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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 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 (attended remotely)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Finance Director Diana Lund
Police Chief Jeff Katers
Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
Deputy City Administrator Timothy Gladhill
City Engineer Bruce Westby (attended remotely)
Senior Planner Chloe McGuire Brigl (attended remotely)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeTourneau called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LeTourneau.

City Administrator Ulrich noted that the opportunity exists for members of the Council and public to participate remotely and provided instructions. He also provided details about mask use when inside City Hall. He reported that Councilmember Specht is attending remotely.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Deanette Hontarenko, 7764 148th Lane NW, stated that she felt it necessary to come to the Council to talk about Tom Purmort and Purmort Homes. She stated that she purchased a new construction home from him and has experienced many problems. She stated that the concerns have not been addressed within the one-year timeframe and she has been ignored. She referenced a letter she received from Bill, the previous City inspector, which stated after their sod had been inspected, railings were needed on their porch. She stated that she contacted Bill after receiving the letter

and was assured that the railing would be put up when the other items were addressed. She stated that she came home one day to find two 2x4s placed by the builder. She stated that they called again and spoke with a new City staff member as Bill had retired. She stated that her husband, City staff and Mr. Purmort came to an agreement that they would put up the railings and Mr. Purmort would pay them \$750. She stated that after installing the railings she received a letter from Mr. Purmort's attorney stating that he would not pay anything. She noted that after negotiations with City staff, the agreement was that Mr. Purmort would pay \$350. She stated that other homes in the neighborhood did not have double railings, and they felt picked on. She stated that as a tax paying resident she does not feel that the builder should get away with these things and that they should be left responsible. She stated that she was told by the inspector that she would need to come to the City Council to ask that the \$350 be taken from the escrow account held by the City. She noted that earlier today she was told that Mr. Purmort agreed to pay the \$350 now and she would not have to attend the Council meeting. She stated that after all the issues they have encountered, she felt that it would be best to come to the Council. She stated that everyone in the new construction neighborhood have had problems with Mr. Purmort and issues in their new homes because of the builder. She stated that there is a community of residents that are not happy and feel that they are not being heard.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that he is empathetic with how frustrating this situation has been. He agreed that coming forward was the right thing to do. He stated that this will not only help the situation of her and her neighbors but also how the Council can be better for the residents. He stated that this is where the residents choose to live, and the community should be how they want it to be. He stated that they have heard the comments and will address the issues.

Ms. Hontarenko stated that makes her feel better. She stated that she has contemplated selling but would have to pay a large amount of money to fix the things that would need to be fixed prior to selling.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that staff has had challenges with this builder, noting that this is not the first complaint about this builder. He stated that they had an agreement with the builder, but the builder recanted on the agreement. He stated that once it was communicated that the discussion would occur at the Council, the builder agreed to the release of funds from the escrow account to the resident. He stated that he is willing to work with the homeowners, noting that staff can help to submit the complaints to the appropriate party. He stated that the City has spent a few thousand dollars in legal fees in order to negotiate with this builder/contractor.

Eric Domaas, 7784 148th Lane NW, stated that he had a very similar situation but was told from the City that \$150 would be reimbursed for the railing. He stated that he did not do anything with the railing. He stated that he has filed complaints with multiple agencies but has not gotten anywhere. He commented that it sounds like Purmort Homes is going to build another community in Ramsey, which troubles him because that company did not do a good job on this development. He stated that his neighbor across the street already moved out because of the issues. He stated that while they understand that the City cannot solve the problems right away, the neighborhood feels that the issues need to be voiced.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that a complaint should also be filed with the Department of Labor and Industry.

Mr. Domaas confirmed that he filed a complaint there as well.

Mayor LeTourneau directed staff to document all of the issues raised tonight in order to facilitate additional discussion and follow up.

Linda Aasmundstad, 14782 Zeolite St NW, stated that she has an issue with the current inspector. She noted that her concrete slab has disintegrated within one year. She stated that when she reached out to the inspector, she was told that Mr. Purmort was not required to pour concrete in that location and could have put gravel. She asked why Mr. Purmort is allowed to construct additional homes when homes that he built in the community continue to have issues and be of poor quality. She stated that he lives in the neighborhood and smugly waves as he drives by to everyone living in homes that have problems.

Mayor LeTourneau recognized that there have been issues raised with the inspector and with Mr. Purmort. He stated that the Council will address these issues.

