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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Kuzma  
Councilmember Chelsee Howell  
Councilmember Debra Musgrove  
Councilmember Chris Riley (attending remotely)  
Councilmember Dan Specht  
Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Members Absent: Councilmember Michael Olson

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen  
Planning Manager Todd Larson  
City Attorney Fritz Knaak  
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**

None.

**3. CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove aye  
Councilmember Riley aye  
Councilmember Howell aye

Councilmember Specht        aye  
Councilmember Woestehoff   aye  
Mayor Kuzma                    aye

Motion carried.

## **5.        CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5.01: Receive Cash & Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2023
- 5.02: Receive November 2023 Financial Reports - General Fund, EDA and Enterprise Funds
- 5.03: Note the following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:
  - Economic Development Authority (EDA) Meeting Minutes-October 12, 2023
  - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes-October 12, 2023
- 5.04: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) City Council Work Session dated 12/12/2023
  - 2) City Council Regular Session dated 12/12/2023
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #24-021 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of December 7, 2023 through December 27, 2023.
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #24-025 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of December 28, 2023 through January 3, 2024.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #24-001 Approving the 2024 Council Organization
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #24-003 Approving Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-07; 2023 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements.
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #24-004 Approving Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-06; 2023 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #24-005 Approving Partial Payment #3 to Veit & Company, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-02; Central Park Parking Lot Reconstruction.
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #24-006 Declaring Development Agreement Satisfied and Authorizing Release from Property - The Sapphire Apartments (7555 145th Ave NW); Case of Partner Apartments
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #24-007 Approving Partial Payment #3 to Enebak Construction Company for Improvement Project #23-20; COR Mass Grading.
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution 24-008 Authorizing Partial Payment No. 6 to Magney Construction for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #24-009 Declaring Development Agreement for Ramsey Storage Center Satisfied and Authorizing Release from Property
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #24-011 Approving EDA Funding for Replacement of Entrance Monument at TH #47 and Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
- 5.16: Adopt Resolution #24-012 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 2024 Crack Seal Improvements, Improvement Project #24-08

- 5:17: Adopt Resolution #24-013 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 2024 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #24-09
- 5:18: Adopt Resolution #24-014 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Halls Dover Acres Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-02
- 5:19: Adopt Resolution #24-015 Designating Financial Institutions as Official Depositories; Adopt Resolution #24-016 Authorizing Signatures for Financial Transactions and Adopt Resolution #24-017 Designating Bank of the West as the Official Financial Institution for the City of Ramsey Banking Services for the Year of 2024.
- 5:20: Adopt Resolution #24-018 Approving the City of Ramsey's 2025 Budget Calendar
- 5:21: Adopt Resolution #24-020 Approving Loan from Restaurant Subsidy Program: Bossman Inc. dba Chanticlear Pizza
- 5:22: Adopt Resolution #24-024 Approving Premise Permit for Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association at Chanticlear Pizza Grill in Ramsey
- 5:23: Adopt Resolution #24-026 Directing Staff to Submit the 2023 Pay Equity Report

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

## 7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 7.01: Settlement Hearing Continuation: Animal violation of Chapter 10 for the keeping of a rooster on property less than 2.5 acres in size, located at 6025 177th Ln NW, Ramsey, MN.

City Attorney Knaak reviewed the Staff report concerning the continuation of the settlement hearing for the animal violation of keeping a rooster on a property less than 2.5 acres. He shared that this was a continuation of a prior hearing that the Council brought to a Work Session to discuss, and they decided that there would not be any changes to the current code.

Derek Trout, 6025 177th Lane NW, came forward and shared that the Council has already set a precedent of making an acreage requirement accommodation for emotional support animals. He noted that at this time there has been no accommodation suggested by the City, which is required by the EDA and HUD. He stated that changing the language of the City statute would have solved the issue at hand and they had no control over how to make an accommodation and it was in the hands of the Council to make an accommodation. He shared that the Council has made an

accommodation in the past after similar issues were submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He noted he is requesting an accommodation to be made that they are able to have one emotional support animal on their property and submitting a photo and the name of the animal to be kept with the City until the animal is deceased. He shared that a complaint has been filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and they would like to see how this case is handled.

City Attorney Knaak shared that a distinguishing point needs to be made here. He explained that in the instance of the accommodation that Mr. Trout was referencing, there were no conflicting rights or issues involved in that case. He stated this is not a situation where they are comparing apples to apples and the other instance did not have the conflict of the animal being used for emotional support.

Councilmember Howell stated that she is not supportive of emotional support animals as it is a slippery slope; however, when there are other situations where they have complaints coming in about a business, these complaints are investigated for a finding of facts. She stated that the Council has not been presented with evidence to back up the conflict of disabilities, so she struggles to take this into consideration when looking at other cases that have findings of facts. She added that the rooster owner is on a lot that is 2.19 acres, and they are meeting the setback requirements. She shared that they have also made the accommodation for chickens in the past. She explained that she is concerned that they have not come up with some type of proposal of an accommodation to see if this would be a possibility.

Councilmember Musgrove shared that she has also been looking through this and trying to figure out a way to look at this and have a reasonable accommodation in regard to the medical aspect. She noted she is okay with allowing the resident to have this rooster until the rooster is deceased and after that they would not be allowed to have another rooster on the property unless the code is changed. She added that she has done some research on this and shared that there are bands that can be put around rooster's necks, so they do not crow as loud. She also suggested an accommodation of having the rooster inside the home at certain times.

Councilmember Woestehoff agreed that this is a contentious case. He stated he will be defaulting to those who are currently abiding by the rules of the City in making a determination of this.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to approve Resolution #24-022, A Resolution Determining That a Violation of the Ramsey City Code Relating to Keeping a Rooster on a Parcel of Less Than 2.5 Acres Has Occurred at 6025 177th Lane NE and Directing City Staff and Law Enforcement Authorities Take Such Measure as May be Necessary to Remove the Animal Therein.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	nay
Councilmember Howell	nay

Councilmember Riley        aye  
Mayor Kuzma                aye

Motion carried.

**7.02: Adopt Ordinance #24-01 Rezoning 7790 and 7750 Sunwood Drive to COR-1 and Adopt Resolution #24-019 Approving the Development Agreement and Sidewalk Encroachment Agreement for Storyteller Café (Project No. 23-118); Case of Stories Foundation**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning the rezoning, development agreement, and sidewalk encroachment agreement for Storyteller Café.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to adopt Resolution #24-019 approving the Development Agreement and Sidewalk Encroachment Agreement for Storyteller Café.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to waive the Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and to adopt Ordinance #24-01 rezoning 7790 and 7750 Sunwood Drive from COR-2 to COR-1.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

**7.03: Adopt Ordinance #23-19 Amending Temporary Sign Regulations**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report in regard to the temporary sign regulations.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to waive the Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and to adopt Ordinance #23-19 amending Chapter 117 pertaining to temporary signs.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

**7.04: Adopt Ordinance #23-18, Amending Chapter 105, Buildings and Building Regulations, pertaining to Address Numbers**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning the amendment to City Code pertaining to address numbers.

Councilmember Musgrove shared that she had questions on this item that she was able to have answered earlier today by Planning Manager Larson.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to waive the City Charter requirement to read the ordinance aloud and to adopt Ordinance #23-18, Amending Chapter 105, Buildings and Building Regulations, pertaining to Address Numbers.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

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

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:25 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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<<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.