

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Work Session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Acting Mayor Chris Riley  
                            Councilmember Ryan Heineman  
                            Councilmember Chelsea Howell  
                            Councilmember Debra Musgrove  
                            Councilmember Dan Specht  
                            Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent:     Mayor Mark Kuzma

Also Present:         City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
                            Police Chief Jeff Katers  
                            Administrative Services Director Colleen Lasher

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Riley reconvened the Work Session of the City Council to order at 8:05 p.m.

The City Council went into closed session at 8:06 p.m.

**2.     COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**2.06:   Discussion Regarding Union Contract Negotiations for AFSCME, LELS-Patrol, LELS-Sergeants & LELS-Captains (Portions of this Discussion Closed to the Public)**

Administrative Services Director Lasher explained that the purpose of the case is for the Council to discuss union contract negotiations for AFSCME, LELS-Patrol, LELS-Sergeants, and LELS-Captains.

Motion by Councilmember Heineman, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to adjourn the Closed Session.

Motion carried.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 8:54 p.m.

### **3. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

#### **3.01: Review Future Topics/ Calendar**

Councilmember Musgrove commented they have had past discussions on minutes, based on the information she would like to see if council has an appetite for any changes with that. Also, potentially having additional meetings after regular sessions to minimize extra meeting dates.

Councilmember Riley commented he would like those meetings scheduled ahead of time.

### **4. MAYOR / COUNCIL / STAFF INPUT**

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she does not like getting extra email notifications about meetings and agendas being posted. She is unsure how much staff time is involved.

Administrative Services Director explained there are a few ways to receive notifications, some are meeting invites and others are options that were selected through the City's website. To receive less notifications, the individual would need to go on the City's website and unselect the items they no longer want to be notified about.

Councilmember Musgrove mentioned a Park and Rec email reminder. She was referencing staff reminders, not the automatic ones.

Administrative Services Director Lasher requested that Councilmember Musgrove send her an example so she can drill down and see where the notification is coming from.

Acting Mayor Riley commented we lost our minute taker, and asked if that was a fact.

Administrative Services Director Lasher responded yes, Amanda remains employed with TOSS and continues to do minutes for our boards and commissions but not our city council meetings or work sessions. We now have Mary with TOSS taking our minutes.

Councilmember Specht asked when councilmembers send staff questions, are the responses usually sent to everyone, or does it depend on the question.

City Administrator Ulrich explained if it is a general question on general knowledge that would benefit everyone, then it's sent out to everyone.

Councilmember Specht commented it seems like there is not enough time to get through everything or get to the budget. He suggested more work sessions.

City Administrator Ulrich responded that we need to start narrowing in on the budget more. It will be discussed on August 24<sup>th</sup> and if needed another meeting could be scheduled before the end of September.

Councilmember Howell suggested having the normal work session meeting from 5:30-7:00 pm and then meeting again after the regular session.

Acting Mayor Riley suggested the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month as a potential additional meeting date.

Councilmember Howell asked if meeting after the next regular meeting is an option.

Councilmember Specht suggested having an agreed upon end time of maybe 10:00 or 10:30pm, unless there was consensus to go later. He would not want it to go until 2:00 am.

Acting Mayor Riley commented that he wants to be respectful of staff time.

City Administrator Ulrich commented we could schedule the budget at the end and continue discussions after the next regular meeting.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kurtis G. Ulrich  
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Colleen Lasher  
Administrative Services Director

Drafted by Katie Schmidt