Ms. Aasmundstad stated that she reached out to the Department of Labor and Industry and has been told to hire an attorney. She stated that she consulted with two attorneys that have said her money would be better spent completing the repairs and filing a claim in small claims court. She stated that she will be listing her home for sale and is disappointed that she will not be making Ramsey her forever home.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that staff will need to speak with the City Attorney, as it would come down to a contractor's license and was unsure if the City could deny a contractor to work in the community if the proper license and insurance are held.

Mayor LeTourneau commented that he hopes there is something the Council can help with.

Vitaly Hontarenko, 7764 148th Ln NW, stated that while the inspector might be hard working, it has been difficult for residents when the statement has been "you can fix it or move". He stated that his window has cracks around with insulation sticking out, the kitchen island is cracked, the garage has damage, etc. He stated that his realtor has sent many emails that continue to not be addressed by Mr. Purmort.

Kristie Wimpfheimer, 14774 Zeolite St NW, stated that she also has a home by Purmort Homes. She stated that they moved in 2017 and have had a number of issues. She stated that when they moved in, they were told they would have two full sized trees, and only one was put in years later. She stated that Mr. Purmort actually wanted to remove the tree out of her yard. She stated that they were promised many things when they purchased their new construction home and those items were never completed. She questioned how the City is allowing this poor workmanship to be passed as being up to code.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that the inspection covers whether the code requirements are met. He noted that further discussion could occur related to the code but commented that there is not gray area in code interpretation by City staff. He recognized that these are complex situations with a lot of complex issues.

Deputy City Administrator stated that he will provide his contact information to the residents and staff will put together a neighborhood meeting. He stated that he would also like specifics from the residents on their concerns so that he could investigate that with the building team to determine if it was a code issue or quality of work issue.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor LeTourneau stated that staff has asked to add an item to the agenda titled, Considering a Second Amendment for Purchase Agreement for Cobblestone Hotel, Extending Deadline for Notice to Proceed to August 30, 2020. He noted that will be added as Case 7.07.

City Administrator Ulrich requested that Item 7.06 be removed from the agenda as well.

Mayor LeTourneau confirmed that current item 7.06 can be removed, and the new item can take its place.

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.01: Receive June 2020 Financial Reports – General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- 5.02: Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2020
- 5.03: Note the Following Boards, Commissions and Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 4, 2020
 - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2020
 - Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2020

- Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 16, 2020
- 5.04: Approve Rental Licenses
 - 5.05: Adopt Resolution #20-152 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of July 9, 2020 through July 22, 2020
 - 5.06: Adopt Resolution #20-155 Approving Abatement of 14760 Bowers Drive NW (Case of Sandra Dickinson)
 - 5.07: Adopt Resolution #20-150 Authorizing Partial Payment #1 to Dryden Excavating for Improvement Project #19-10, Hedgehog Street Drainage Improvements
 - 5.08: Adopt Resolution #20-151 Approving Amendment to Listing Agreement with CBRE
 - 5.09: Adopt Resolution #20-154 Approving Small Business Grant Program – Phase 2 COVID-19 Business Assistance Program
 - 5.10: Adopt Resolution #20-157 Accepting Coronavirus Relief Funds from State of Minnesota and Certifying That it Will Honor All Commitments and Maintain Required Information and Documentation and Resolution #20-158 Allocating Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Funds (Known as CARES Act Funds) to Economic Recovery Activities and Resolution #20-159 Allocating Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funds (Known as CARES Act Funds) to Local Government Activities
 - 5.11: Adopt Resolution #20-160 Approving Abatement of 8050 147th Avenue NW
 - 5.12: Adopt Resolution #20-161 Approving Grading Agreement for Preserve at Northfork; Case of BK Land Development (Project 19-147)
 - 5.13: Adopt Resolution #20-162 Approving Assessment Agreement for Municipal Water and Sanitary Sewer Connection at 6314 Highway 10 NW; Case of Electric Systems of Anoka

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01: Public Hearing: Consider Multiple Items Related to Garden View Preliminary Plat (Project 19-136)

Presentation

Senior Planner McGuire-Brigl reviewed the staff report and recommendation from the Planning Commission and staff to approve the Preliminary Plat and vacation of right-of-way for Garden View.

Public Hearing

Mayor LeTourneau called the public hearing to order at 7:48 p.m.

Citizen Input

There was none.

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 7:49 p.m.

