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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 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  
Councilmember Dan Specht  
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen  
City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby  
Planning Manager Todd Larson  
Economic Development Manager Sean Sullivan  
Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek  
Streets Supervisor Shane Turner  
Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood

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

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.01: Annual Public Works Department Update**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby, Streets Supervisor Shane Turner, and Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood reviewed the annual Public Works update with the Council.

#### **4. CITIZEN INPUT**

Derek Lind, 15230 Germanium Street NW, came forward and shared that he is a part of the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT). He shared that Isanti County voted against electronic pollpads. He noted that ACEIT was working with the Isanti County Commissioners on this and held open forums for residents on what they wanted to do and the residents supported paper pollpads over electronic pollpads. He reviewed Oak Grove's resolution that they passed which asks Anoka County to figure out a way to get Oak Grove out of using the pollpads. He asked Ramsey to be the next City to pass a similar resolution.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) City Council Work Session dated May 13, 2025
  - 2) City Council Regular Session dated May 13, 2025
- 5.02: Approve Business License Applications
- 5.03: Renew Agreement for Broadband Connectivity through Connect Anoka County
- 5.04: Authorization to Hire a Planning Division Administrative Assistant
- 5.05: Authorization to Ratify Increasing the Part-time Building Division Administrative Assistant to Full-time
- 5.06: Authorization to Hire a Water Resources Technician
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #25-121 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of May 8, 2025 through May 21, 2025.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #25-092 Approving a Stormwater Basin Maintenance Agreement and Waiver for Emerald Estates (Project No. 24-123); Case of Alan and Joni Greenwaldt
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #25-106: Amended Site Plan Review for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition (LGI Homes - Minnesota, LLC)
- 5:10: Adopt Resolution #25-112 Authorizing Payment for Sunwood Drive Decorative Lighting Power Supply Improvements
- 5:11: Adopt Resolution 25-113 Authorizing Partial Payment #23 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 5:12: Adopt Resolution #25-116 Approving a Time Extension for the Preliminary Plat of North Brook Meadows
- 5:13: Adopt Resolution #25-117 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-02, MSA Sunwood Drive Reconstruction.
- 5:14: Adopt Resolution #25-118 Approving Partial Payment to FlowSeal Surface Maintenance, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-09, 2025 Crack Seal Improvements.
- 5:15: Adopt Resolution #25-119 Approving Change Order No. 34 for Improvement Project #20-11, Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements
- 5:16: Adopt Resolution #25-120 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC for Improvement Project #24-13, Fox Ridge Estates 1st & 2nd Street Reconstructions.

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

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Adopt Resolution #25-105 - Conditional Use Permit for Commercial Indoor Recreation at 8500 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Suite 100 (In the Game MN LLC)**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report in regard to a Condition Use Permit for In the Game MN LLC. He shared the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Councilmember Specht asked if the Conditional Use Permit is specific to this business or this location.

Planning Manager Larson explained that Conditional Use Permits go with the land and not the user. He added that the Conditional Use Permit would expire after one year.

Councilmember Specht thanked the applicants for choosing Ramsey for this project.

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Buscher, to adopt Resolution #25-105 approving a conditional use permit for commercial indoor recreation at 8500 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Suite 100.

Further Discussion:

Councilmember Buscher noted this will be a great addition to the City and that residents are very excited about this project.

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

### **7.02: Adopt Resolution #25-086, Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Motor Fuel Station and Car Wash at 8040 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW; Case of Kwik Trip**

Planning Manager Larson reviewed the Staff report concerning the Conditional Use Permit for Kwik Trip. He shared the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Dean George, 1626 Oak Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, came forward and shared that they are excited to be coming to Ramsey. He stated this store will be a Generation 3 design while many other locations in the metro area are Generation 2 designs.

Motion by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #25-086, Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Motor Fuel Station and Car Wash at 8040 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW.

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

**7.03: Adopt Resolution #25-115 Approving Purchase Agreement and RORE for Lot 1, Block 7, Waterfront Village; Roers Acquisitions LLC**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the Staff report in regard to the purchase agreement and right of re-entry agreement for Waterfront Village.

Pete Schroeder with Roers Companies, came forward and gave a brief background on Roers Companies and this Waterfront Village project.

Councilmember Peters asked about the price point for the units.

Mr. Schroeder said a studio apartment would run around \$1,400 and a 3-bedroom unit would be around \$2,500.

Councilmember Specht asked if Home2 Suites is okay with this development being near their hotel since there is a non-compete agreement in place.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan said this is not something that would compete with the hotel.

Motion by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #25-115 Approving Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for Lot 1, Block 7, Waterfront Village; Roers Acquisitions LLC (as presented); subject to City Attorney review.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Specht noted that this looks like a very nice project; however, he has heard from residents that there is no interest in more apartments in the COR so he will not be supporting this.

Mayor Heineman shared that he has heard a lot of the same concerns from residents as Councilmember Specht; however, he appreciates how this development has retail space available and this would also help them meet their density requirements.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heineman, Councilmembers Stewart, Olson, Buscher, Peters, and Riley. Voting No: Councilmember Specht.

**7.04: Adopt Resolution #25-103 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction, Improvement Project #25-03**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the Staff report concerning accepting bids and awarding a contract for the MSA Alpine Drive project. He shared that the low bid came from Park Construction Company in the amount of \$1,290,247.58.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adopt Resolution #25-103 accepting bids and awarding a contract for MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction, Improvement Project #25-03 to Park Construction Company for the base and alternate total of \$1,290,247.58.

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

**7.05: Adopt Resolution #25-104 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #25-07**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the Staff report in regard to accepting bids and awarding a contract for the 2025 neighborhood pavement overlay project. He shared that the low bid came from North Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$1,198,056.75.

Mayor Heineman asked if this project would affect Happy Days.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek said the completion date of this project will be before Happy Days.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-104 accepting bids and awarding a contract for 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #25-07 to North Valley, Inc. for the base and alternate bid total of \$1,198,056.75.

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

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

**8.01: Legislative Update**

City Administrator Hagen shared that the legislature did not complete their work on time and they will continue to work towards a Special Session to make the final decisions and adoptions. He announced upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Heineman shared that QCTV Live and Local is coming up in Ramsey. He added that tomorrow will be Food Truck Wednesday at City Hall.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:02 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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<<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.