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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Councilmember Ryan Heineman (attended remotely)
Councilmember Chelsee Howell
Councilmember Debra Musgrove
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent: Mayor Mark Kuzma

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood
Deputy City Administrator/ Community Dev. Director Brian Hagen
City Engineer Bruce Westby

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Riley 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 Pro Tem Riley.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: Presentation Honoring the Retiring City Administrator, Kurt Ulrich

Mayor Pro Tem Riley announced that Dr. Kurt Ulrich is retiring after 42 years of public service, 15 years of which were spent serving as City Administrator for the City of Ramsey. He stated this makes Dr. Ulrich the longest City Administrator for Ramsey. Mayor Pro Tem Riley highlighted professional achievements and wished City Administrator Ulrich the best in his next chapter of life. Mayor Pro Tem Riley presented City Administrator Ulrich with an engraved plaque as an expression of appreciation.

City Administrator Ulrich stated it has been a rewarding experience for him and he has come to love the people of Ramsey, those that serve as the people's representatives, and his interaction with them. He stated the City continued to move forward through the pandemic and he believed it will continue. He enjoyed the interviews with the Commission member candidates who expressed enthusiasm and impressions about the future of the City and the potential of the community to develop. He stated there is a lot of raw land and raw talent who can get the job done.

2.02 Presentation by QCTV in recognition to the City Administrator for his service to the QCTV Board

Karen George, Executive Director of the Quad Cities Cable Communication Commission and QCTV, expressed gratitude, appreciation, and best wishes to City Administrator Ulrich. She stated he has been serving as the Chairman of the Board of QCTV. She stated City Administrator Ulrich faced challenges with energy, a positive attitude, and the best interest of the City of Ramsey. She highlighted initiatives started during City Administrator Ulrich’s service and thanked him for his guidance and service.

City Administrator Ulrich stated QCTV is a tremendous resource for the community and is being used as part of the social media strategy by the City Council. He stated there is nothing more important than communication to the community and expressed appreciation to Ms. George for her leadership.

2.03 Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month

City Administrator Ulrich read a proclamation declaring May as Building Safety Month in the City of Ramsey.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Heineman	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley	aye

Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

5.01: Approve Rental Licenses

- 5.02: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.03: Authorize Leave of Absence for a Park & Recreation Commissioner
- 5.04: Authorization to Hire Engineering Interns
- 5.05: Appoint an Interim City Administrator
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #22-099 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of April 7, 2022 through April 20, 2022
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #22-092 Accepting Additional Drainage and Utility Easement Over a Portion of 6700 Bunker Lake Blvd NW; Case of Tom Holker
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #22-094 Approving a Grant from Sign and Awning Program to Allison's Petite Pastries
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #22-095 Entering into Binding Letter of Intent for Outlot A, Gigi Addition; Case of the Schiebout Family Limited Partnership, LLLP (Portions may be closed to the public)
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #22-096 Re-appointing Board and Commission Members
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #22-098 Accepting Trail/Sidewalk Easement over Portions of 5427 Alpine Drive NW (Project No. 21-127); Case of Rademacher Family Limited Partnership
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #22-100 Appointing a Replacement QCTV Board Member
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #22-101 Proclaiming May as Building Safety Month

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Heineman	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley	aye

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution #22-090 Renovating Rabbit and Peltzer Park Playgrounds

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the proposed resolution to implement Ramsey's playground replacement policy including improvements at Rabbit Park and Peltzer Park playgrounds. He stated these improvements are scheduled to be completed this year with a not to exceed cost of \$100,700 from the Gambling Fund.

Councilmember Musgrove expressed appreciation to the Parks and Rec Staff for their work in putting together presentations for these park improvements.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to Adopt Resolution #22-090 Renovating Rabbit and Peltzer Park Playgrounds.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Specht thanked residents who attended the park meeting and gave feedback. He stated residents suggested a gaga ball pit and a zipline so he looked into costs for these. He stated the zipline was more expensive but the gaga ball pit would be well used and had a cost estimate of around \$8,000 of additional funds. He asked if the motion could include this. Councilmember Musgrove asked if this was the only option for the gaga ball pit. She stated there was a Girl Scout club at a different park that had one made and asked if that would be an option. Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied the \$7,000-\$8,000 price point factored in shipping and reviewed options that may be explored for the gaga pit. He stated investigation showed several options including plastic wall components which would be less maintenance. He stated the cost for the one installed at North Commons that was fundraised for by the Girl Scout Troop was around \$5,000. He believed half of that was paid for by the Troop with parents volunteering to do some labor and the City paid the other half. He stated the March Park and Rec Commission meeting was well attended by those in support of the park improvements and volunteers to help with assembly. He stated a not to exceed amount of \$8,000 is something that could be delivered for the public. Councilmember Musgrove stated she had spoken to volunteers with construction experience who supported the project and she liked the look of the wood frame better.