Council Business

Councilmember Musgrove asked for details on the road alignment.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl commented on the west side of the road there is a future road connection planned north to the existing neighborhood. She stated that the timing has not been decided upon, but the right-of-way is being saved for future planning efforts.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that the road connection has been planned by the City, but the timing is unknown, therefore the City is simply reserving the right-of-way for future potential use.

Councilmember Riley noted that previous comments were received from neighbors to the north and asked if those were in response to the previous development plans or these development plans.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill replied that those comments were related to the previous development plan and noted that the neighbors seem much more amenable to this plan.

Councilmember Musgrove asked the width of the road.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill replied that typically the road is 32 feet in width and did not believe this request was lesser than required.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Kuzma, to Adopt Resolution #20-002 Granting Preliminary Plat Approval of Garden View and introduce Ordinance #20-16 Vacating Right-of-Way.

Further discussion: Councilmember Menth asked the location of the future road connection. Deputy City Administrator identified the general location for that roadway.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Ordinance #20-11 Implementing a Gas Franchise Fee on Centerpoint Energy for Providing Gas Service Within the City of Ramsey, Adopt Ordinance #20-12 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on Connexus Energy for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey and Adopt Ordinance #20-13 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on the City of Anoka Electric for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey

Finance Director Lund reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt the respective ordinance related to implementing a franchise fee on said utilities.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that it was mentioned that the debt levy was \$487,000 and asked if that would increase in coming years.

Finance Director Lund replied that the road debt was structured in a way that it would remain constant at about \$475,000 until 2025 when the project debt from 2015 falls off.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if that could be restructured.

Finance Director Lund replied that the Council could provide direction on that. She noted that the PIR fund has been used in the past but that is a limited amount of funding with other allocated expenses.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if MSA funds have been designated for Highway 10 projects.

City Engineer Westby stated that some of the Highway 10 improvements would be eligible for MSA funds.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that she noticed the balance of the MSA fund has decreased with funds used this year and therefore would want to revisit that topic to ensure funds are available for the Highway 10 project.

Mayor LeTourneau invited any members of the public to provide comments.

Frank Howsman, 7140 152nd Ave NW, stated that this is everyone's City and they should have it as they want, as the Mayor said earlier tonight. He stated that this issue appears to be driven by a want of the Council rather than the community. He stated that from what he has seen at meetings and on social media, the majority of residents feel that assessments are a fair form of funding. He stated that he believes that this question should have been placed on the ballot to allow the residents to make the choice on road repair funding. He stated that the residents pay taxes and pay the levy. He stated that the people purchasing the homes discussed earlier tonight do not understand that they live within a TIF District and therefore their taxes do not contribute to road improvements and other City operations. He asked what happened to funds that were claimed to have gone missing years ago by a previous Councilmember. He asked if the Council has been listening to the people of Ramsey and what they want or whether it is following its own agenda.

Finance Director Lund stated that in 2013 there was about \$1,300,000 budgeted in the general fund for road improvements and at the end of that year \$832,000 was moved over into the road fund. She noted that the available balance in that account was used to get to the amount determined needed through the franchise fees.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that the \$1,300,000 was dedicated towards road funding. He noted that since that time there is much more funding needed to continue to repair the roads. He explained that this plan would help to bring the roads to the condition expected of residents and can be maintained over time to a standard expected by residents. He stated that a lot of repair is needed in the City on its roads and they are attempting to develop this plan in order to continue reconstructing the roads in a manner affordable to the community.

Mr. Howsman stated that he believes that the roads could be funded by reallocating funds in the City budget. He did not believe that City funds are being managed correctly.

Mayor LeTourneau commented that the Council has heard the comments from residents at public meetings, at information meetings, in person, and through social media. He commented that there are 27,000 residents that live in Ramsey, but you cannot assume that the entire City does not support something based on the comments of a few hundred.

Councilmember Specht stated that he appreciates the input from the resident. He stated that the Council attempts to make its decisions based on the feedback received from residents.

Councilmember Riley appreciated the input of the resident. He stated that the "missing money" was accounted for and has been used and factored into City needs going forward. He stated that he reads the social media comments and a lot of those users are against this topic. He stated that the Council has had individual comments and has received input from other residents as well, noting that the majority of those people are in favor of the franchise fee. He recognized that this

is an additional tax, but the other option is a large tax increase and therefore he believes that this is a better choice. He stated that these are dedicated fees that can only be used for pavement management. The Council will review this every year and the program sunsets after five years. He stated that if the program does not work, it would go away after five years, similar to the assessment process.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that he disagrees with the comments of the resident. He stated that he has been on the Council for eight years and the issue of roads has been a topic the entire time. He stated that prior Councils kicked the can down the road and the roads need to be fixed. He stated that the assessment program was tried and was very financially impactful to some residents, using the example of a young couple and a retired elderly couple that were both hit hard with large assessments. He stated that the Council would like to try the franchise fee program as it will come with cost savings in terms of bonding fees and interest. He stated that this appears to make more sense and be more financially responsible with City funds to address the problem of roads.

