

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a City Council Work Session on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Ryan Heineman
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Kirsten Buscher
Councilmember Michael Olson
Councilmember Eric Peters
Councilmember Dan Specht
Councilmember Shanna Stewart

Also Present: City Administrator Brian Hagen
Police Chief Brad Bluml
Economic Development Manager Sean Sullivan
Planning Manager Todd Larson
Emily Allegra, Hilton Home2 Suites
Dustin Reeder, ARAA
Josh Jungling, ARAA
Jenna Dorst, ARAA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heineman called the City Council Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

2.01: City Facility Tour

City Administrator Hagen and Chief of Police Bluml led council on a tour to understand current parking facilities utilized for city vehicles and equipment in the parking ramp. The group then toured the police department space and parking to understand how the space needs have changed and have been altered throughout the years since the facility was constructed.

2.02: Consider Support of Process and Parameters for Gap Assistance (Loan) for ARAA Facility Project

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the Staff memo and walked the Council through the history and proposed financing structure for construction of a 100,000 square foot athletic facility to be operated by Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association (ARAA).

Councilmember Stewart asked for more background information on ARAA.

Dustin Reeder, President of ARAA provided history of the ARAA organization that started in 1979 and outlined the programs and who their organization served.

Council Consensus included:

- Support for up to 2-million-dollar loan to ARAA from Ramsey HRA Funds and support of financing structure presented.
- Direction for Staff to proceed with Taft Law for the creation of a Redevelopment Plan and Area with ARAA funding the first \$10,000 of this process and the City picking up the rest of legal utilizing HRA Funds after formal bank approval is granted to ARAA.
- Direction for Staff to draft Resolution requesting up to 2.3 million from Ramsey HRA Dollars held by Anoka County to be approved by the City Council.

3. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

3.01: Review Future Topics/ Calendar

Noted.

4. MAYOR / COUNCIL / STAFF INPUT

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session of the City Council was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Hagen
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Kathy Schmitz
Administrative Clerk

Drafted by Katie Schmidt