

City Custom Questions (proposed 2020)

Table 49: Question 14

To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	
City newsletter (Ramsey Resident)	
Local newspaper	
City website (www.cityoframsey.com)	
Word-of-mouth	
Cable television (QCTV)	
City employees	
Public meetings	
City social media (Facebook)	

Table 50: Question 15

Please indicate how likely you would be, if at all, to engage with the City on the following social media platforms in the future:	
City Facebook page	:
City Twitter feed	:
Nextdoor	:
Instagram	:

ADD: *Zoom, Microsoft Teams*, or other video conference application

Table 51: Question 16

Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in an increase to the tax levy:	
Making improvements to existing/established parks	
Building new parks	
Making improvements to existing trails	
Building new trails	
Building a new community center	

Table 52: Question 17

Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:	
Balancing rural character and urban growth (development patterns)	
Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation)	
Creating a connected community (roads, trails, sidewalks, rail, transportation)	
Creating a positive learning environment (education and outreach)	

DELETE:

Creating a positive learning environment (education and outreach)

ADD:

Creating financial stability for the City.

Delivering quality cost-effective municipal services to residents.

Table 54: Question 19

The City employs a long-term maintenance program to cost-effectively maintain all 175-plus miles of City streets. Currently, street reconstruction projects are funded 25% by special assessments levied against benefiting properties, and 75% by street reconstruction bonds, which are paid back using general property taxes. The City periodically evaluates funding sources for this on-going program. Please indicate the extent to which you would support or oppose the following funding sources:
Current method, which requires 25% of funding by special assessments levied against benefiting properties over 5-15 years
Zero special assessments levied against benefiting properties, which requires 100% of funding by general property tax increases
Electric and/or gas utility fee increases, approximately \$8 per utility, per month

Proposed Revision:

Question 19

The City employs a long-term Pavement management Program to cost-effectively maintain all 180 miles of City streets. From 2015-2020 the City funded projects by assessing 25% to benefiting property owners and contributed 75% through bonded debt, paid with property taxes. The City Council recently passed an ordinance to collect a monthly franchise fee on gas and electric customers and dedicate this funding to the Pavement Management Program, and to eliminate the need for additional property taxes or assessments. The City periodically evaluates funding sources for this ongoing program. Please indicate the extent to which you would support or oppose the following funding sources:

- Assess 25% of street project cost to benefiting property owners and pay 75% through bonded debt, paid with city-wide property taxes.
- Eliminate special assessments and pay 100% with property taxes, resulting in an estimated 15% increase in tax levy.
- Collect a monthly franchise fee on gas and electric customers in the amount of \$7 per utility per month.