

AGENDA: Ramsey City Council
TYPE: Regular Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN INPUT

APPROVE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Note Commission Meeting Minutes (under separate cover)
- 2) Approve City Council and Council Committee Meeting Minutes (under separate cover)
- 3) Approve License Applications
- 4) Approval of Rental Licenses
- 5) Introduce Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Adding Section 5.22 Entitled Garage Sales, Consignment and Boutiques
- 6) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received during the Period of May 6, 2009 through May 19, 2009
- 7) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Approving Partial Payment to Northwest Asphalt Inc. for Improvement #08-37, County Pond Storm Sewer Outlet
- 8) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Directing the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Improvement Project 08-33 (Ute Street Improvements)
- 9) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale

Council Business

- Case #1: Consider Resurfacing Rivers' Bend Tennis Courts
- Case #2: Consider Acquiring used Equipment for Snow/Ice Operations Adjacent to the Ramsey Municipal Center
- Case #3: Authorize to Seek Proposals for Nuisance Abatement Services

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF INPUT

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Note the following Commission Meeting Minutes (under separate cover)
 - a) Planning Commission/Regular/April 2, 2009
- 2) Approve the following City Council and Council Committee Meeting Minutes (under separate cover)
 - a) Housing and Redevelopment Authority/Regular/March 10, 2009
 - b) City Council/Special/March 17, 2009
 - c) City Council/Work Session/May 12, 2009
 - d) City Council/Regular/May 12, 2009
- 3) Approve the following License Applications (enclosed)
 - Peddler/Solicitor
John M. Kidd d/b/a/ Whylie Kylie's Ice Cream 6225 Rivly Avenue NW Ramsey, MN 55303
 - Vehicle
Motorpro 6845 Highway #10 NW Ramsey, MN 55303
Complete Motorsports 7751 Highway #10 NW Ramsey, MN 55303
- 4) Approval of the following Rental Licenses (enclosed)
 - Owner: Oakwood Land Development Property Address: 6651-167th Avenue NW
 - Owner: Myron & Rona Welty Property Address: 6324 Riverdale Drive NW
- 5) Introduce Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5, Adding Section 5.22 Entitled Garage Sales, Consignment and Boutiques (enclosed)
- 6) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received during the Period of May 6, 2009 through May 19, 2009 (enclosed)
- 7) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Approving Partial Payment to Northwest Asphalt Inc. for Improvement #08-37, County Pond Storm Sewer Outlet (enclosed)
- 8) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Directing the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Improvement Project 08-33 (Ute Street Improvements) (enclosed)
- 9) Adopt Resolution #09-05-XXX Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale (enclosed)

CONSIDER RESURFACING RIVERS' BEND TENNIS COURTS**By: Mark Riverblood, Parks Supervisor****Background:**

Rivers' Bend Park's tennis courts were constructed with the park's development in the 1980's. The court has been resurfaced once since then, and is in need of this maintenance practice again. In addition to casual use by residents, a senior's group had been using the courts twice per week, from spring through fall.

Observations:

In addition to poor visual quality of the surfacing, there is a concern about safety given the present condition of the playing surface. The issue is that the surface coat is 'spalling' off in large patches. The concern is that during play, a tennis player could make an abrupt stop or turning movement and slip under loose surfacing material.

Staff has attempted to remove the loose surfacing with a high power pressure washer to keep the courts in safe, playable condition. However, the process was determined to be ineffective, due to the area being very large, and there is little point - as the surfacing continues to loosen after the pressure washer removes the initial material. The choices aside from moving ahead to reconditioning the courts are to close them to use, or sign them in some way to advise players of the potential hazard (which does not seem prudent).

Quotes were requested from 4 contractors to fix the courts and are summarized below:

DMJ Asphalt (no bid)

GP Tennis Courts (affiliated with New Design below, and therefore did not bid)

New Design \$20,000

Upper Midwest Athletic Construction \$15,800

Each of Ramsey's 5 tennis facilities needs resurfacing for aesthetic reasons and to protect the underlying bituminous base. However, only Titterud and Rivers' Bend have the spalling surfaces, with the latter much more of a concern. Due in part to the 2009 budgetary difficulties, resurfacing River's Bend's tennis courts was not included in the parks' operational budget.

Approximately 5 years ago, City Council established a park fund for maintenance purposes, to receive contributions in years where there were year-end excess-revenue funds in the General Fund. This fund (also referred to as the Park Trust Fund, but distinct from the Park Dedication proceeds held in the Park Improvement Trust Fund), has an approximate balance of \$101,000.

There are two groups of seniors that have found other venues to play tennis pending the repair of Rivers' Bend's courts - however, many are very eager to see 'their' court repaired. Once the court is repaired it is anticipated that the courts will be in full use for each of the five weekdays,

(up from two days per week last year). Staff, therefore, is recommending that the *maintenance related* Park Trust Fund be used to solve this year's issue with Rivers' Bend. After the 2010 budget process is complete, staff can bring the various long-term park and trail maintenance needs to a Council Work Session to provide a better forecast of the differing needs, and develop a corresponding long-term strategy

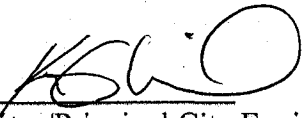
Funding Source:

The funding source for the \$15,800 needed to repair Rivers' Bend's tennis courts would be the Park Trust fund mentioned above.

Council Action:

Authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Upper Midwest Athletic Construction of Ramsey, to recondition Rivers' Bend tennis courts in the amount of \$15,800 from the Park Improvement Trust Fund.

Reviewed by:

City Administrator 
Public Works Director/Principal City Engineer
Finance Officer

CC: 05/26/09

**CONSIDER ACQUIRING USED EQUIPMENT FOR SNOW/ICE OPERATIONS ADJACENT
TO THE RAMSEY MUNICIPAL CENTER**

By: Brian E. Olson, Director of Public Works / Principal City Engineer

Background:

On Friday, January 23, 2009, Staff met with the City of Andover to discuss a number of issues including a piece of used equipment (a 2000 Holder model C-240 with 861 hours (see attached pictures)) that they had available for sale.

On April 21, 2009, the Public Works Committee met and Staff presented a case detailing the snow plowing and ice control activities for the 2008-2009 winter season. Since there was significant discussion revolving around the maintenance activities and coordination adjacent to the Municipal Center, Staff began to explore options to become more efficient in this area.

Building Maintenance (who handles the snow removal and ice control activities on the steps and sidewalks) and Public Works (who handles the snow removal and maintenance activities in the parking lots and roads) met to discuss the situation and concluded that another piece of equipment would make our operation more efficient and provide an additional service by providing the ability to add salt to the walks, steps, parking lots and parking ramp much easier and more timely.

Staff contacted the City of Andover to see if the used equipment was still in their possession and found that it was and it had the following specifications:

2000 Holder model C-240 with 861 hours (see attached pictures). Included with the \$13,000 purchase are the following:

- Broom attachment
- V-plow attachment
- Snow blower attachment
- Reversible plow attachment
- Dump box and drop sander
- Spare set of tires

Our typical sidewalk snow plow machine has an expected life of 10 years. Although this piece of equipment is nearing that timeframe it has low hours and is in exceptional shape.

Funding:

Staff is proposing that the funding for this equipment be paid for by utilizing the Fleet Fund which is a fund that is regenerated by selling excess vehicles and equipment at auction. This fund currently has balance of approximately \$40,000.

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to acquire the 2000 Holder model C-240 for a price of \$13,000 plus any applicable taxes.

Council Action:

Motion to authorize staff to acquire the 2000 Holder model C-240 for a price of \$13,000 plus any applicable taxes.

Enclosures:

Pictures of equipment and attachments.

Reviewed by:
City Administrator:

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**Authorization to Seek Proposals
for Nuisance Abatement Services
By Chief James Way & William K Goodrich**

Background:

The City of Ramsey has been using local vendors for abatement services that include mowing and blight clean up. Abatements have increased over the past year and the recent rise in home foreclosures in the City adds to the locations needing clean up. To expedite the abatement process, staff is asking for authorization to seek proposals for contracted abatement services.

A notice will be published in the Anoka County Union on May 29, 2009. The deadline for proposals will be June 19, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

In addition to the vendors that the City has been using for these services, staff is aware of four additional contractors that have shown interest in providing proposals. These vendors will be mailed requests for proposals during the release date.

Funding Source:

Administration- posting of a public notice in the Anoka Co Union.

Attachments:

Request for Proposal.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize staff to request proposals for Nuisance Abatement Services.

Council Action:

Motion by City Council to adopt Resolution 09-XXXX authorizing staff to formally advertise for "Request for Proposal" for abatement services with the intended purpose to secure a contract with a vendor for two (2) years.

Reviewed by:

Police Chief
City Attorney
City Administrator

