

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Kuzma  
Councilmember Ryan Heineman  
Councilmember Chelsee Howell  
Councilmember Debra Musgrove  
Councilmember Chris Riley  
Councilmember Dan Specht  
Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
City Engineer Bruce Westby  
Senior Planner Chloe McGuire Brigl  
Planning Technician Brian McCain – attended remotely  
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Bria Raines – attended remotely  
Utilities Supervisor John Nelson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuzma called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kuzma.

City Administrator Kurt Ulrich stated a Councilmember requested that Agenda Item 5.16 be removed from Consent Agenda. He added this will be addressed as Agenda Item 7.8.

**2. PRESENTATION**

None.

**3. CITIZEN INPUT**

Liam Steinberg, 15440 Yakima Street NW, stated he is 9 years old. He requested the City Council's consideration of an Ordinance amendment to allow ducks on properties of 3 acres or more, which is the same regulations as chickens. He stated ducks should have the same parameters as chickens. He added ducks are an under-appreciated species, and they do not need much water

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl stated the City Council adopted a Code enforcement policy that would be helpful to discuss at an upcoming work session for potential amendment.

Councilmember Musgrove stated the City Council should review the appeal process again, to improve communication.

Councilmember Musgrove asked whether City Staff will keep a record of the plan verifying the number of violations during a specific time frame. Ms. McGuire confirmed this, adding there is a lengthy record in the permit system.

Councilmember Musgrove stated the past year has been difficult for local businesses, with Covid restrictions, business limitations and financial issues. She added it is reasonable to take into consideration the business climate over the past year, with Covid restrictions, Covid-related limitations, and struggling businesses.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Heineman, to postpone abatement of 6336 Highway 10 NW indefinitely as the property owner appears to be in compliance, and no action is required.

Motion carried 6-1. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Heineman, Howell, Musgrove, Riley, and Woestehoff. Voting No: Councilmember Specht

**7.08: Adopt Resolution #21-218 Granting Amended Interim Use Permit for St. Katharine Drexel**

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl reviewed an Interim Use Permit (IUP) that has already been granted to St. Katharine Drexel Church for a storage building on their site, to be constructed prior to construction of the new church. She added restrooms are proposed to be added to the storage building, which will require a water line. She noted City Staff recommend that the IUP be amended to clarify and include details about the new water line.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl stated, at the Planning Commission meeting, the IUP was approved with two Planning Commissioners abstaining as their involvement in the church construction project. She added this is another reason to amend the IUP rather than handle it administratively, in the interest of transparency.

Councilmember Musgrove asked whether the location of the proposed storage building has changed. Ms. McGuire stated the location was not specified as the site plan was not refined.

A resident, representing St. Katharine Drexel Church, stated the exact location of the storage building was not finalized. He added the building was originally proposed to be located closer to Central Park but was moved east of the tree line to keep development options open.

Councilmember Musgrove asked whether the IUP is for the water line. The applicant stated the IUP amendment is being recommended by City Staff to show the restrooms on the inside of the storage building, since the buildings were empty on the original drawings.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to adopt Resolution #21-218 Granting Amended Interim Use Permit for St. Katharine Drexel.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Heineman, Howell, Musgrove, Riley, Specht and Woestehoff. Voting No: none.

## **8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT**

City Administrator Ulrich stated the Ramsey Business Expo will be held again this year, and the EDA is looking for people to put out booths. He added it will be great to get back into it and invite the public. Mr. Ulrich stated National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3, and many neighborhoods are holding parties and events. He added Police and Fire Department representatives, as well as City Councilmembers, will be visiting parties.

City Administrator Ulrich stated the City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Councilmember Riley stated today is his 30-year wedding anniversary. He wished his wife, Brenda, a happy anniversary.

Councilmember Musgrove stated today is the last day that public comment will be taken on the Lower Rum River 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Plan. She added residents can visit the Watershed Management Organization's website to make comments.

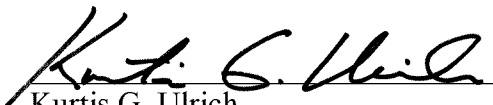
## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurtis G. Ulrich  
City Administrator