Chelsea Howell, 5250 156th Lane NW, echoed the comments of the previous resident. She stated that a lot of residents are concerned with franchise fees. She stated that on the surface the idea seems nice but believes the problem would be that there is no limit to how much the franchise fee could increase.

Finance Director Lund stated that the \$7 per utility would be set in ordinance and the only change would be by coming to the Council to consider change.

Ms. Howell stated that Councilmembers in the future could choose to raise the amount of the fee. She stated that unlike the debt levy, franchise fees would have no limit. She stated that people that have been assessed are not thrilled about the change to the franchise fee after they paid their assessment.

Mayor LeTourneau thanked the resident for their feedback.

Bryce Bottineau, 16551 Alpaca St, stated that his mom lives in another city in Anoka County and received an assessment for \$9,000. He commented that his mom was unsure how she was going to be able to pay that assessment. He believed that the franchise fee method is cheaper and noted that he would much prefer to pay \$7 per month rather than a high assessment.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked the residents for providing input tonight. She stated that there has been feedback from residents through several City authorized methods of feedback where residents supported the assessment or tax levy methods of funding. She stated that from the cases she has heard, the \$1,300,000 has been used for road projects. She stated that it was her understanding that the remaining funds were used on Variolite and asked staff for clarification.

Finance Director Lund explained that the fund began with the 2013 transfer. She stated that when improvements were done, the expenses that could not be covered through bonds were funded through the road reconstruction fund. She stated that the remaining balance was supposed to go to 2020 road projects, but those did not move forward because it was determined that mill and

overlay projects could not be completed as reconstructions would be needed instead. She stated that Variolite was funded through MSA funds.

Councilmember Musgrove asked why the unused funds would not have went towards the debt levy or general fund.

Finance Director Lund provided additional details on how the fund was used, noting that the balance remained because of uncompleted projects.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for details on the homes constructed within the TIF District.

Finance Director Lund explained that the TIF District was used to put improvements into place, such as infrastructure and other improvements that benefit the City as a whole.

Mr. Howsman commented that townhomes and apartments continue to be constructed and the previous Council ran McDonalds out to town.

Mayor LeTourneau refocused the resident on the issue of roads. He stated that McDonalds made a decision for themselves and encouraged the resident to stay focused on the topic.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that her point was that currently the property taxes from the residents in The COR are paying into the TIF District and will then pay into the general fund.

Finance Director Lund stated that the residents still pay property taxes that contribute to the general fund. She noted that a majority of the townhomes have been removed from the TIF District already.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that she is against the franchise fees and believes that this should instead be planned for in the levy. She commented that the assessment caused a hardship for some residents, but the majority were fine. She commented that two road projects were stopped through petition, but the remainder were completed.

Councilmember Kuzma commented that the TIF District was started 12 plus years ago. He stated that if the franchise fee is not approved and the road financing is put on the levy, the property taxes will increase.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the Ordinance aloud and Adopt Ordinance #20-11 Implementing a Gas Franchise on Centerpoint Energy for Providing Gas Service Within the City of Ramsey, Adopt Ordinance #20-12 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on Connexus Energy for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey and Adopt Ordinance #20-13 Implementing an Electric Franchise Fee on the City of Anoka Electric for Providing Electric Service Within the City of Ramsey.

Further discussion: Councilmember Specht stated that he provided reasoning on why he opposes franchise fees at the last meeting and would not review those reasons a second time but just wanted

to say that he will be opposing this. Mayor LeTourneau stated that the issue is fixing the roads and they need to find a methodology that works best for the community. He stated that there had been a number of attempts in the past to use the levy funds, but it just did not work, and the conditions of roads continued to escalate. He stated that the assessment method was then agreed upon for a five-year period, which is not like paying out of pocket but more like putting that on a credit card. He stated that this franchise fee system is the system the Council would like to try for the next five years. He stated that the public comments desired a dedicated fund that would be used only for road improvements, and this method will provide that opportunity. He thanked everyone that has provided input and participated throughout this long process.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	nay
Councilmember Musgrove	nay
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

