

Councilmember Heineman introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #21-255**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERIM PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation to the quality of life for Ramsey residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood playgrounds are essential areas for play, creative and cognitive expression, as well as the positive physical development of children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has significant investments in play equipment components, and each playstructure ultimately will need to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, renovation and reinvestment in existing parks represents a commitment and service to residents throughout the City, and supports favorable property values and sustaining neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City annually receives proceeds from Lawful Gambling conducted in the community, and these monies are to be invested in benefitting the youth of Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park and Recreation Commission developed a Playground Replacement Policy, and recommends its implementation to begin a systematic and logical replacement of playgrounds and the associated park's rejuvenation—each of which will have been in service for more than two-decades.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

- 1) That, adopting the Interim Playground Replacement Policy sets into motion the programmatic replacement of the City's playgrounds, as well as the evaluation of this process, and that each project, with the associated park renovation will come before the Park and Recreation Commission for an effective recommendation to City Council; and
- 2) That, pursuant to MN State Statute Chapter 349, Lawful Gambling Fund monies may only be used for expenditures that benefit youth in the community, and that accordingly, this funding source be considered for playground replacements as part of the annual General Fund budget, and Capital Improvement Program procedures.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Musgrove and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Mayor Kuzma  
Councilmember Heineman  
Councilmember Musgrove  
Councilmember Howell  
Councilmember Riley  
Councilmember Specht  
Councilmember Wostehoff

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk