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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 25, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor John LeTourneau
Councilmember Mark Kuzma
Councilmember Jeff Menth
Councilmember Debra Musgrove
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Dan Specht

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Police Chief Jeff Katers
Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood
Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
City Engineer Bruce Westby
Senior Planner Chloe McGuire Brigl
Recreation Specialist Abby Proulx

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeTourneau 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 LeTourneau.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

3.01: Update Regarding *Happy Daze* Events

Recreation Specialist Proulx reported that Happy Daze events will take the place of the formal Happy Days event. She stated that the events will be family friendly and held over the weekend of September 11th through the 13th. She highlighted the different events that will take place and the COVID-19 precautions that will be taken. She noted that registration will be required for all events and can be done through the City website to ensure that the total number of residents does not exceed the recommended capacity.

Councilmember Musgrove asked about hosting a series of events in the midst of a pandemic.

Recreation Specialist Proulx stated that everyone is aware of the pandemic and therefore the events were created as a way to still offer something to the community members.

Mayor LeTourneau thanked staff for taking this project on.

Councilmember Specht asked for details on the requirement for masks as the events will be held outdoors.

Recreation Specialist Proulx stated that residents will be asked to wear masks when walking around but can take the masks off once they are seated with their family group.

Councilmember Specht stated that he would prefer the language to state masks recommended, as it may be difficult to wear masks when visiting food vendors.

Mayor LeTourneau noted that similar mask wearing is asked to be done at the summer concert series and asked staff for an update.

Recreation Specialist Proulx stated that residents have been fairly supportive of wearing masks when walking around at the community events this summer.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that he has received good feedback from the community on the summer concert series and have been appreciative that the City has been able to provide an activity. He believed that these events would be successful as well.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Riley, Kuzma, Menth, Musgrove, and Specht. Voting No: None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 5.01: Receive July 2020 Financial Reports – General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- 5.02: Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated August 10, 2020
 - 2) City Council Regular dated August 10, 2020
- 5.03: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.04: Approve Rental Licenses
- 5.05: Note the Following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2020

- Planning Commission Work Session Minutes dated July 9, 2020
 - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes dated July 16, 2020
 - Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 21, 2020
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #20-173 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of August 6, 2020 through August 19, 2020
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #20-156 Approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application for Car Sales and Service at 6021 Highway 10; Case of Lund Auto
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution 2020-172 Authorizing Partial Payment #1 to Park Construction Company for Improvement Project #20-01, Variolite Street Reconstruction
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #20-174 Authorizing Application for Fiscal Year 2021 Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #20-175 Approving Plans and Authorizing Requests for Quotes for 16660 Jasper Street Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project #19-13
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #20-176 Approving Plans and Authorizing Request for Quotes for 5751 164th Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project #19-17
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #20-177 Approving Plans and Authorizing Requests for Quotes for 9591 Inverness Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project #20-08
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #20-178 Accepting Cares Act Grant Funding for Election Related Costs
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #20-179 Approving Third Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Ramsey Hotel Group LLC
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #20-181 Approving Extension for Abatement at 8050 147th Ave NW
- 5.16: Adopt Resolution #20-182 Authorizing Alternative Materials for Seating Walls Adjacent to The Sapphire Apartments
- 5.17: Adopt Resolution #20-186 Temporarily Suspending Enforcement of Off-Premise Advertising on Dynamic Display Signs
- 5.18: Adopt Resolution #20-168 Rehiring a Temporary Building Maintenance Worker
- 5.19: Adopt Resolution #20-183 to Hire Paid-On-Call Firefighters

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Menth, Kuzma, Musgrove, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01: Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution #20-164 Granting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Team Packaging at 14799 Jackal St NW, Suite 400 in Bunker Lake Industrial Park (Project No. 20-123)

Presentation

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl reviewed the staff report and recommendation of the Planning Commission to grant a Conditional Use Permit for Team Packaging for outdoor storage with a public hearing at the Council meeting with the conditions as drafted in the draft resolution.

Public Hearing

Mayor LeTourneau called the public hearing to order at 7:13 p.m.

Citizen Input

John Nelson, applicant, stated that they recently moved into the property and provided details on the operations of the business. He noted that the majority of their production is wood crates, which requires wood to be onsite. He stated that 40 percent of the wood can be stored indoors but the remainder must be stored outdoors. He noted that they have operated their business in two other locations in Ramsey which allowed outdoor storage and they were unaware that this location did not allow that. He stated that they would like to gain this approval in order to install the fence prior to the winter conditions. He noted that they have worked with staff and complied with all the recommended conditions. He stated that they are a good neighbor and keep a clean shop. He stated that the fenced outdoor storage would have privacy slats to provide screening and security of the lumber stored outdoors.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that at the Planning Commission meeting the applicant stated that they were still in the process of moving in and asked for an update on that progress.

Mr. Nelson provided an update on the progress noting that they are fully moved in with the exception of two remaining items on their list. He provided additional details on the outdoor racking.

Councilmember Specht thanked the business for continuing to remain in Ramsey. He asked if the business was interested in the barbed wire, which was not recommended to be allowed by staff.

Mr. Nelson confirmed that they are fine with not including barbed wire.

Matt Kuker, PSD, thanked City staff for working with them on this process, noting that there were assumptions that outdoor storage would be allowed. He stated that this business is a good neighbor and they are happy to have them in the industrial park.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Musgrove, Riley, Kuzma, Menth, and Specht. Voting No: None.

The public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Council Business

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to Adopt Resolution #20-164 Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Outdoor Storage for Team Packaging at 14799 Jackal Street NW, Suite 400 in Ramsey.

Further discussion: Mayor LeTourneau stated that it is great to have this business in a new location in Ramsey. He also thanked PSD for their continued contributions to the business community. Mr. Kuker encouraged City staff to call them if there are violations on their properties rather than issuing violations, noting that they are more than willing to correct any issues that arise.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Specht, Menth, Kuzma, Musgrove, and Riley. Voting No: None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Consider Multiple Items Related to Garden View Final Plat, Case of DC Ramsey, LLC; (Project No. 19-136)

- **Adopt Resolution #20-180 Approving the Final Plat and Development Agreement**
- **Adopt Ordinance #20-16 Vacating Right-of-Way**

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl reviewed the staff report and noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this project and the City Council approved the Preliminary Plat for this project. This is the final step in the platting process.

Councilmember Menth asked if the City is going to build a road connecting 149th Avenue to 147th Avenue.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl confirmed that would be done.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for details on the escrow.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl explained that the escrow is being set aside for 147th as it will need repairs after construction is completed.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for details on the lot that will be left for a potential future road and whether that will be a City or development cost.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl replied that the City would retain the outlot that it already owns.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to Adopt Resolution #20-180 Approving Final Plat and Development Agreement with Escrow for Road Improvements for Garden View and Adopt Ordinance #20-16 Vacating Partial Right-of-Way of 147th Lane and Town Center Drive Right-of-Way Related to Garden View Subdivision.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Menth, Musgrove, Kuzma, Riley, and Specht. Voting No: None.

7.02: Highway 10 Update from Tinklenberg Group

Mr. Tinklenberg stated that he believes that September will be the drop-dead moment for the ability to gain funding through a bonding bill. He stated that there seems to be a strong commitment from both the House and Senate on getting a bonding bill through. He encouraged all constituents to reach out to their elected State representatives in the legislature in support of the bonding bill as it will support road infrastructure and economic development. He stated that they have continued to reach out to the representatives in DC as well and provided a brief update. He stated that meetings with the project team have been held to discuss how the \$40,000,000 will be allocated along with additional discussion on the design for Sunfish Lake Boulevard to include a full grade separation, similar to the full grade separation decided upon for Ramsey Boulevard.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that it would be nice to provide details on property acquisition to the business owners as soon as possible.

Mr. Tinklenberg stated that there are two properties where discussions have occurred. He stated that the County will need to lead those efforts as they hold the funding and coordinate right-of-way purchases. He agreed that it would be helpful to have that element move forward as quickly as possible.

Councilmember Musgrove asked how businesses would be informed about the process of land acquisition.

Mr. Tinklenberg stated that most of the time there has been some expression of interest communicated to staff at the City or County level. He noted that one conversation was initiated by the City, but the others have been initiated by the business owners as to whether they would like to see or are interested in making improvements. He stated that there has not been a broad attempt to purchase and therefore there has not been a broad list of conversations.

Councilmember Musgrove asked and received confirmation that if Councilmembers receive interest from property owners that should be passed on to City staff.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that thus far they are only working with interested sellers.

Councilmember Specht thanked Mr. Tinklenberg for this work on this. He asked where residents can find out more about this project.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that updates can be provided on the City website. He confirmed that if a business has questions, they can reach out to City staff.

Mr. Tinklenberg noted that Ramsey has taken the lead on this process which has gone on for years with multiple open house meetings and design meetings.

Councilmember Musgrove asked the likelihood that this project will receive bonding funds.

Mr. Tinklenberg stated that there are two projects being considered, the third lane in Coon Rapids and the Ramsey projects. He noted that there are separate bills on each of those projects. He noted that the Anoka projects have already received funding and therefore is not competing for funds.

He noted that the MnDOT projects in Anoka are also different types of funding and do not compete for these funds. He stated that this project is included in the bonding bill, the uncertainty is on the amount of funds within that bill which could range from \$8,400,000 to \$25,000,000. He stated that he would like to see that number at \$25,000,000, noting that with the funds already allocated by other entities, that would bring the total funds allocated to 50 percent of the project cost.

Councilmember Kuzma asked if the work at Sunfish Lake and Ramsey boulevards would happen together or occur in separate projects.

Mr. Tinklenberg stated that the goal would be to have the whole package move forward at the same time.

Councilmember Kuzma commented that he would not support the projects moving forward separately as that would stretch the construction over a longer period of time and would be harder for the businesses.

Mayor LeTourneau thanked Mr. Tinklenberg for the update.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

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Administrative Assistant

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