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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 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
Planning Manager Todd Larson
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

2.01: Presentation Proclaiming September 17 - 23, 2024 as Constitution Week

Mayor Kuzma read the proclamation declaring September 17 through 23, 2024, Constitution Week.

Dawn Sieber with the Daughters of the American Revolution came forward and thanked Ramsey for their partnership and support of Constitution Week.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Derek Lind with the Anoka County Election Integrity Team came forward and gave an update on other cities that are passing similar post-election reviews. He explained that they are also wanting to get rid of electronic poll pads for the precincts because the data could leave the precincts when it should not. He shared that there are 28 counties that do not use electronic poll pads, 16 counties use a combination of paper and electronic, and 45 counties use all electronic poll pads.

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if the electronic poll pads are only recording who showed up to vote.

Mr. Lind said yes.

Councilmember Woestehoff noted that the Secretary of State has records of who votes regardless of whether electronic poll pads or paper poll pads were used. He asked what the security risk is with electronic poll pads.

Mr. Lind stated that no one should know in real time who is voting at a precinct, and they should only know afterwards.

Councilmember Woestehoff noted that real time reporting can help with security because it would prevent someone from trying to vote at multiple precincts.

Mr. Lind said that each voter has a voter identification number and if it is used more than once, they would find out. He added that they have still not gotten a clear answer from Tom Hunt on whether or not the electronic poll pads are reporting in real time anyway.

Councilmember Howell shared that earlier this evening in the Work Session they discussed a JPA between the City and Anoka County to cover some of the election equipment. She noted that the Council chose to do absolutely nothing with this which she sees as a huge risk. She said they had the opportunity to negotiate a better agreement with the County, yet the consensus of the Council was not to negotiate this. She shared that she hopes the Council will reconsider this to address some concerns.

Mr. Lind noted that if he were designing a system to cheat an election, he would want to keep count, similar to how these poll pads do. He stated paper poll pads were used until 2016 and there were never any issues.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

5. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to approve the following meeting minutes:

- 5.01: City Council Work Session dated August 27, 2024
- 5.02: City Council Regular Session dated August 27, 2024
- 5.03: City Council Special Session dated September 3, 2024

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 6.01: Note the following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated July 25, 2024
 - Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes Dated July 15, 2024
 - Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes Dated June 13, 2024
 - Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes Dated July 16, 2024.
 - Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Dated May 9, 2024 and June 13, 2024
- 6.02: Approve Business License Applications
- 6.03: Affirm Resolution #24-212 - Site Plan Review for Haviland Fields
- 6.04: Adopt Resolution #24-256 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of August 22, 2024 through September 4, 2024.
- 6.05: Adopt Resolution #24-244 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Assessment for Past-Due Charges on Municipal Utility Bills (which may include water, sewer, street lighting, recycling, storm water charges and penalties incurred) and Current Services Rendered.
- 6.06: Adopt Resolution #24-243 Approving Amended Cooperative Construction Agreement #1052605-1 for Improvement Project #20-11, Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements
- 6.07: Adopt Resolution #24-247 Requesting Anoka County to Withhold Certain Tax Forfeit Land (15-32-25-43-0001) From Public Sale and Authorizing Acquisition of Tax Forfeit Property for Public Purpose
- 6.08: Adopt Resolution #24-248 Approving Final Plat and Development Agreement for Riverstone South Fifth Addition (Capstone Homes).
- 6.09: Adopt Resolution #24-249 Approving a Development Agreement for Diamond Graphic's Building Expansion at 14350 Azurite St NW (Project No. 24-111); Case of Diamond Graphics
- 6.10: Adopt Resolution #24-250 Approving a Development Agreement for Quad Logic's Building Addition at 14220 Basalt Street NW (Project No. 24-118); Case of Quad Logic
- 6.11: Adopt Resolution #24-251 Approving Change Order No. 23 for Improvement Project #20-11, Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements
- 6.12: Adopt Resolution #24-252 Approving First Amendment to Purchase Agreement, Right of Re-Entry Agreement and Development Agreement for Lot 2, Block 1, COR FOUR; T5 Ramsey LLC (Take 5)

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.01: PUBLIC HEARING: Adopt Resolution #24-230 Vacating all Existing, Platted Drainage and Utility Easements on the Property Located Between Rhinestone Street, Traprock Street, East Ramsey Parkway, and 146th Avenue (Project No. 24-117)/ Case of COR at Ramsey, LLC

Presentation

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report in regard to the request to vacate all drainage and utility easements on the property between Rhinestone Street, Traprock Street, East Ramsey Parkway, and 146th Avenue.

Public Hearing

Mayor Kuzma called the public hearing to order at 7:14 p.m.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Howell to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Council Business

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #24-230 vacating all existing drainage and utility easements on the Subject Property.

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

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.01: Adopt Resolution #24-229 Granting Approval of the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Development Agreement, and a Sidewalk Easement Agreement for Parkside Townhomes in The COR (Project No. 24-117); Case of COR at Ramsey, LLC

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning the preliminary plat, final plat, development agreement and a sidewalk easement agreement for Parkside Townhomes. He shared the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Musgrove noted that residents had brought forth an issue at the Planning Commission meeting with cars not stopping at the intersection of Rhinestone Street and East Ramsey Parkway.

Planning Manager Larson stated the issues with people not stopping at this intersection does not have anything to do with this development. He added that they have contacted the Police and Engineering departments to see if there is anything that could be addressed to make this a safer intersection.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there are crosswalks on either side of the intersection by the stop signs.

Planning Manager Larson explained that all intersections in Minnesota are legal crosswalks whether they are marked or not.

Councilmember Musgrove suggested having these crosswalks marked to help with traffic. She asked if there is any opportunity to put in a dog run or amenity for the residents who own pets to access.

John Rask, M/I Homes, came forward and shared that there is an open space area in the center of the site that will be available to residents for pet usage. He explained that they try to stay away from formal, fenced in areas for pets. He added that the HOA will allow pets with restrictions.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to adopt Resolution #24-229 granting approval of the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Development Agreement, and Sidewalk Easement Agreement for Parkside Townhomes.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if there were any unresolved or unreviewed Staff comments that should be included as contingencies.

Planning Manager Larson said no and explained that the unresolved issues are all very minor and are being taken care of.

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

8.02: Introduce Ordinance #24-11 Authorizing the City of Ramsey to Sell Fourteen (14) Parcels of Real Property

City Administrator Hagen reviewed the Staff report in regard to the City selling 14 parcels of property along Highway 10.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if all of these properties are in the same zoning district.

Planning Manager Larson said he can look into this; however, he assumes they are all either zoned B-2 or B-3.

City Administrator Hagen added that they had a Highway 10 Overlay District which went away with the Zoning Code overhaul that they completed last year.

Motion by Councilmember Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to waive the City Charter requirement that the ordinance be read aloud and to introduce the attached Ordinance #24-11 authorizing the City of Ramsey to sell/convey fourteen (14) parcels of real property.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Kuzma shared that they had a wonderful Happy Days event this past weekend. He thanked Staff for putting on the great event.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked Staff for all of their work on Happy Days.

Councilmember Woestehoff shared that he drove by the new park, The Hollow, and he knows his family will love it.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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