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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 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 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
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 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

None.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - 1) City Council Work Session dated July 8, 2025
 - 2) City Council Regular Session dated July 8, 2025
- 5.02: Approve Business License Applications
- 5.03: Adopt Resolution #25-174 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of July 3, 2025, through July 16, 2025.
- 5.04: Adopt Resolution #25-134 Approving Final Payment to Twin Cities Utilities LLC for Improvement Project #24-04, Ford Brook Estates Drainage Improvements.
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #25-157, Approving a Development Agreement for Bunker Lake Crossing.
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #25-158, Approving a Development Agreement for Chipotle at 14701 Armstrong Blvd NW.
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #25-161 Approving Partial Payment to GMH Asphalt Corporation for IP #24-03, NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions.
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #25-162 Approving Minnesota Laws, 2025 1st Special Session Chapter 13, Article 5, Section 2.
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #25-163 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-02, MSA Sunwood Drive Reconstruction.
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #25-164 Approving Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC for Improvement Project #24-13, Fox Ridge Estates 1st & 2nd Street Reconstructions.
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #25-166, Approving a Development Agreement for Kwik Trip at 8040 Bunker Lake Blvd NW.
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #25-167 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-05, High Point Street Reconstructions.
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #25-168 Approving Partial Payment to Park Construction Company for Improvement Project #25-06, Sorteberg's Street Reconstruction.
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #25-169 to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-07, 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements.
- 5.15: Adopt Resolution #25-170 Approving Final Payment to FlowSeal Surface Maintenance, Inc. for Improvement Project #25-09, 2025 Crack Seal Improvements.
- 5.16: Adopt Resolution #25-171 Approving Change Order #1 for Dickenson's Mississippi Estate Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-04.
- 5.17: Adopt Resolution #25-172 Authorizing Partial Payment #25 to Magney Construction, Inc. for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution #25-128 Approving Change Order No. 3 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the Staff report in regard to the change order for the water treatment plant.

Mayor Heineman shared that the Council had a robust discussion on this topic during the Work Session.

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to adopt Resolution #25-128 approving Change Order No. 3 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant.

Further discussion:

Councilmember Riley said he will not be supporting this change order. He said he is supportive of the project getting finished, but not for the added time and costs that this change order brings.

Councilmember Specht noted that this was a \$31,000,000 project, and this change order is a very small percentage of the total cost, so he will be supporting this. He said things could have been done better on all sides, including the City. He stated he wants to get this project done and done well for the residents.

Councilmember Buscher stated she is looking forward to this project being completed and done well. She said they are understanding of the fact that not everything goes perfectly according to plan, especially with construction timelines. She noted that she is looking forward to this project being completed and being done well. She thanked the construction and engineering teams for participating in a robust discussion at the Work Session.

Councilmember Olson said he will be supporting this change order; however, not without hesitation. He noted that in the grand scheme of things, the right thing to do is to move forward with this.

Mayor Heineman added that he also will not be supporting this.

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

7.02: Adopt Resolution #25-175 Approving Engineering Amendment No. 3 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the Staff report concerning the additional funding for the water treatment plant change order extension.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-175 approving the original Engineering Amendment No. 3 for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant.

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

7.03: Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion of Litigation: Murray v. City of Ramsey (Conciliation Court Appeal) - Closed to the Public

City Administrator Hagen reviewed the Staff report in regard to the litigation of Murray versus the City of Ramsey. He called to move to Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to recess to Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

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

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

City Administrator Hagen shared that the Council passed by consensus Resolution #25-177, which accepted and ratified the settlement terms in the matter of Karen Murray versus the City of Ramsey Police Department.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events. He shared that Highway 10 will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on July 23 to July 24 for construction.

Councilmember Peters shared that there is a park cleanup at Alpine Park at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, July 23.

Councilmember Buscher shared that the Police Department will be playing their hockey game against the Anoka Police Department this Friday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m., and proceeds will be going to Shop with a Cop.

Councilmember Specht shared that the Party in the Park will be held on Thursday, July 31, at the Draw.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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A recording of this meeting is available for viewing online at www.qctv.org
<<http://www.qctv.org>>. Recordings are available for 36 months after the date of the meeting.

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
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Councilmember Eric Peters
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
City Attorney Fritz Knaak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heineman called the Closed Session of the City Council to order at 7:13 p.m.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

**2.02: Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion of Litigation: Murray v. City of Ramsey
(Conciliation Court Appeal) - Closed to the Public**

City Administrator Hagen reviewed the Staff report in regard to the litigation of Murray versus the City of Ramsey.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adjourn the Closed Session.

Motion carried.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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