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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 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  
Police Chief Brad Bluml  
Fire Chief Matt Kohner  
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.

Mayor Heineman took a moment to recognize Mark and Melissa Hortman, who were killed in an act of political violence, and John and Yvette Hoffman, who were both attacked on June 14. He offered a moment of silence for the Hortmans.

Representative Harry Niska came forward and thanked the Council for their recognition of the events on June 14. He called for peaceful political conflict and a stand against political violence. He shared that he worked with Representative Hortman for three years, and he expressed his deepest sympathies for their family. He thanked the Ramsey Police for their response to his home that day to ensure that he and his family were safe after this event.

State Auditor Julie Blaha came forward and shared that she is heartbroken by the events of June 14. She expressed her gratitude for all law enforcement officers across the State who worked tirelessly to apprehend this shooter. She shared that she received a knock at her door that morning by Ramsey Police to inform her of the situation and ensure she was safe. She said Representative Niska had asked law enforcement to check on her that morning and thanked him for doing so. She thanked the Ramsey Police for being a light in such a dark time.

## **2. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.01: Annual Fire Department Update and Review of 2024 Activity**

Fire Chief Kohner reviewed the 2024 Fire Department report with the Council. He highlighted fire calls for service data, fire response trends, and updated the council on Fire Department activities in 2024.

The Council thanked Fire Chief Kohner for his presentation and the work done by the Fire Department.

### **3.02: Annual Police Department Report to City Council and Review of 2024**

Police Chief Bluml reviewed the 2024 Police Department report with the Council. He highlighted police department activities, updates, and calls for service trends for 2024.

Crime Data Analyst Jamie Hedburg reviewed the 2024 crime data.

The Council thanked Police Chief Bluml and Crime Data Analyst Hedburg for their presentation and the work done by the Police Department.

## **4. CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

5.01: Adopt Resolution #25-152 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of June 5, 2025, through June 18, 2025.

5.02: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:

1) City Council Work Session dated June 10, 2025

2) City Council Regular Session dated June 10, 2025

5.03: Approve Business License Applications

- 5.04: Adopt Resolution #25-125 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 2026 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #26-08
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #25-127 Approving Partial Payment to FlowSeal Surface Maintenance, Inc. for Improvement Project 25-09, 2025 Crack Seal Improvements.
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #25-131 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC. for Improvement Project #24-13, Fox Ridge Estates 1st & 2nd Street Reconstructions.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #25-132 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-02, MSA Sunwood Drive Reconstruction.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #25-133 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-05, High Point Street Reconstruction.
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #25-136 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #26-02
- 5:10: Adopt Resolution #25-137 Ordering Plans and Specifications for Carol-Rose Acres & Sports Haven Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-03
- 5:11: Adopt Resolution #25-138 Ordering Plans and Specifications for Countryside Estates Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-04
- 5:12: Adopt Resolution #25-139 Ordering Plans and Specifications for Flintwood Hills 2nd & 3rd Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-05
- 5:13: Adopt Resolution #25-140 Ordering Plans and Specifications for Riverside West Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-06
- 5:14: Adopt Resolution #25-141 Ordering Plans and Specifications for Section 01 Unplatted (S. CR 27) Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-07
- 5:15: Adopt Resolution #25-142 Approving Partial Payment to Park Construction Company for Improvement Project #25-06, Sorteberg's Street Reconstruction.
- 5:16: Adopt Resolution #25-144 Approving Change Order No. 43 for Improvement Project #20-11, Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements
- 5:17: Adopt Resolution #25-145 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for 2025 MSA Pavement Marking Improvements, Improvement Project #25-11
- 5:18: Adopt Resolution #25-146 Approving Plans and Authorizing Advertisements for Bids for 2025 Pavement Skim Patching, Maintenance Project #25-56
- 5:19: Adopt Resolution #25-147 Authorizing partial payment #24 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09; Centralized Water Treatment Plant.
- 5:20: Adopt Resolution #25-150 Approving First Amendment to Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for Part of Outlot D, Waterfront Village; Capital Real Estate (Chipotle)

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

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

None.

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

### **8.01: Legislative Update**

City Administrator Hagen shared that this will be the last legislative update of the year as the legislative session has officially ended. He said they had a handful of bills introduced that were a part of the legislative priorities; however, only one was passed. He stated they received special legislation regarding the TIF-14 district. He shared that bills that contained concerns from cities with local zoning control were not passed, but they are hopeful they can work through this during the legislative off-season. He added that the Staff will continue to work with Northstar Commuter Rail staff for the future of the City's public transportation. He announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Specht encouraged residents to stay up to date on the City website and on Facebook for upcoming events.

Councilmember Buscher noted that Senator Hoffman has been an advocate for Ramsey and wished him and his wife a speedy recovery.

Councilmember Specht added that Senator Hoffman did a lot for Ramsey on the Highway 10 project and thanked him for all he has done for Ramsey and shared that his prayers are with him and his family.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.