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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Chris Riley
Councilmember Kirsten Buscher
Councilmember Eric Peters
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: Mayor Ryan Heineman
Councilmember Michael Olson

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
Police Chief Brad Bluml
Community Development Director Stephanie Hanson
City Attorney Amanda Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Riley 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 Pro Tem Riley.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
 - City Council Work Session dated March 10, 2026
 - City Council Regular Session dated March 10, 2026
 - City Council Special Work Session dated March 17, 2026
- 5.02: Approve Business License Applications
- 5.03: Authorization to Hire an Engineering Technician II
- 5.04: Adopt Resolution #26-086, Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of March 5, 2026, through March 18, 2026.
- 5.05: Adopt Resolution #26-056, Approving Minnesota Department of Transportation Limited Use Permit #020-0113
- 5.06: Adopt Resolution #26-062, Approving a Final Plat and Development Agreement for Waterfront Village 3rd Addition
- 5.07: Adopt Resolution #26-068, Approving Final Payment to Park Construction Company for Improvement Project #25-03, MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction
- 5.08: Adopt Resolution #26-070, Authorizing Final Payment to Design Electric for Improvement Project #24-56, Lift Station #1 Permanent Generator
- 5.09: Adopt Resolution #26-075, Authorizing the Application for MN DNR Grant Funding for 2026-27 Playground Improvements at Riverdale Park
- 5.10: Adopt Resolution #26-080, Ordering Request for Proposals for Topographic Surveys, Geotechnical Evaluations, and Utility Testing for 2027 Pavement Management Program Projects
- 5.11: Adopt Resolution #26-081, Approving Partial Payment No. 1 to H+U Construction Improvement Project #25-58; The Waterfront Waterplay Park Improvements
- 5.12: Adopt Resolution #26-083, Approving the Development Agreement for OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD EDITION
- 5.13: Adopt Resolution #26-084, Appointing Board and Commission Members
- 5.14: Adopt Resolution #26-085, Approving Partial Payment #33 to Magney Construction, Inc., for Improvement Project #21-09, Centralized Water Treatment Plant

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Ordinance #26-04, Amending Chapter 26 of the City Code

Police Chief Bluml explained that this was the second review of a proposed ordinance to amend the City code related to municipal tobacco licenses, noting that updates are necessary due to significant changes to State law in 2020. He stated that the revisions include updates to definitions, administrative penalties, compliance check requirements, and the minimum legal sale age. He explained that the ordinance would repeal and replace the existing code to align with current laws and ensure consistent enforcement, and noted that the City Attorney assisted with and approved the revisions. Police Chief Bluml concluded by stating that staff recommends adoption of the ordinance and that he was available for questions.

Motion by Councilmember Buscher, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adopt Ordinance #26-04, Amending Chapter 26, Article XVI Tobacco, sections 26-749 to 26-789 of the City Code.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Buscher	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Pro Tem Riley	aye

Motion carried.

7.02: Adopt Resolution #26-082, Amending Development Agreement with Northstar Truck & RV Parking

City Administrator Hagen summarized the Development Agreement previously approved by Council on January 27, 2026 and the proposed amendment to the agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Riley asked whether the businesses were now in compliance and expressed concern that they were not, questioning whether the development agreement should be amended.

City Administrator Hagen stated the site is not yet fully compliant but has made some progress. He explained the amendment only affects the financial guarantee and noted all improvements are still due by June 1, 2026.

Councilmember Buscher asked whether approving the amendment would impact the City or compliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Riley noted no action is required unless the Council chooses to amend the agreement.

City Attorney Johnson explained the agreement has not been signed and the Council can either approve a reduced letter of credit or require the original higher amount, with no impact on code enforcement.

Community Development Director Hanson stated staff delayed finalizing the agreement pending updated financial figures.

Councilmember Specht said the amendment is standard practice and the applicant should be treated consistently, with time remaining to meet requirements.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to adopt Resolution 26-082, approving an amended development agreement for North Star Truck and RV Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Riley indicated he would continue voting no on this.

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

City Administrator Hagen noted that motions related to the City Charter require four affirmative votes to pass.

Motion Failed.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF INPUT

1. Legislative Update

City Administrator Hagen reported that Ramsey participated in the North Metro Mayors Association Day at the Capitol, where representatives met with legislators to discuss regional priorities. He noted the legislative environment was calmer this year and highlighted the City's advocacy for projects such as the Mississippi River Crossing and Metro Mobility expansion. He also discussed regional issues, including proposed regulations for congregate care facilities and ongoing discussions around "missing middle" housing, noting potential changes that could provide cities with more flexibility while the City continues to monitor legislative developments.

Councilmember Specht shared several upcoming community events, including a "Coffee with Council" event planned for April 7 at Elmcrest Park, local activities such as gardening classes and workshops, and an upcoming "Palooza" event, encouraging residents to check the City's Facebook page for details. He expressed appreciation for the Parks Department and local businesses for their role in creating community engagement opportunities.

Councilmember Buscher thanked City Administrator Hagen for representing the City at the Capitol and emphasized the importance of legislative relationships and regional collaboration. She also recognized Police Investigator Derek Anderson for testifying on cryptocurrency legislation and highlighted the value of sharing local impacts with lawmakers. She concluded by announcing an upcoming Easter egg hunt at Saint Katharine Drexel.

Councilmember Specht added that a "Once Upon a Parenting" event would be held at City Hall, featuring a children's reading and encouraging families to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Katie M. Schmidt
City Clerk

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