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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 14, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Heineman
Councilmember Kirsten Buscher
Councilmember Michael Olson
Councilmember Eric Peters
Councilmember Chris Riley (attended remotely)
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
City Clerk Katie Schmidt
Economic Development Manager Sean Sullivan
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heineman 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 Heineman

2. PRESENTATION

2:01: Swearing-in Ceremony for Mayor Ryan Heineman, Councilmember At-Large Kirsten Buscher, Ward 2 Councilmember Eric Peters, and Ward 4 Councilmember Shanna Stewart.

City Clerk Schmidt gave the Oath of Office to new Mayor Heineman and Councilmembers Buscher, Peters, and Stewart.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

Minnesota Senator Jim Abeler, former Ramsey resident, came forward and congratulated the new Councilmembers and Mayor. He shared that both sides of the legislature sat down and hammered out a power share agreement that would make the City proud. He said he is available for any help the City needs.

Minnesota State Auditor Julie Blaha, Ramsey resident, came forward and shared that she can not think of anywhere better to be than here to see new Councilmembers sworn in. She thanked the

Councilmembers for all that they do. She noted that in her work she sees a lot of the decisions that local governments make and the hard work does not go unnoticed. She said there is nothing more important than having a place where neighbors can get together to get things done like they can on a Council.

Randy Keiser, 16967 Bison Street NW, came forward and asked if the City is committed to the health and safety of each and every resident. He shared that he had an incident, had to call the Police Department about an issue, and every time he has called he has been told there is nothing they can do about it. He explained that his neighbors will have outdoor fires burning for their furnaces and sometimes the wind will blow smoke into his home. He added that he has contacted the EPA, the MPCA, and the Ramsey Police Department. He said that he has been sent to the doctor due to the effects of this smoke.

Mayor Heineman said they can continue this conversation and work towards a resolution after tonight's meeting.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

5. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to approve the following meeting minutes:

- 5.01: City Council Work Session dated, December 10, 2024
- 5.02: City Council Regular Session dated, December 10, 2024

Further discussion:

Councilmember Riley shared that he was not in attendance at these meetings, nor were the new Councilmembers; however, he has talked to former Councilmembers who agree that the minutes are appropriate for what was discussed during these meetings.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 6.01: Receive November 2024 Financial Reports - General Fund, EDA and Enterprise Funds
- 6.02: Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2024
- 6.03: Note the following Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated November 21, 2024
 - Environmental Policy Board Meeting Minutes Dated October 21, 2024
 - Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Dated November 14, 2024
- 6.04: Approve Amending City Council Meeting Schedule for 2025
- 6.05: Approve Business License Applications.
- 6.06: Authorization to Ratify 2025 Budgeted Personnel Items
- 6.07: Authorization to Approve the Wage Scale for the New Crime Data Analyst Position
- 6.08: Authorization to Promote a Sergeant to Captain and a Patrol Officer to Sergeant
- 6.09: Adopt Resolution #25-010 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of December 5, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- 6.10: Adopt Resolution #25-016 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of December 31, 2024 through January 8, 2025.
- 6.11: Adopt Resolution #25-001 Approving the 2024 Council Organization
- 6.12: Adopt Resolution #25-002 Approving Partial Payment to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. for Improvement Project #24-05, MSA Xkimo Street Reconstruction.
- 6.13: Adopt Resolution #25-004 Authorizing Partial Payment No. 2 to Design Electric Inc. for Improvement Project #24-56, Lift Station No. 1 Permanent Generator.
- 6.14: Adopt Resolution #25-005 Authorizing Partial Payment #18 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09 Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 6.15: Adopt Resolution #25-007 Approving Final Payment to Park Construction Company for Improvement Project #24-06, 2024 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements.
- 6.16: Adopt Resolution #25-008 Approving Amended and Restated Right of Re-Entry Agreement: Ramsey Properties, LLC (Hilton Home2 Suites)

- 6:17: Adopt Resolution #25-009 Authorizing Speed Study Request for Armstrong Boulevard / CSAH 83 between Highway 10 and Bunker Lake Boulevard / CSAH 116
- 6:18: Adopt Resolution #25-011 Designating Financial Institutions as Official Depositories; Adopt Resolution #25-012 Authorizing Signatures for Financial Transactions and Adopt Resolution #25-013 Designating BMO Bank, N.A. as the Official Financial Institution for the City of Ramsey Banking Services for the Year of 2025.
- 6:19: Adopt Resolution #25-014 Approving the City of Ramsey's 2026 Budget Calendar
- 6:20: Adopt Resolution #25-017 Approving CBRE Real Estate Listing Agreement for City Owned Land in COR

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.01: Adopt Resolution #25-006 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for the Sale of Part of Outlot D, Waterfront Village: Case of Capital Real Estate, Inc.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the Staff report in regard to the purchase and right of re-entry agreement for the sale of part of Outlot D for the Waterfront Village. He shared the EDA's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Specht shared that he is excited about this project.

