

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The City of Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Jim Steffen
Scott Cords
Chelsee Howell
Rachal Johnson (arrived at 7:33 a.m.)
William MacLennan
Michael Olson
Chris Riley

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Manager
Tim Gladhill, Deputy City Administrator

**4.01: Consider First Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Java Properties, LLC
(Portions of meeting may be in closed session)**

Member Johnson joined the meeting.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Cords asked if the buyer has any feelings on the suggested approach from the City.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan commented that the developer approached the City with concern related to these additional costs and this is the solution reached between the parties.

Chairperson Steffen asked if it were out of the ordinary that these additional expenses would come along so late in the process.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that intuitively the connection would come directly from the street for sewer and water rather than running along a future roadway. He stated that this process would avoid disruption to Sunwood Drive, which has become a busy roadway.

Chairperson Steffen asked how the anticipated infrastructure/utility costs are being covered through the process.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that typically those costs come into play when a street is constructed. He stated that this method will provide easier connection for the adjacent

development lot, which is why the City is asking to cover some of that cost, as this would not be the typical route for utility connection.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that some of these details had been discussed during the development process. He stated that typically the cost would be born of the developer, but the City agreed to cost share in order to provide utility connection to the adjacent City owned parcel and avoid disruption to Sunwood Drive. He stated that some of these details had been discussed early in the development process, but what had not been known was the exact path they would take to avoid disruption to Sunwood.

Chairperson Steffen asked why the choice was made to reduce the property cost in order to provide the cost-share.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that the developer agreed to this method and it will allow the project to stay on schedule.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill noted that another benefit would be that the developer would install the utilities, which avoids the City having to go through its own plan prep, bidding, and construction process.

Member Cords stated that he understands the shared access safety concerns. He asked if an additional access would be added or whether people would be blocked from accessing from Casey's.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that the second access is more of a reliever and access still can be gained through Casey's entrance.

Motion by Member Cords, seconded by Member Johnson, to recommend to City Council to approve the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement as presented, subject to City Attorney review.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member MacLennan	aye
Member Olson	aye
Member Cords	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Howell	aye
Chairperson Steffen	aye

Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Steffen, seconded by Member Cords, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member MacLennan aye
Member Olson aye
Member Cords aye
Member Johnson aye
Member Riley aye
Member Howell aye
Chairperson Steffen aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:

Wendy Schlueter
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

Draft by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.