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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Dan Specht  
Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent: Councilmember Chris Riley

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen  
Planning Manager Todd Larson  
City Attorney Fritz Knaak  
City Clerk Katie Schmidt  
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson

**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**

**2.01: Proclamation Declaring November 25, 2023, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Ramsey**

Mayor Kuzma read the proclamation declaring November 25, 2023 to be Small Business Saturday in Ramsey.

**3. CITIZEN INPUT**

John Richie, 7700 Sunwood Drive, came forward and shared that there are a lot of citizens that are getting excited to celebrate Ramsey's 50th anniversary next year. He shared that he and others would be happy to help the City with the celebration.

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5.01: Receive September Financial Reports - General Fund, EDA and Enterprise Funds
- 5.02: Receive Cash & Investments for Period Ending October 31, 2023
- 5.03: Note the Following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:
  - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated September 28, 2023
  - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes Dated September 14, 2023
  - Public Works Committee Meeting Dated September 19, 2023
  - Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Dated September 14, 2023
- 5.04: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. City Council Work Session Dated 10/10/2023
  - 2. City Council Special Work Session Dated 10/17/2023
  - 3. City Council Work Session Dated 10/24/2023
  - 4. City Council Regular Session Dated 10/24/2023
- 5.05: Approved Business Licenses
- 5.06: Approve Professional Services Agreement with LOGIS to Construct a Fiber Connection Between City Facilities.
- 5.07: Approve Field Use and Limited Cross-Parking Agreement, PACT Charter School and the City of Ramsey
- 5.08: Authorization to Hire a Full-time Parks Administrative Assistant
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #23-284 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of October 19, 2023 through November 8, 2023.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #23-242 272 Approving Final Plat and Development Agreement for Riverstone South Fourth Addition
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #23-266 for a Home Occupation Permit for Calabrese Tree Care LLC at 16201 Nowthen Blvd. NW
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #23-273 Approving a Revised Final Plat for Bunker Lake Industrial Park 4th Addition (Project No. 23-106); Case of PSD, LLC
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #23-275 Approving Agreement and Waiver of Objections to Assessment for Remedial Measures (Housekeeping Item Only)
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #23-277 Approving Construction Contingency Expense No. 2 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #23-278 Approving Change Order #1 for Central Park Main Parking Lot Reconstruction, Improvement Project #23-02

- 5:16: Adopt Resolution #23-279 Accepting Geotechnical Proposals for Improvement Project #24-03, 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions, and Improvement Project #24-05, MSA Xkimo Street Reconstruction
- 5:17: Adopt Resolution #23-280 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 180th Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project #24-04
- 5:18: Adopt Resolution #23-281 Accepting Topographic Survey Proposals for 2024 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #24-07
- 5:19: Adopt Resolution #23-282 Accepting Stabilized Full-Depth Reclamation Design Proposal for MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction, Improvement Project #24-11
- 5:20: Adopt Resolution #23-283 to Appoint a Park and Recreation Commissioner Due to a Vacancy.

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

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**7.01: Introduce Ordinance #23-17: 2024 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges**

City Clerk Schmidt reviewed the Staff report in regard to the proposed 2024 schedule of rates, fees, and charges. She reviewed the proposed changes.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to introduce Ordinance #23-17: 2024 schedule of rates, fees, and charges.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

**7.02: Adopt Ordinance #23-14 - Zoning Code Update**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning the zoning code updates.

Mayor Kuzma noted that this has been discussed extensively by the Council in the past.

Councilmember Musgrove asked about the heights of the WECS and the different scales. She asked what the previous height for the medium scale was.

Planning Manager Larson shared that he believes that the height was 150 feet and the utility scale was 200 feet and above.

Councilmember Musgrove suggested going back to the 150 feet height.

Councilmember Howell asked how this compares to the wind turbines in Anoka.

Planning Manager Larson shared that the wind turbines in Anoka are under 100 feet and when they are that short, they do not produce a lot of energy.

Councilmember Howell stated that she would not like to see another taller than what they have in Anoka.

Councilmember Musgrove suggested bringing the maximum height back to 100 feet. She asked where these WECS are allowed.

Planning Manager Larson explained that they have accessory use in all districts. He stated that the medium scales would be allowed in the business districts and the small scale would be allowed in residential and business districts.

Mayor Kuzma stated that he would have an issue with reducing this to 100 feet as there may be some existing structures in the City that would exceed this limit. He stated that he would be comfortable with 150 feet but would not like to see it any less.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there are currently any WECS that are currently over 100 feet.

Planning Manager Larson stated that he is not aware of any. He shared that he is aware of a few small scale structures.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked Staff and the Planning Commission for their hard work on this.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to waive the City Charter requirement that the ordinance be read aloud and adopt Ordinance #23-14 - amendments to Chapter 117 and the creation of Chapter 106 including the change of the medium scale WECS from 50-100 feet.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye



The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian S. Hagen  
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Katie M. Schmidt  
City Clerk

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