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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 24, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Chelsee Howell

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
Finance Director Diana Lund
Planning Manager Todd Larson
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson
City Attorney Knaak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuzma 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 Kuzma.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Musgrove stated that she would like to pull the approval of minutes for the October 10, 2023 Council Work Session to have them reviewed by Staff.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the removal of approval of minutes for the October 10, 2023 Council Work Session:

- 5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) ~~City Council Work Session dated 10/10/2023~~ - Pulled from consent agenda to be discussed and put on the 11/14/23 agenda for approval.
 - 2) City Council Regular Session dated 10/10/2023
- 5.02: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.03: Approve Rental Licenses
- 5.04: Approve Contract for Civil Legal Services with the Firm of Holstad & Knaak, PLC.
- 5.05: Authorization to Hire a Full-time Parks Administrative Assistant
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #23-270 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of October 5, 2023 through October 18, 2023.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #23-244 Approving Final Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC for IP #20-05, Riverdale Drive Extension, Llama Street to Bowers Drive.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #23-255 Approving Partial Payment to Veit & Company, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-02, Central Park Parking Lot Reconstruction.
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #23-256 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-06, 2023 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #23-257 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC for Improvement Project #23-05, Barthel's Rum River Acres 2nd Street Reconstruction.
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #23-258 Approving Partial Payment to Landall Services, LLC for Improvement Project #23-10; Whispering Pines Estates Plat 3 Street Reconstructions.
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #23-260 Approving Partial Payment to Meyer Contracting, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-11; Lift Station 10 improvements.
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #23-261 Approving Partial Payment to Enebak Construction Company for Improvement Project #23-20; COR Mass Grading.
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #23-262 Approving Partial Payment to Diversified Paving, Inc. for Pavement Maintenance Project #23-21; 2023 Deep Pothole Patching Contracted Services.
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #23-263 Approving Partial Payment to Northern Lines Contracting for Improvement Project #23-01; 161st Avenue Reconstruction.
- 5.16: Adopt Resolution #23-264 Approving Partial Payment to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. for Improvement Project #23-04, 167th Avenue Reconstruction.
- 5.17: Adopt Resolution #23-265 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC. for IP #23-12; HY-10 Ramsey Improvements.
- 5.18: Adopt Resolution #23-267 Authorizing Partial Payment No. 4 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.

5:19: Adopt Resolution #23-269 to Authorize an Adjustment to the Pay Scale for Temporary On-call Snow Plow Drivers

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution # 23-268 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$8,315,000 General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Series 2023A and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

Finance Director Lund reviewed the Staff report in regard to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the COR. She noted that the bonds were sold this morning in a competitive market at a premium.

Councilmember Specht thanked Staff for their hard work on this.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to adopt Resolution #23-268 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$8,315,000 General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Series 2023A and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof.

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

7.02: Adopt Resolution #23-223 approving the Haviland Fields EAW, Findings of Fact, and Record of Decision

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the staff report concerning the Haviland Fields environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) and its findings. He stated that the Kimley-Horn and Presbyterian Homes teams are both in attendance to answer any questions.

Councilmember Riley asked about the traffic study and the trip generation. He asked where these numbers came from.

Jacob Rojer, Traffic Engineer with Kimley-Horn, came forward and shared that everything used in the study was based on the Institute of Transportation Engineer's guidelines. He noted that these numbers are taken from surveys done at all sorts of multi-family development across the country. He stated that these numbers are industry standards.

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if the idea is that a multi-family housing unit with 303 units would result in approximately 1376 daily trips, making it an average of four and a half daily trips per unit.

Mr. Rojer said yes.

Councilmember Musgrove asked about the intersection at Highway 47 and Sunwood and the ratings on the left turn of D and E, then through street ratings of D and A. She added that the overall rating is also an A. She asked how this can be that the rating is so high. She asked about the relationship between the operations by movement and the overall intersection.

Mr. Rojer explained that the overall intersection rating is a weighted rating. He noted that on Highway 47, MnDOT gives priority to their main line and making sure that people can travel north and south through Ramsey. He noted that the worse ratings only have a handful of people making the movement in an hour; however, there may be 500 people going through the intersection on Highway 47. He noted that Highway 47 is the driving factor of what the overall rating will be.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to Resolution #23-223 approving the Haviland Fields EAW, Findings of Fact, and Record of Decision.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Musgrove shared her appreciation for the County's input as it gave more direction. She asked if this EAW is now taken as a model and if there will be more input in the future that could drive potential change for road structure and development as this project moves forward.

Planning Manager Larson explained that an EAW is generally good for five years and if the project is not built out in that time, then there would be an update done to it.

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

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

Community Development Director Hanson reviewed the staff report in regard to the chapter amendments regarding tobacco and cannabis use on public property.

Mayor Kuzma stated that the Council has had extensive discussions on this matter.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to waive the City Charter Requirement that the Ordinance be read aloud and adopt 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 Olson asked if all members of the Council needed to be present to vote on this.

City Attorney Knaak said no.

Councilmember Specht shared that he will not be voting in favor of this as he believes it is too restrictive on tobacco use. He noted that he has also heard feedback from residents on this as well.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Woestehoff stated that if any resident is in Ward 2, Precinct 2, all of Ward 3, and all of Ward 1, there is an election on November 7th for the Anoka-Hennepin School Board.

Councilmember Specht offered his condolences for long-time Ramsey resident and former PACT Charter School Teacher Bryan Olson who passed away.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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<<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.