire Brigl

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor LeTourneau called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Acting Mayor LeTourneau.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4.01: Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated July 24, 2018
 - 2) City Council Regular dated July 24, 2018
- 4.02: Approve Licenses

- 4.03: Approve Request to Declare Surplus Property
- 4.04: Adopt Resolution #18-163 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of July 20, 2018 through August 1, 2018
- 4.05: Adopt Resolution #18-164 Authorizing Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #16-98, Central Park Parking Lot
- 4.06: Adopt Resolution #18-165 to Hire a Permit Technician Filling the Vacant Position
- 4.07: Adopt Resolution #18-161 Hiring a Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker
- 4.08: Report from the Public Works Committee Meeting dated July 17, 2018:
 - 1) Consider Speed Limit Reduction on Quicksilver Street – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to leave the segment of Quicksilver Street between 167th Avenue and Elmcrest Park unposted as to the speed limit, to direct staff to place the speed trailer along this street segment when the trailer is available, and to direct staff to reach out to the soccer association with a reminder to watch for speeds.*

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01: Public Hearing to Consider Approving On-Sale, Patio, and Sunday Liquor License for Pleasant Valley Sunrise Group LLC dba Aurelio's Pizza

Presentation

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the on-sale, patio, and Sunday liquor license for Pleasant Valley Sunrise Group, LLC dba Aurelio's Pizza.

Public Hearing

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to open the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Council Business

Councilmember Shryock stated that she would like to invite the applicant to come forward.

Randy Strawski, applicant, stated that the business has been in Roseville for 33 years and the franchise includes 40 businesses. He stated that the business would be open until 11 p.m. each night and the bar is a small portion of their business as most of their sales are from food. He stated that he is a Ramsey resident and would like to open his business in Ramsey.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to approve an on-sale, patio, and Sunday liquor license for Pleasant Valley Sunrise Group LLC dba Aurelio's Pizza.

Further discussion: Acting Mayor LeTourneau stated that he is excited for another restaurant to join the community and wished the business well.

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

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-166 Clarifying Lawful, Non-Conforming Use on the Property Identified as PID #22-32-25-23-0002

City Planner Anderson reviewed the staff report and recommendation to confirm the use of the accessory building strictly for personal storage only, at least until such time a home is constructed on the subject property.

Councilmember Kuzma asked why the City would not consider allowing the building to be used for small repair work.

City Planner Anderson stated that the home occupation ordinance requires a home or principal dwelling unit to occupy the property and therefore if there is not a home on the property, a home occupation permit could not be issued.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau asked and received confirmation that the property is not zoned appropriately to allow business activity in a residential zoning district without it being a home occupation business.

Councilmember Kuzma asked if a variance could be issued.

City Planner Anderson replied that a variance could not be issued for a use. He stated that if a home were built on the property, the property owner could then apply for a home occupation business permit.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau asked if the property owner could apply for a zoning amendment.

City Planner Anderson confirmed that would be an option.

Community Development Director Gladhill stated that the City tends to shy away from allowing motor vehicle uses as a home occupation business because of the number of complaints that arise. He stated that there has been a history of complaints from this property from a similar use and since that use has been removed, the problem has been resolved and therefore would not recommend that course of action.

Councilmember Johns asked for input on whether outside storage would be allowed.

City Planner Anderson provided additional details and replied that without a home on the property to be the primary use, he would be concerned that allowing outside storage would make outside storage the primary use of the site.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to Adopt Resolution #18-166 Confirming Uses of Existing Accessory Building on the Property Identified by PID #22-32-25-23-0002.

Further discussion: City Planner Anderson noted that the potential buyer is in the audience tonight. Councilmember Shryock stated that she would like to hear from the potential buyer. She stated that it sounds like the applicant does part-time repair work at his home currently. Thomas Jorgenson, 6640 153rd Court NW, confirmed that he often does projects with his son at his home and would use this building for personal storage. He stated that he may potentially build a home on the new property in the future, if he were able to purchase an adjacent property and then sell his current home. He confirmed that he would only be using this building for personal storage. Acting Mayor LeTourneau asked if the limits on outside storage would be a challenge for this potential property owner. Mr. Jorgenson stated that he was told previously that he could have a boat or trailer next to his house but received a complaint for having a trailer on the side of his house. Acting Mayor LeTourneau encouraged staff to review the outside storage ordinance with Mr. Jorgenson as that has been part of the history of challenges for that corner property. Councilmember Johns explained that this discussion is not intended to be personal but just to maintain the character of the property. Mr. Jorgenson stated that he lives near the property and is excited that he could clean up the property and keep it in better condition.

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

7.02: Consider Approving Letter of Support for Anoka County Grant Application for Roundabout at Armstrong Boulevard and Alpine Drive

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to support the request based on the existing skewed geometrics of the intersection and the higher than average number of crashes observed over the last three years.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that he is not in favor of this as he does not think the intersection is a problem and believes that this would cause traffic congestion that is unnecessary.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau asked for input on the issue of safety at this intersection.

City Engineer Westby stated that the data provided by Anoka County includes crash data from 2013 to 2016. He stated that there have been 11 accidents, six of which were injury accidents and noting that one of the accidents involved a bicyclist. He stated that based on this type of intersection, that is a high number of accidents, especially injury accidents and that is why some type of intersection control is needed.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau asked the other variables that create a safety issue.

City Engineer Westby stated that the main issue is the sightlines, noting that the east leg of Alpine Drive comes in at a high angle to Armstrong which causes problems.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that he thinks the problem is with people making a turn on Andrie and people going around those turning vehicles on the shoulder and therefore would be more of an enforcement issue for the police.

Councilmember Johns asked if there would be an impact to firetrucks, noting the proximity to the fire station.

City Engineer Westby replied that the roundabout would be constructed to accommodate large vehicles.

Councilmember Riley stated that he would have agreed that this is not a dangerous intersection until the facts were presented tonight. He stated that he is concerned with people using roundabouts correctly but acknowledged that Anoka County is continuing to use roundabouts and will continue to add them.

Councilmember Shryock stated that she is generally not in favor of roundabouts as people often do not know how to use them. She stated that in doing research online she did find that roundabouts tend to reduce the number and impact of accidents. She stated that the trend on

roundabouts is increasing nationwide and she would support this request because of the sightline issues in this area.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau referenced the 8,700-traffic count in the report and asked if there is a future projection for traffic counts.

City Engineer Westby stated he is unsure of the exact number but noted that the number used for the cost-benefit analysis will be updated by MnDOT prior to the submission of the application by Anoka County. He was given data from Community Development Director Gladhill which stated that there would be a projected traffic count of 12,800 in 2040. He stated that the action is approve a letter of support for funding application by Anoka County. He stated that any future funding or construction approvals would come back before the City Council.

Patrick Surma, 161st and Armstrong, stated that he goes through the intersection four to six times per day. He stated that he has spoken with two Highway Patrol officers that had concern with the intersection. He stated that with the additional residential developments, the issues will only increase.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to Approve a Letter of Support for Anoka County's Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Application for Construction of a Roundabout at the Intersection of CSAH 83/Armstrong Boulevard and Alpine Drive.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Johns, Shryock, and Riley. Voting No: Councilmember Kuzma.

7.03: Receive Update on Highway 47 Plan

City Planner McGuire Brigl reviewed the staff report and provided an update on the Highway 47 Plan.

Councilmember Riley stated that he attended the evening meeting and expressed appreciation to staff. He stated that this is a great process but asked why the plan would be adopted one year from now.

City Planner McGuire Brigl replied that planning processes take a long time and noted that staff would like to ensure that there is enough time to receive resident input as the draft Comprehensive Plan process is starting to wrap up. He stated that staff will attempt to shorten that timeline and plan to show improvements along the way.

Councilmember Johns commented that she also attended and appreciated the engaged participation of those that attended. She stated that she likes that staff will also provide an opportunity for those that were unable to attend the meetings.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau stated that he appreciates the willingness and eagerness of the Council to gather that input from the community and appreciated the ability of staff to create

those opportunities for the public to provide input. He stated that it is critical to understand the wants and needs of the community.

7.04: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-167 Approving Response to Draft Anoka County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the draft response.

Councilmember Shryock stated that she appreciates that the City has the ability to comment on these plans and would encourage coordination of comments with surrounding communities to ensure that the key points continue to be identified.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau agreed that it is helpful to have access to and the ability to comment on these plans. He referenced the future Mississippi River crossing and noted that would be a cumbersome project that would not be as likely to occur in the 2040 plan as originally hoped for because of the number of partners that would be involved but appreciated the City calling out that desire. He also identified key north/south routes in the community that will continue to be stressed and pressured and likes that the language was called out as that is a huge priority for Ramsey residents.

Motion by Councilmember Shryock, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to Adopt Resolution #18-167 Approving Response to Anoka County Transportation Plan.

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

7.05: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-168 Approving Response to Draft Hennepin County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the draft response.

Motion by Councilmember Shryock, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to Adopt Resolution #18-168 Approving Response to Hennepin County Comprehensive Plan.

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

7.06: Consider Response to an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) in the City of Dayton

City Planner Anderson reviewed the staff report and recommendation of the Planning Commission to direct staff to submit the response to the North Dayton Development AUAR as proposed by staff.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to Adopt Resolution #18-169 Approving Response to the City of Dayton's North Dayton Development Draft AUAR.

Further discussion: Acting Mayor LeTourneau referenced the Mississippi crossing and this use and asked if the use is outside of this discussion. He asked if a message is being sent to Dayton that this corridor needs to be protected for a river crossing. City Planner Anderson replied that the comments from the City will include protection of a corridor for a future bridge crossing.

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

7.07: Consider Adopting Resolution #18-170 Approving Assessment Agreement with Affinity at Ramsey, LLC

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the Assessment Agreement for signature.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to Adopt Resolution #18-170 Approving Assessment agreement (Minimum Assessment Agreement) for Affinity at Ramsey, LLC.

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

7.08: Adopt Resolution #18-171 Approving Consent to Assignment of Rights Under TIF Agreement

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation from staff and legal counsel to approve of the assignment, regardless of the date of action. He noted that staff would support a delay in action if desired by the City Council. He stated that given the simplicity of the Agreement/Consent, legal counsel does not believe it is necessary to hold up closing for this agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to Adopt Resolution #18-171 Approving Consent to Assignment of Rights Under TIF Agreement Related to Affinity at Ramsey, LLC.

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau encouraged all residents to vote on August 14th in the primary election.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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