

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #20-319**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF RAMSEY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE  
COMPREHENSIVE SEWER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes section 473.864 requires each local governmental unit to review and, if necessary, amend its entire comprehensive plan and its fiscal devices and official controls at least once every ten years to ensure its comprehensive plan conforms to metropolitan system plans and ensure its fiscal devices and official controls do not conflict with the comprehensive plan or permit activities that conflict with metropolitan system plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes sections 473.858 and 473.864 require local governmental units to complete their “decennial” reviews by December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey was granted an extension to submit the Cities 2040 Comprehensive Plan update to the Metropolitan Council by no later than June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, Planning Commission, and the City Staff have prepared a proposed Comprehensive Plan intended to meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act and Metropolitan Council guidelines and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 473.858, the proposed Comprehensive Plan was submitted to adjacent governmental units and affected special districts and school districts on September 4, 2018 for a period of 6 months for their review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has considered the proposed Comprehensive Plan and all public comments, and thereafter submitted its recommendations to this Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on April 4th, 2019 relative to the submission of the plan for adjacent community and affected jurisdiction review and submission of the Comprehensive Plan update to the Metropolitan Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4th, 2019 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment for City Council consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the proposed Comprehensive Plan and those recommendations, public comments, and comments from adjacent jurisdictions and affected districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes section 473.858 requires a local governmental unit to submit its proposed comprehensive plan to the Metropolitan Council following recommendation by the planning commission and after consideration but before final approval by the governing body of the local governmental unit; and

**WHEREAS**, based on its review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Planning Commission and staff recommendations, the City Council adopted Resolution #19-085 on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 submitting its proposed plan to the Metropolitan Council for review pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 473.864; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to two (2) Incomplete Letters from the Metropolitan Council, the City of Ramsey revised the plan and resubmitted on March 10, 2020, again on August 31, 2020 with additional supplemental submittals throughout September, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting on December 9, 2020, the Metropolitan Council completed its review of the proposed 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Sewer Plan and found that the Plan meets the requirements of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act; conforms to the metropolitan system plans for transportation (including aviation), water resources, and parks; is consistent with Thrive MSP 2040, includes the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions and affected special districts and school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2040 proposed Comprehensive Plan includes all revisions made during the review process and responds to additional advisory comments that are part of the Metropolitan Council’s actions authorizing the City of Ramsey to place its proposed 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Council approves the City of Ramsey’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

1. That the Ramsey City Council hereby approves the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update and Comprehensive Sewer Plan as revised, consistent with the Metropolitan Council Review Letter dated November 16, 2020.
2. That, pursuant to sections 473.864 and 473.865 of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, the City of Ramsey will:
  - a. Review its fiscal devices and official controls; and
  - b. If necessary, amend its fiscal devices and official controls to ensure they do not conflict with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan or permit activity in conflict with metropolitan system plans; and
  - c. Submit amendments to fiscal devices or official controls to the Metropolitan Council for “information purposes.”
3. That the Ramsey City Council encourages the Metropolitan Council to reform the required plan content and submittal process to ease the burden on local communities while still acknowledging the need for regional planning efforts.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk