

**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, December 14, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Scott Wiyninger  
                          Member Chelsee Howell  
                          Member Rachal Johnson  
                          Member Brittany Lindahl  
                          Member William MacLennan (arrived at 7:35 a.m.)  
                          Member Chris Riley  
                          Member Shanna Stewart

Members Absent:     Member William MacLennan

Also Present:         Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Manager

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wiyninger called the Economic Development Authority meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**2.     APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Stewart, to approve the agenda.

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

**4.     EDA BUSINESS**

**4.01:   Consider Loan Application from Restaurant Subsidy Program: Bossman Inc. dba Chanticlear Pizza**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member MacLennan arrived.

Chairperson Wiyninger invited the applicant to speak.

Nicholas Swanson, applicant, stated that he has had the location on the Anoka/Ramsey border for 18 years and most of their delivery business is to Ramsey. He stated that he has also lived in Ramsey since 2014 and has been considering a location in the COR for many years. He stated that he is ready for the full-service idea as the two other locations have been working well.

Member Riley noted that the case stated that this will be a full-service restaurant and not just a to-go pizza place and asked applicant to better describe the full service restaurant concept

Mr. Swanson commented that the two existing Chanti Grille concepts in Maple Grove and Coon Rapids do not have a large delivery business and more focus is on dine-in. He stated that there will be 160 seats in Ramsey.

Member MacLennan asked if this is a franchise restaurant.

Mr. Swanson commented that the delivery/carry-out businesses are franchised but the grill concept has not yet been franchised and is available through license. He stated that he has a full team set up and the owners of the Coon Rapids and Maple Grove locations are also assisting.

Member Johnson asked for details on the menu.

Mr. Swanson commented that it would be typical American sports bar fare, catered for a Ramsey audience.

Member Johnson asked if the pizza location would remain.

Mr. Swanson commented that he will be selling that location, so it will remain in business under a new operator with a larger delivery area. He stated that the restaurant will have a very small delivery area.

Member Riley commented that residents, the Council and EDA have had a goal to bring in full-service restaurants. He stated that the SAC and WAC are an obstacle for new businesses and this program is a good way to assist businesses in coming to Ramsey. He believed that this would be a good use of EDA resources to meet a need and want from residents.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Stewart, to recommend to City Council approval of a \$30,538.20 (70%) SAC and WAC loan to Bossman Inc. dba Chanticlear Pizza; subject to underwriting and City Attorney review.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Winyinger, Members Johnson, Stewart, Howell, Lindahl, MacLennan, and Riley. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Economic Development Manager asked the applicant what the time frame was for opening the restaurant.

Mr. Swanson stated that the lease commencement is January 1<sup>st</sup> with an estimated 12 weeks of construction and anticipated opening on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Member Stewart, seconded by Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Wiyninger, Members Stewart, Johnson, Howell, Lindahl, MacLennan, and Riley. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sean Sullivan  
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:

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Wendy Schlueter  
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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