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

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

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

Members Absent: Mayor Mark Kuzma

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
 Planning Manager Todd Larson
 Economic Development Manager Sean Sullivan
 City Attorney Fritz Knaak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Riley called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Acting Mayor Riley.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01: QCTV Update

Commissioner Chair Jamie Barthel, Executive Director Karen George, and Social Media/Communications Coordinator Seamus Burke came forward and gave the annual update on QCTV.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.01: Note the following Boards, Commissions and Meeting Minutes:
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated February 22, 2024
 - Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes Dated February 12, 2024
 - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes Dated February 8, 2024
 - Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes Dated February 20, 2024
 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024
- 5.02: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
- 1) City Council Work Session dated February 26, 2024
 - 2) City Council Work Session dated March 26, 2024
 - 3) City Council Regular Session dated March 26, 2024
- 5.03: Approve Business Licenses
- 5.04: Declare Unclaimed Bicycles as Surplus Property and Authorize Donation of the Same to a Non-Profit Organization According to the City's Donation Policy
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #24-105 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of March 21, 2024 through April 3, 2024.
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #24-074 Approving the final plat and development agreement for Trott Brook Crossing 2nd Addition.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #24-087 Approving Plans and Authorizing Bids for Improvement Project #24-55, 2024 Pavement Patching Contracted Services
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #24-093, Approving a Site Plan, Final Plat, and Development Agreement for St. Katharine Drexel at 7633 161st Avenue NW
- 5.09: Adopt Resolutions #24-097 and #24-102 Approving Change Order #1 for Improvement Project #24-02 and Petition and Waiver Agreement for Municipal Water Connection at 6014 157th Lane NW.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #24-098 Approving Proposal for Lift Station No. 1 Permanent Generator Design and Construction Services
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #24-099 Approving Proposal for Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements As-Built Record Plans
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #24-101, Approving the Development Agreement for Lightbridge Academy
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #24-103 Approving Construction Contingency Expense No. 4 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #24-104, Accepting Proposal for Office Build out for Community Development

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution #24-081 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for 6591 141st Avenue NW; Blanery LLC (portions of the meeting may be closed to the public)

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the Staff report concerning the purchase agreement and right of re-entry agreement for Blanery LLC. He shared the EDA's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the current timeline accounts for any extensions.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan said the timeline does take the possible extensions into account.

Councilmember Musgrove noted the use for the building of an auto shop on the bottom floor and office space on the top floor is interesting. She asked about noise and fireproofing between the auto shop and the office space.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan said that auto shops can be very noisy and that the builder would be shortsighted if he did not construct the building in a fashion that would insulate the noise from the shop. He added that the office use can be in-and-out use so there may not be people who are constantly utilizing the space. He said the building will have to comply with Building Code requirements. He added that the office space may be used as a source of revenue to supplement the auto business.

Aliaksandr Blashchanitsa, the applicant, came forward and shared that the office space will have a concrete floor that will serve as fire protection. He said they will use insulation on the ceiling of the auto shop which will act as both sound and fire protection.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to adopt Resolution #24-081 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for 6591 141st Avenue NW with Blanery LLC (as presented); subject to City Attorney review.

Further Discussion:

Acting Mayor Riley shared his excitement that they will finally have a business in this space as the lot has been sitting for a long time.

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

7.02: Adopt Resolution #24-089 Approving a Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for an Automotive Repair Shop at 5195 142nd Avenue (Project No. 24-102); case of Complete Auto Service

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report in regard to the site plan and Conditional Use Permit for Complete Auto Service.

Councilmember Woestehoff shared the big concern from the Planning Commission was with the ingress-egress off of 142nd Avenue. He said moving the fence line does solve this concern by moving the access a little farther. He noted this new design addresses a lot of the commentary heard from residents about screening. He thanked the applicant for making some of the discussed changes.

Councilmember Musgrove noted that the fence lines were not the same in both plans presented.

Planning Manager Larson explained that the plans were developed from different designers and architects. He said the landscaping plan is more of what the applicant is requesting as they want to have as much snow storage as possible on the inside of the fence.

Councilmember Specht asked if the reduced size of the fenced area is still sufficient.

Mitchell Webb, the applicant, said this change is marginal. He noted that they would not want to throw this project away by not having the extra parking spots within the fenced area. He added that it would be nice to have this extra space to keep as many cars as possible inside the fenced area at night; however, he would like to please the neighbors as it would be their goal to serve the neighbors. He said he would like to keep the original fence plan while just shifting the driveway, but they can work around the fencing changes.

Councilmember Musgrove asked about the proposed future trail along this area.

Planning Manager Larson shared that the trail from St. Francis Boulevard to 142nd Avenue up to Nowthen is going to be a City lead project. He shared they are working with the civil engineer for this project as well as the daycare in this area to make sure all of the grades align so the project is smooth.

Councilmember Specht asked if Staff shared the same concerns of the Planning Commission in regard to the second entrance and the extra parking spots.

Planning Manager Larson said Staff feels as though the eastern entrance is important for customers as a safer option.

Acting Mayor Riley said this plan seems to be a good compromise and addresses the concerns from both the residents and the Planning Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to adopt Resolution #24-089 approving a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan for Complete Auto at 5195 142nd Avenue.

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

7.03: Adopt Ordinance #24-05, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #23-09, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Establishment of New Uses or the Operation of an Adult-Use Cannabis Business Related to the Sales, Testing, Manufacturing and Distribution of Real THC Products

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning extending the moratorium of adult-use cannabis businesses while the State continues to work on ordinances and regulations for sales of these products.

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if the moratorium on the edible products can no longer be extended.

Planning Manager Larson said yes.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to waive the City Charter provision that an ordinance is read aloud and adopt Ordinance #24-05, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #23-09, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Establishment of New Uses or the Operation of an Adult-Use Cannabis Business Related to the Sales, Testing, Manufacturing and Distribution of Real THC Products.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Woestehoff	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Musgrove	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Acting Mayor Riley	aye

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

8.01: Legislative Update

City Administrator Hagen provided a legislative update in response to the request from the April 2 Special City Council Meeting. He shared he will provide a legislative update at every Council meeting moving forward during this legislative session.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked City Administrator Hagen for preparing this legislative update as it gives the Council more information on where some of the relevant bills are. She asked about the pedestrian overpass on Highway 10. She stated she is not sure why this is being addressed and is confused as to why it is one of the legislative priorities. She added that she is concerned with the process of how this came about and how the Council was not fully informed about this project. She shared concerns with the precedent that this sets for the planning process that an email would be able to generate a project like this from someone outside of the City.

City Administrator Hagen shared that this was discussed during one of the Strategic Planning Sessions related to the youth athletic facility being proposed in this area. He noted that the City has an existing easement for a pedestrian crossing on this parcel. He added that Council discussion during the Strategic Planning Session was that the Council would be interested in this if it was paid for by others. He explained that if the City is awarded funds for this project then Staff will bring this back to the Council to figure out how to move forward.

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Specht shared the Ramsey Garage Sale Trail will be the weekend of May 3-5.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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A recording of this meeting is available for viewing online at www.qctv.org <<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.