Mayor Heineman asked if there will be a drive-thru attached to the Chipotle.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan said yes.

Mayor Heineman asked if the difference between the asking price and the offer price was due to what they are currently seeing in the real estate market.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan said yes and explained that the Council and EDA give him a deal range and the presented offers are on the higher end of the deal range.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #25-006 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for the Sale of Part of Outlot D, Waterfront Village (as presented); subject to City Attorney review.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Riley noted that this is exactly what residents are asking for and he will be wholeheartedly supporting this.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

8.02: Adopt Resolution #25-003 Approving the Preliminary Plat for Emerald Estates, a Single Family Residential Development Located on 181st Avenue, West of Xenolith Street (Project No. 24-123); Case of Landform Professional Services, LLC

Community Development Director Hanson reviewed the Staff report concerning the preliminary plat for Emerald Estates. She shared the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Buscher shared that she supports the plan and is appreciative that they will be preserving the wetlands. She asked if there will be strategies in place to ensure there will not be any negative impacts to the wetlands from the construction itself.

Community Development Director Hanson explained that during the construction process, they are required to have silt fencing around the site so there is no negative impact or runoff into the wetlands.

Councilmember Riley shared that he had the same concern as Anoka County on this project with adding as many driveways as are proposed to the County Road. He asked if the County has to allow this and why they would not look at shared driveways for these homes.

Community Development Director Hanson said that Anoka County would need to allow this; however, they do not have any requirements for the development of the County Road or how many driveways can be off of it.

Councilmember Riley noted that this will also be going in front of the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO) in a few days. He asked if the Council typically approves these items before it is presented to the LRRWMO.

Community Development Director Hanson explained that these projects typically have to go through the preliminary plat process through the Council before the LRRWMO will look at it.

Councilmember Olson shared that same concern as Councilmember Riley with the number of driveways on the County Road. He stated it seems like a bad idea to have so many driveways off of a 55 MPH road.

Councilmember Peters asked how long the plot is along the County Road.

Community Development Director Hanson said she does not know the exact number.

Councilmember Peters explained that when he was on the Planning Commission, he brought up the concern that this is a very dark road. He added that the other side of the road in Nowthen, they are looking to develop this land as well and he assumes this development would add turning lanes and other safety measures.

Zeke Peters, Landform Professional Services, came forward and thanked the Council for their time in reviewing this.

Councilmember Buscher thanked Mr. Peters for coming out this evening to share about this project.

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Buscher, to adopt Resolution #25-003 approving the Preliminary Plat for Emerald Estates.

Further discussion:

Mayor Heineman stated that the case study says there have been seven accidents on this road and only one has been multi-vehicle.

Community Development Director Hanson said this was correct and shared that they reviewed some MnDOT crash mapping and there have been six accidents on this road since 2017 and five of them were single-car accidents.

Mayor Heineman noted that the safety of this road has been a concern but this data makes it seem like it is not an issue.

Councilmember Riley shared that they can quote historical accidents; however, it will be different when they are adding to the population on this road. He said he will not be in support of this.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher aye
Councilmember Riley nay
Councilmember Stewart aye
Councilmember Olson nay
Councilmember Specht aye
Councilmember Peters aye
Mayor Heineman aye

Motion carried.

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events. He shared the EDA Business Networking breakfast on January 29.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan added that they will be having Ben Utecht as the keynote speaker for this event and any business interested in coming can RSVP through Economic Development.

Councilmember Specht encouraged everyone to check out Green Valley Garden Center’s winter re-opening this Saturday.

Mayor Heineman thanked former Councilmembers Musgrove, Howell, and Woestehoff, as well as former Mayor Kuzma for everything they did for the City. He shared that the City is also hiring for two police officers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher aye
Councilmember Riley aye
Councilmember Stewart aye
Councilmember Olson aye
Councilmember Specht aye
Councilmember Peters aye
Mayor Heineman aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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.