

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #24-45

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PLAN –
ALPINE AND RIVER’S BEND PARKS**

WHEREAS, Ramsey City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation to the quality of life for Ramsey residents; and

WHEREAS, Community Parks and their playgrounds are essential areas for play and creative and cognitive expression, as well as the positive physical development of children; and

WHEREAS, River’s Bend Park’s play equipment has considerable play value, is contemporary, and in good condition but does need wooden deck replacements; and

WHEREAS, Alpine Park’s play equipment is outdated and does not meet the caliber of play features befitting a community park and merits replacement; and

WHEREAS, renovation and reinvestment in existing parks represents a commitment and service to residents throughout the City, and supports favorable property values and sustaining, desirable neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Commission conducted an analysis of the two community parks and finds that refurbishing River’s Bend Parks playground, and replacing the playground at Alpine Park in the same year is the best solution and in keeping with the intent and goals of the Playground Replacement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Commission developed a detailed strategy to renovate two playgrounds for the estimated total amount called for in the Playground Replacement Policy for 2023 and 2024 of \$200,000, and on January 11th, 2024 recommended to City Council the implementation of the associated Capital Improvement Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

That, up to two hundred thousand (\$200,000), are hereby allocated from the Lawful Gambling Improvement Fund, for the purchase and installation of play equipment and related improvements, and further to direct staff to implement the associated park renovations recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission on January 11th, 2024; and

That, the existing play equipment within Alpine Park be declared surplus property and that staff is hereby directed to dispose of it in the most fiscally responsible manner possible. Further, that if sold, purchasers must sign a liability waiver, absolving the City from any liability.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

none

and the following abstained:

none

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk