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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:	Mayor Ryan Heineman Councilmember Eric Peters Councilmember Chris Riley Councilmember Dan Specht Councilmember Shanna Stewart
Members Absent:	Councilmember Kirsten Buscher Councilmember Michael Olson
Also Present:	City Administrator Brian Hagen Public Works Director Bruce Westby Planning Manager Todd Larson City Attorney Amanda Johnson

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 Stewart, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

4. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.01: Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:
1) City Council Work Session dated October 13, 2026
2) City Council Regular Session dated October 13, 2026

5.02: Approve Business License Applications

5.03: Approve Elevate Hope House (EHH) Christmas Market Fee Waiver Approval

5.04: Adopt Resolution #26-254 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoices Received During the Period of October 8, 2026 through October 21, 2026

5.05: Adopt Resolution #26-231 Approving Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-01 MSA Bunker Lake Boulevard Reconstruction

5.06: Adopt Resolution #26-234 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-02, 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements

5.07: Adopt Resolution #26-235 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-03, Carol-Rose Acres & Sports Haven Street Reconstruction

5.08: Adopt Resolution #26-236 Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute the Residential Recycling Program Agreement with Anoka County to Receive 2027 SCORE Funds

5.09: Adopt Resolutions #26-237 and #26-238 Denying a Variance to Lot Depth and Denying the Preliminary Plat for Rum River Retreat (Project No. 26-106); Case of Sundance Woods, LLC

5:10: Adopt Resolution #26-239 Approving Sale of Lot 1, Block 1, COR SEVEN to Harlow Beckett Enterprises LLC (Scooters Coffee)

5:11: Adopt Resolution #26-240 Approving Release of Agreement and Restrictive Covenant for Tract A, Registered Land Survey No. 249 - 6781 Properties, LLC

5:12: Adopt Resolution #26-241 Approving Final Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Deerwood Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #27-03

5:13: Adopt Resolutions 26-242, 26-243 and 26-250 Ordering Plans and Specifications for 2027 Pavement Maintenance Improvement Projects

5:14: Adopt Resolution #26-244 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-05, Flintwood Hills 2nd & 3rd Street Reconstructions.

5:15: Adopt Resolution #26-245 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-06, Riverside West Street Reconstructions

5:16: Adopt Resolution #26-246 Approving Partial Payment to North Valley, Inc. for Improvement Project #26-07, Section 01 Unplatted Street Reconstructions.

5:17: Adopt Resolution #26-247 Approving Change Order #1 for 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #26-02

5:18: Adopt Resolution #26-249 Approving the Termination of Lease with Mille Lacs Motor Sports II, Inc.
5:19: Adopt Resolution #26-251 Approving Premise Permit for Anoka Area Ice Arena for Lawful Gambling at Carbones Pizza
5:20: Adopt Resolution #26-252 Extending the Contract with H+U Construction for Follow-up Improvements at The Waterfront
5:21: Adopt Resolution #26-253 Approving Sale of Tract A, RLS 249 and Easement to 6781 Properties LLC
5:22: Adopt Resolution #26-255 Authorizing Requests for Proposals for Northfork North Trail Connection, Improvement Project #26-14
5:23: Adopt Resolution #26-256 Approving the 2027-2028 LELS Patrol Labor Agreement

Councilmember Specht opposed Item 9 and requested that it be removed from the consent agenda.

The Council discussed whether approving the consent agenda required a unanimous vote.

City Attorney Johnson clarified that a unanimous vote was not required.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Adopt Resolution #26-229 Accepting Proposals and Awarding Contract for Municipal Wells #9 and #10 Well Siting Assessment

Public Works Director Bruce Westby presented a detailed overview of the City's municipal water supply system and the need to identify locations for two additional municipal wells.

Councilmember Riley supported the project, emphasizing the importance of planning ahead to secure adequate municipal water supplies and maintain local control over the City's water resources.

Motion by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to adopt Resolution #26-229, accepting proposals and awarding the contract for the municipal wells No. 9 and 10 well siting assessment to SEH.

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

7.02: Adopt Ordinance #26-18 Amending Chapter 117 (Subdivision Code) Pertaining to Streets.

Planning Manager Todd Larson presented an ordinance amendment addressing inconsistencies in the City's subdivision regulations regarding the maximum allowable length of cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets.

Councilmember Riley asked whether the Fire Marshal alone could approve longer streets or whether other public safety personnel would participate in the review.

Planning Manager Larson explained that although the Police Department participates in the City's development review process, the Fire Marshal has the authority to determine compliance with the applicable fire code provisions.

Councilmember Riley also questioned the timing of the amendment, noting that a comprehensive review of the subdivision code is anticipated in early 2027.

Planning Manager Larson confirmed that the amendment was being brought forward separately in response to the Council's earlier request for clarification.

Councilmember Riley preferred addressing the issue as part of the broader subdivision code revision rather than adopting an immediate amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to adopt Ordinance #26-18, amending Chapter 117 of the City Code pertaining to streets.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Riley	nay
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

7.03: Adopt Ordinance #26-16, Amending Chapter 106 (Zoning Code) and the COR Framework Pertaining to Streetscaping and Bulk Standards in the COR Zoning Districts

Planning Manager Todd Larson presented an ordinance amendment to simplify and reorganize existing development regulations for the City's COR zoning districts.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to adopt Ordinance #26-16, amending Chapter 106 of the City Code and the COR Framework pertaining to streetscaping and bulk standards in the COR zoning districts.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Riley	aye
Councilmember Stewart	aye
Councilmember Specht	aye
Councilmember Peters	aye
Mayor Heineman	aye

Motion carried.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Hagen announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Speck announced that the ninth annual Ramsey Fall Craft and Gift Expo would be held Sunday, November 1, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Adrenaline Sports Center.

Councilmember Specht encouraged residents to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:29 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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