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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson
IT Manager Jason Fredrickson
Recreation Coordinator Abigail Proulx
HR Specialist Nicole Laubach

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuzma called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kuzma.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: 2023 Happy Days Recap Presentation

HR Specialist Laubach and Recreation Coordinator Proulx reviewed the 2023 Happy Days recap. They highlighted the overall success of the event as well as the sponsors for the event. They shared that next year's Happy Days event is scheduled for September 7, 2024.

Mayor Kuzma asked if they are planning on hosting Happy Days at the same location next year.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx shared that they are tentatively looking into the plans for next year's event as they do the review for this year to look at areas of improvement. She noted that it will be roughly the same location; however, they may re-envision some of the area to make it more efficient.

Councilmember Specht thanked Staff for their amazing work at this event.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Derrick Lind, 15230 Germanium Street, came forward and shared a handout with the Council. He noted that he is representing a citizen advocate group for Anoka County that wants election reform. He stated that they have been focusing primarily at the County level. He shared his purpose for coming forward tonight is to introduce himself. He noted that they have had 30 people give 80 presentations directly to Anoka County. He stated that they are trying to reform elections and get them back to what they used to be 30 years ago. He reviewed his handout that contains their concerns with elections, including concerns with the electronic polling and voting.

Councilmember Howell asked if the ask of the City is to hand count all election votes.

Mr. Lind stated that he is not asking the City to do anything but rather just making the City aware of his citizen advocate group.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Musgrove shared that the minutes from the Council Work Session on September 26 were narrative minutes as they did not have audio. She noted that these were not the typical minutes because of this. She added that there was a misplaced dash in the Council Regular Session minutes on page 3.

Councilmember Woestehoff noted that the acceptance of withdrawal for the Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association Training Facility is on the consent agenda. He acknowledged that this has been in the papers quite a bit and shared that the Council is deflated by this outcome as they really wanted this to come to Ramsey. He thanked Dustin Reeder and Jen Niska for the work that they have done over the last year to keep their focus on what is important, which is the kids and playing sports rather than just the facility. He noted that if there is a future opportunity the Council would be happy to talk through this with them. He stated that it is a tough loss for the City.

Councilmember Olson agreed with this.

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

- 5.01: Receive Cash & Investments for Period Ending September 30, 2023
- 5.02: Receive August 2023 Financial Reports - General Fund, EDA and Enterprise Funds
- 5.03: Note the Following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:

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- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated August 24, 2023
- Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes Dated August 10, 2023
- Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes Dated July 18, 2023
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Dated August 10, 2023

5.04: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:

- 1) City Council Work Session dated 9/26/2023
- 2) City Council Regular Session dated 9/26/2023

5.05: Approve Rental Licenses

5.06: Approve Business Licenses

5.07: Authorization to Hire a Police Officer Filling an Upcoming Vacancy in the Patrol Division

5.08: Adopt Resolution #23-248 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of September 21, 2023 through October 4, 2023.

5.09: Adopt Resolution #23-235 Approving a Conditional Use Permit from Dehn Oil at 6651 141st Avenue NW

5.10: Adopt Resolution #23-239 Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Additional Square Footage on an Existing Detached Accessory Structure at 14275 Alpaca St NW (Project No. 23-112); Case of Jay and Carol McDonald

5.11: Adopt Resolution #23-245 Approving Change Order #1 for Improvement Project #23-20, COR Mass Grading

5.12: Adopt Resolution #23-246 Approving Change Order No. 4 for Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Widening Improvements

5.13: Adopt Resolution #23-247 Approving Change Order No. 8 for Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Widening Improvements

5.14: Adopt Resolution #23-249 Denying a Massage Establishment and Massage Therapy License

5.15: Adopt Resolutions #23-250, #23-251, #23-252, and #23-253 Accepting Sewer Cleaning and Televising Proposals for 2024 Pavement Management Program Projects

5.16: Approve Resolution #23-254 Accepting Withdrawal of Site Plan for Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association Athletic Training Facility

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Introduce Ordinance #23-15, Amending Chapter 34 Regarding Tobacco and Cannabis Use on Public Property

Community Development Director Hanson reviewed the Staff report concerning the public use of tobacco and cannabis use.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to Ordinance #23-15 Amending Chapter 34 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I. In General, of the City Code, by Adding Section 34-2 Regarding Tobacco and Cannabis Use Within Public Property.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Specht shared that he agrees with a lot of what is in the ordinance; however, he does find it to be a little too restrictive for tobacco. He stated that he will not be supporting this.

Councilmember Howell stated that Staff has put a lot of time into creating this ordinance and said that it is crafted quite well. She noted that there is not a perfect answer to this. She added that she will not be supporting this tonight; however, she does like the final ordinance that Staff came up with.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Howell	nay
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	nay
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Mayor Kuzma	aye

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Musgrove congratulated the three businesses from Ramsey that won awards at the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce, which were Bob FM, Inky Elf, and Minnesota Tool and Die Works.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

Drafted by Ava Rokosz
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