

**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 12, 2022, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Olson
 Member Chelsee Howell
 Member William MacLennan
 Member Chris Riley
 Member Shanna Stewart
 Member Scott Wiyninger

Members Absent: Member Rachal Johnson

Also Present: Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Manager

4.02: Consider Authorization to Import, Place and Compact Fill for Outlot B, Affinity at The COR

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Chairperson Olson asked if the \$40,000 would be a total cost to bring the site to grade.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the elements would be covered in the cost and noted that the cost would cover the entirety of the process including re-establishment of turf.

Member Wiyninger asked how this would impact the ability to sell the site or the revenue that would be gained through sale of the property.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that bringing the site to grade and to a marketable condition would save the developer from incurring the cost at a later date. He stated that there has been some interest in the site, therefore if it is closer to development ready it would make the site more attractive.

Member Riley commented that this is a great idea that would be opportunity driven as fill becomes available. He agreed that this would make the site more marketable.

Member MacLennan agreed that this would be a good idea. He asked what the desired development use of the property would be.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that the property is zoned COR 1, which is mixed use, and therefore provides flexibility. He stated that in an ideal situation he would love to see a restaurant with a roof patio. He stated that it is a smaller site and therefore does not lend itself to an apartment type use. He noted that it could be a fast casual eatery as well.

Member MacLennan stated that his father recently moved into the Affinity complex and those residents would love to have something like that in this location that is easily walkable.

Motion by Member Wyingner, seconded by Member MacLennan, to recommend to City Council that to pre-authorize up to \$40,000 to obtain clean fill, place, compact, and re-establish turf for Outlot B, Affinity at The COR.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Members Wyingner, MacLennan, Howell, Riley, and Stewart. Voting No: None. Absent: Member Johnson.

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