

COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS
(Descriptions and Meeting Schedules)

One Year Appointments

Economic Development Authority (EDA) (Appointments 2 Plus Alt) The primary objective of the EDA is to aid, assist and promote the growth and expansion of commercial, retail and industrial development in the City of Ramsey. The EDA meets the **second Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 a.m.**, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center.

Environmental Policy Board (EPB) (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) The EPB will promote environmental awareness and conservation practices by citizens by advising the City Council on policy issues, review of new development proposals, communication and education. The EPB **meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center.

Happy Days (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) The Committee **meets monthly (with no meetings November through March)** to plan the City's annual Happy Days Festival. Meetings are normally held at the Municipal Center – meeting room to be determined. This growing community festival is a large array of family friendly activities and events during the day with live music and fireworks in the evening. The festival is mostly funded through sponsorships (excluding staff time) and coordinated with the help of several volunteers.

Highway 10 Committee (Appointments 3) This is a committee of three City Councilmembers that addresses issues of concern to Highway 10, including legislative initiatives, grant requests, and attending the Anoka County Highway 10 Working Group meetings (early morning 7:30 a.m.). **Meets four to six times per year as needed.** There is no set schedule.

Park and Recreation Commission: (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) The primary objective of the Park and Recreation Commission is to monitor and reflect the attitudes and concerns of the citizens of Ramsey relative to the park system and recreation programs, and to advise the City Council of citizen attitudes and policy matters relevant to the park and recreation function in Ramsey. The Park and Rec. Commission meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center or at various Ramsey parks.

Planning Commission: (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) The primary objective of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on land use concerns. In addition, the Planning Commission shall serve as the planning agency and shall have the powers and duties given such agencies by state statute. The Planning Commission meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center.

Public Works Committee (Appointments 3 Plus Alt) This Committee considers and advises the City Council on matters concerning public infrastructure, including roadway improvements and maintenance operations, traffic control modification requests, storm water management, and public utility improvements and needs. The Committee **meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.** in the Lake Itasca Room at the Ramsey Municipal Center.

Public Advisory Committee (PAC) of the NW Metro Mississippi River Crossings Feasibility Analysis: (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) This is a *temporary group* which is set to meet two times in 2021. No specific dates are set yet for the remaining meetings. The purpose of the PAC is to review and confirm key policy issues, strategies and consequences identified by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Two Year Appointments

Ramsey/Nowthen Joint Powers Board (JPB) (Appointments 2 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment.) In 2009, the cities of Ramsey and Nowthen created a collaborative agreement for fire and rescue services for the purpose of increasing service capacity and decreasing response time, and reducing the cost of providing fire and rescue services to both communities. The purpose of the JPB is to review and advise on the coordination of emergency fire and rescue operations between Ramsey and Nowthen, review performance of the Fire Department and set the rates to be charged to Ramsey and Nowthen under the agreement. The Board generally **meets in January and July (subject to schedules)** alternating between Ramsey and Nowthen's public meeting place.

Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement (JLEC) (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment.) The JLEC is an innovative governing body that was created in Anoka County to collaboratively and efficiently work on public safety issues through the entire county. The JLEC was created in 1970 and the following is an excerpt from the original agreement: "County of Anoka hereby recognizes the need to prepare to deal adequately with the current crime problems and problems of law enforcement which could intensify with continuing population growth and changes which are of a regional nature ...within the region of Anoka County." This meeting is chaired by the County Attorney. This group is made up of elected officials from each jurisdiction, and the Chief/Sheriff of each jurisdiction. The Fire Protection Council also has a representative on the JLEC. This Board **meets quarterly – the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.** The meeting locations vary. The January meeting will take place on January 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and will be at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Community Room. Other locations are Anoka Police Department, Columbia Heights Police Department and Blaine Police Department. The 2020 schedule and confirmed locations will be distributed shortly – most likely disseminated at the January 22, 2020 meeting.

Anoka County Fire Protection Council (ACFPC) (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment) The ACFPC operates as an independent Joint Powers Arrangement between multiple jurisdictions in Anoka County. The purpose of the ACFPC is to join together to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fire and emergency services to the public within the geographic service area of the member jurisdictions, to cooperatively address its member's long term needs for fire-fighting and emergency equipment, fire records data systems and fire-fighter and EMS training. The ACFPC **meets quarterly in the months of January, April, July, and October, at approximately 7:00 p.m.** at a rotating location in one of the members' jurisdictions.

Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO) (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment.) LRRWMO is a joint powers special purpose unit of government including the cities of Ramsey, Anoka and portions of Andover. The organization seeks to protect and improve lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and other water resources across municipal boundaries. The LRRWMO **meets the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 8:30 a.m.,** at Anoka City Hall (Committee Room) 2015 South 1st Avenue, Anoka.

Youth First (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment.) Youth First is a non-profit organization that provides free after school and summer programs to middle and high school age children in Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids and Ramsey. Their mission is to actively engage youth, their families, and the community to ensure youth have the five fundamental promises they need to succeed: safe places, caring adults, effective education, a healthy start and opportunities to serve. Youth First **meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m.** – at the Youth First Building, 6701 Highway 10 NW, Ramsey, MN.

Quad Cities Cable Commission (QCTV) (Appointments 1 Plus Alt) (This is a 2-year appointment.) QCTV strives to connect our communities through local cable TV programming valued by residents. The four member cities include Andover, Anoka, Champlin and Ramsey. The Committee **meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at Anoka City Hall, 2015 – 1st Avenue, Anoka as a governing board for this joint powers organization.