Councilmember Musgrove accepted the friendly amendment for a not to exceed amount of \$8,000 for the gaga ball pit.

Further discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Riley asked for a picture of a gaga ball pit so everyone would know what one is. Councilmember Specht thanked residents Alex and Katie for the letters they sent with good ideas on the playgrounds that they use. Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained the game is similar to dodgeball but in a confined space and is fast paced.

Amended motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to Adopt Resolution #22-090 Renovating Rabbit and Peltzer Park Playgrounds with the inclusion of Gaga Ball Pit at a not to exceed cost of \$8,000.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Heineman	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley	aye

Motion carried.

7.02: Adopt Resolution #22-102 Approving Preliminary Plat for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition (Project No. 22-109); Case of LGI Homes

Deputy City Administrator/Community Dev. Director Hagen reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt the resolution approving the preliminary plat for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition. He stated the applicant is in attendance.

Councilmember Musgrove commented she supported this addition. She had reviewed the Planning Commission and EPB meetings and there were a lot of comments from City Staff and WSP that vetted this project well. She believed the developer has stated he is willing to work on those changes for the final plat and suggested having offset streets off Jasper Street into the neighborhood. She stated she is supportive of it and appreciated Staff's review of the details.

Deputy City Administrator/Community Dev. Hagen replied that offset streets were an initial comment by Staff where initial review thought it would make sense. Through discussion with the developer that is likely not going to happen but improvements would be implemented in the development to allow for better turning. He stated it is likely going to stay as shown. He stated there were several initial comments by Staff that went to the Planning Commission. The plans presented tonight have been revised by the developer.

Mayor Pro Tem Riley asked the developer to explain the project.

Jay Roos, LGI Homes, stated the property is under contract and they are looking at finalizing the purchase agreement to move forward with the project. He stated the project plans include 27 townhome units. He stated there has been direction on this property from Council and the Planning Commission to extend 139th Street through the property and maintaining commercial on the north side along with residential on the south side. He stated LGI is not a commercial developer so they haven't looked at marketing that property because they don't own it yet. If the purchase agreement goes through, they would look at marketing the commercial property to incorporate a commercial real estate company to help them with the marketing of that. That would require a site plan approval whether it is one commercial user or two. He stated there is a cross ponding agreement that was put into place when Suite Living was built that is a shared pond and there is the ability to make the pond larger with a commercial project. He stated it would be a single tier attached units with the corner units being three bedroom, two bath units. The interior units are two bedroom, one bathroom. He explained the similarities and difference between this one and their Monticello project.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to adopt Resolution #22-102 Approving Preliminary Plat for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Heineman	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye

Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley	aye

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced updates including the May watermain flushing is currently happening and will continue until May 9, 2022. He stated waterlines may be temporarily discolored during watermain flushing. He encouraged residents who are having problems that don't resolve quickly to contact Staff at City Hall to get methods for clearing house waterlines. He stated weather permitting Kite Day at Elm Crest Park is this Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in honor of National Kite Week. He stated more information is available online for this event. City Administrator Ulrich announced on Saturday, April 30, 2022 the Ramsey Business Expo, sponsored by the Economic Development Authority, is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Adrenaline Sports. This event includes dozens of local vendors, free samples, balloons, drawings for prizes, baby chickens, and a ride in a Tesla from a Tesla dealer. He announced Spring Recycling will be May 7, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to noon with a variety of items being accepted. He encouraged residents to check online if they have questions. He announced the next regular meeting of the City Council is May 10, 2022. He stated the Work Session which recessed earlier this evening will reconvene immediately following this meeting in the Lake Itasca Room.

Councilmember Specht commented that out of respect for residents who shared recommendations for the park, that they be shared with Council.

City Engineer Westby replied there was an illustrative depiction of what was wanted for the park. He shared that a young resident wanted a zipline as a part of the park planning.

Councilmember Woestehoff thanked residents who participated in Earth Day. He stated there were 163 participants who reached out to the City to clean up the City. He expressed special thanks to the following groups for helping to clean up the City: the Andover and Ramsey Mom's Club, Dedicated Networks, who provided 50 volunteers, Girl Scout Troop 14644 and 14642, the Hanson family, Home Grown Nature Explorers, The Marvin family, the McDowell family, the Nagel family and friends, Rise Anoka, the Simonson family, St. Katherine Drexel Church, Tiny Ms. Great Lakes Brinkley.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked City Administrator Ulrich for helping her get through her first couple years as a new Councilmember. She stated although they didn't always agree on things, she was grateful for his help with the City Council in working through policies.

Mayor Pro Tem Riley also thanked City Administrator Ulrich for his service.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Heineman aye
Councilmember Woestehoff aye
Councilmember Specht aye
Councilmember Musgrove aye
Councilmember Howell aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk

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