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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 22, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Heineman  
Councilmember Kirsten Buscher  
Councilmember Michael Olson  
Councilmember Dan Specht  
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: Councilmember Eric Peters  
Councilmember Chris Riley

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen  
City Planner Adam Martin  
Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek  
Police Captain Tim Frankfurth  
City Attorney Fritz Knaak

**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. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Olson, Specht, Buscher, and Stewart. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmembers Peters and Riley.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.01: Swearing-in and Pinning Ceremony for Sergeant Jake Hinnenkamp**

Police Captain Frankfurth introduced and gave a brief background on Jake Hinnenkamp.

Mayor Heineman gave Mr. Hinnenkamp the oath of office and swore him in as Police Sergeant.

**4. CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5.01: Receive March 2025 Financial Reports - General Fund, EDA, and Enterprise Funds
- 5.02: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. City Council Special Work Session dated April 1, 2025
  - 2. City Council Work Session dated April 8, 2025
  - 3. City Council Regular Session dated April 8, 2025
- 5.03: Approve Business License Applications.
- 5.04: Authorization to Hire a Police Officer Filling a Current Vacancy in the Patrol Division
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #25-088 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of April 3, 2025 through April 16, 2025.
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #25-078 Approving a Development Agreement for Cedar Creek Energy.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #25-079 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction, Improvement Project #25-03.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #25-080 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #25-07.
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #25-081 Approving Professional Services Proposal to Prepare Plans and Specifications for MSA Bunker Lake Boulevard Reconstruction, Improvement Project #26-01.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #25-082 Accepting Proposals for Topographic Surveys for 2026 Capital Improvement Program Projects.
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #25-083 Approving Grant Request From Restaurant Sign and Awning Program for King Baguette, Inc.
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #25-084 Amending the Design Services Proposal from Bolton & Menk, Inc. for Dickenson's Mississippi Estates Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-04.
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #25-085 Authorizing Partial Payment #22 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #25-089 Approving the Assignment and Assumption of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Stewart, Olson, Buscher, and Specht. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmembers Peters and Riley.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Adopt Resolution #25-071 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for High Point Street Reconstruction, Improvement Project #25-05**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the Staff report in regard to accepting bids and awarding a contract for the High Point Street reconstruction project. He shared the low bid came from North Valley, Inc. of Nowthen, Minnesota, in the amount of \$1,366,954.38.

Councilmember Specht asked if they were able to hear from the residents on feedback about reducing the size of the cul-de-sac.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek noted that they are opting for the standard size cul-de-sac which will leave some greenspace for the residents to maintain. He said they decided not to adjust the right-of-way at this time. He stated they had an open house and sent letters to the residents who would be affected by this and they did not receive any feedback.

Councilmember Specht noted that there has been some confusion in the past with land like this that is still owned by the City. He asked if they had considered selling the land to the homeowners in the area.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek said the only benefit to selling this land would be the additional tax revenue that they could collect. He added that the homeowners would not be able to use this land for much of anything other than a greenspace.

Mayor Heineman stated that retaining this land for now will give them the opportunity to sell it in the future if the need arises.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to adopt Resolution #25-071 Accepting Bids and Awarding a Contract to North Valley, Inc. for the total amount of \$1,366,954.38 for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Olson, Stewart, Buscher, and Specht. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmembers Peters and Riley.

### **7.02: Introduce Ordinance #25-07: Sign Code Update**

City Planner Martin reviewed the Staff report concerning the sign code updates. He shared the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Olson asked if this would take effect in 30 days or if the changes that were just made to the charter would shorten this.

City Administrator Hagen explained that the change to the Charter takes 90 days to go into effect so it will be done in mid-June.

Councilmember Specht thanked Staff for their hard work on these updates. He said he would not be supporting this as he does not agree with every revision that was made, including changes to signs in the rights-of-way and on personal property.

Councilmember Buscher shared that she believes they should be working to enforce this better and some of the parameters put in place will make this very difficult for Staff to enforce. She said she would like to have further discussions on this.

Mayor Heineman noted that when they were working through this at the Work Session, the idea of freedom and speech overlapping was discussed. He said they looked at this very carefully and they came to a conclusion that the updates as written were in line with legal precedence. He asked if this was correct.

City Attorney Knaak said yes.

Councilmember Buscher asked if they would be able to approve what is currently in front of the Council and then go back for further discussions around adding some more language into these updates.

City Attorney Knaak recommended that the code gets adopted then they have additional conversations around permitting of temporary signs or signs in the right-of-way.

Motion by Councilmember Buscher, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to introduce Ordinance #25-07, Amending Chapter 117 of City Code and the COR Design Framework and Creating Chapter 108 of City Code for Sign Regulations.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

## **8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT**

### **8:01: Legislative Update**

City Administrator Hagen reviewed the legislative update with the Council. He noted that there has been no major progress since their last meeting.

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Specht encouraged residents to support the Storyteller Cafe at their grand opening this weekend.

Councilmember Buscher congratulated Sergeant Hinnenkamp on his promotion. She shared that the Minnesota Attorney General's Office is holding an expungement clinic in Columbia Heights this Thursday.

Mayor Heineman shared that the City Garage Sale Trail will be May 15-17. He added that the mosquito control helicopters will also be out soon.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Olson, Stewart, Buscher, and Specht. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmembers Peters and Riley.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian S. Hagen  
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Katie M. Schmidt  
City Clerk

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