7.02: Adopt Ordinance #20-15 Approving an Addition to Chapter 54 of the City Code: Traffic and Vehicles (Municipal Parking Ramp Regulations)

City Administrator Ulrich reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt the ordinance to establish an ordinance governing the use of the Ramsey Parking Ramp.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the Ordinance aloud and Adopt Ordinance #20-15 an Ordinance Governing the Use of the Ramsey Parking Ramp.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

7.03: Introduce Ordinance #20-09: Revisions to Section 117-349 Related to Accessory Uses and Structures

Senior Planner McGuire-Brigl reviewed the staff report and recommendation to introduce Ordinance #20-09, noting that staff is handling this as part of its normal duties.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to introduce Ordinance #20-09 amending City Code Section 117-349 related to Accessory Uses.

Further discussion: Councilmember Menth appreciated the time spent simplifying the zoning language. Mayor LeTourneau stated that this year provided an opportunity to review some of the Code language and tonight's cases, among other recent cases, are proof of that. Bryce Botano, 16551 Alpaca Street, stated that the current language seems to contradict itself in some places. He noted that he would like to park an RV in his detached garage, which is better for neighborhood aesthetics and to protect his investment. Councilmember Musgrove thanked staff for their work on this case and cleaning up the code in general.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

7.04: Adopt Ordinance #20-10 Amending Bulk Standards in the R-1 Residential District

Senior Planner McGuire-Brigl reviewed the staff report and recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt Ordinance #20-10 amending the bulk standards in the R-1 Residential District. The City Council previously introduced the ordinance and it is now available for adoption.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the Ordinance aloud and adopt Ordinance #20-10 an Amendment to Chapter 117, Section 111, Subsection D, Related to Bulk Standards within the R-1 Residential District Section of the City Code of Ramsey, Minnesota.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

7.05: Adopt Resolution #20-153 Approving Manufacturers Cohort 2020 Renewal

Mayor LeTourneau recused himself from this case.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation of the EDA to approve the resolution approving the renewal of the Manufacturers Cohort.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that he heard a more detailed presentation at the EDA and the members of the EDA unanimously recommended approval of this continued support.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to Adopt Resolution #20-153 Approving Manufacturers Cohort 2020 Renewal.

Further discussion: Councilmember Musgrove asked how often this group meets and whether the meetings are open to the public. John LeTourneau, Chamber of Commerce, stated that its been his pleasure to continue to offer this program on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of supporting manufacturing. He explained that they engage with manufacturers at the places and times best for them and that group determined that six to eight times per year would be sufficient. He stated that they attempt to keep the number at the meeting small in order to ensure that people feel comfortable expressing their opinions. He stated that it is for manufacturing by manufacturing. He stated that if a member of the Council wanted to attend, they would be welcome, but the entire Chamber body is not invited, out of respect for the group. Councilmember Musgrove asked for an overview of what the funding is used for. Mr. LeTourneau stated that the funding is used 100 percent for the program. He used the example of changing the curriculum at Anoka High School and other projects which provide a direct result to the manufacturers. He provided additional details on manufacturing within Anoka County.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Acting Mayor Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	abstain

Motion carried.

Mayor LeTourneau rejoined the Council.

7.06: Considering a Second Amendment for Purchase Agreement for Cobblestone Hotel, Extending Deadline for Notice to Proceed to August 30, 2020

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the second amendment for Purchase Agreement for Cobblestone Hotel, extending the deadline for the notice to proceed to August 30, 2020.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there is any financial penalty that the City receives for this extension or whether that would be included in the more formal action to follow.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that currently there is no earnest money put down. He noted that discussion could occur at the more formal case in August.

Councilmember Musgrove agreed that would be an appropriate discussion due to the staff time that has been spent on this.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to approve the second amendment for Purchase Agreement for Cobblestone Hotel, extending deadline for Notice to Proceed to August 30, 2020.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked the residents that attended tonight and that have attended other meetings to provide input.

Mayor LeTourneau stated that he also appreciates when residents provide input, as that is a shining example of what the community should be. He stated that earlier tonight there was a discussion related to concern about \$1,300,000 which has caused confusion in the community. He stated that people owe it upon themselves to find good information. He stated that the City will post a link on its website in order to provide residents with this information. He encouraged everyone to visit that data and read through it as it provides a clear explanation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Kuzma	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Menth	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Mayor LeTourneau	aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
Administrative Assistant

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

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<<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.