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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 23, 2024, 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
Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
Planning Manager Todd Larson
Economic Development Manager Sean Sullivan
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson
City Attorney Fritz 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 Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Musgrove noted there are a lot of items on the Consent Agenda relating to payments for road work that has been done as well as plans for road work to be done in the future.

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

- 5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated 1/9/2024
 - 2) City Council Regular Session dated 1/9/2024
- 5.02: Approve Amending City Council Meeting Schedule for 2024
- 5.03: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.04: Authorization to Hire Public Works Streets Maintenance Workers
- 5.05: Authorization to Hire Paid-on-call Firefighters
- 5.06: Authorize Project Development - Trail Gap Construction, a 2024 Capital Improvement Project
- 5.07: Adopt 2024 Legislative Priorities
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #24-031 Adopting 2024 Enterprise Fund Budgets
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #24-048 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of January 4, 2024, through January 17, 2024.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #24-002 Approving Partial Payment to Meyer Contracting, Inc. for Improvement Project #23-11; Lift Station #10 Improvements.
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #24-027 Providing Support for Clinical Research and Treatment Facility for IDTS
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #24-028 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC. for Improvement Project #23-05, Barthel's Rum River Acres 2nd Street Reconstruction.
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #24-029 Approving Partial Payment to Enebak Construction Company for Improvement Project #23-20; COR Mass Grading.
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #24-030 Prohibiting Parking on Alpine Drive Between Armstrong Blvd. and Puma St. for IP #24-11, State Aid Project No. 199-112-010
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #24-032 Approving Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Nowthen regarding the 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-03
- 5.16: Adopt Resolution #24-034 Amending Scope of Improvement Project #24-05, MSA Xkimo Street Reconstruction to Include Streets within Riversbend 3rd, 4th, and Plaza Subdivisions
- 5.17: Adopt Resolution #24-036 Approving MOU and VCSA with Anoka County Regional Economic Development Partnership (ACRED)
- 5.18: Adopt Resolution #24-037 Approving CBRE Real Estate Listing Agreement for City Owned Land in COR
- 5.19: Adopt Resolution #24-038 Approving Youth First Community of Promise Lease Agreement at 6701 Hwy 10 NW

- 5:20: Adopt Resolution #24-042 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Juniper Woods 1st – 3rd Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-12
- 5:21: Adopt Resolution #24-043 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction, Improvement Project #24-11
- 5:22: Adopt Resolution #24-044 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2024 Crack Seal Improvements, Improvement Project #24-08
- 5:23: Adopt Resolution #24-047 Authorizing Partial Pay #7 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 5:24: Adopt Resolution #24-049 Approving Letters of Support for Anoka County to Apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds for Roundabout Improvements on CSAH 5 / Nowthen Boulevard
- 5:25: Adopt Resolution #24-050 Approving Temporary Use Agreement for Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements, Improvement Project #20-11
- 5:26: Adopt Resolution #24-051 to Authorize an Adjustment to the Hourly Wages for Temporary Seasonal Employees Working in the Public Works Department
- 5:27: Adopt Resolution #24-052 Appointing Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election on March 5, 2024.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.01: Public Hearing - Adopt Resolution #24-010 Vacating Various Street Rights-of-Way in the COR

Presentation

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report in regard to vacating street right-of-ways in the COR area.

Public Hearing

Mayor Kuzma called the public hearing to order at 7:04 p.m.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Msugrove, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Council Business

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to adopt Resolution #24-010 Vacating Various Street Rights-of-Way in the COR.

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

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution #24-035 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement and Sale of Lot 1, Block 1, Rivers Bend Plaza 2nd Addition; MW Properties LLC

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the Staff report concerning the purchase agreement and right of re-entry agreement for the sale of Lot 1, Block 1, Rivers Bend Plaza 2nd Addition. He shared the EDA's recommendation for approval for the purchase agreement and the right of re-entry agreement.

Councilmember Musgrove shared that she is excited about this business coming to this portion of Ramsey.

Mitchell Webb, MW Properties dba Complete Auto, came forward and shared that they currently have three locations for Complete Auto. He stated they see this property to be a good property for everyone to be able to use it. He noted that their business is not complicated and has a clean cut operation with good staff.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to Adopt Resolution #24-035 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement and Sale of Lot 1, Block 1, Rivers Bend Plaza 2nd Addition; MW Properties LLC (As presented) Subject to City Attorney review.

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

7.02: Adopt Resolution #24-045 Approving the 2024 Playground Replacement Plan - Alpine and River's Bend Parks

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood reviewed the Staff report in regard to the Playground Replacement Plan for Alpine Park and River's Bend Park.

Councilmember Specht shared that he loves the Playground Replacement Plan as he often hears feedback from residents about the playgrounds. He asked if the additional area at Alpine Park is needed.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood explained that the judges came up with this plan and sold him on it. He noted that the proximity of a nice lot to this playground makes a lot of sense.

Councilmember Musgrove shared that she asked this same question to the Parks and Recreation Commission. She said part of this discussion was that Staff looked at this and said it would be easier to mow the whole area rather than how they have to mow the current areas.

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if this will be the same equipment that was done at Elmcrest Park.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood said yes.

Councilmember Woestehoff shared he likes the consistency of this.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to Adopt Resolution #24-045 authorizing up to \$200,000 from the Lawful Gambling Fund for the refurbishment of River's Bend Park's playground and the replacement of Alpine Park's playground, pursuant to the proposals received and the Playground Replacement Plan and Policy.

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

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.

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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