

**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, January 11, 2024, 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
 Member Chris Riley (via Zoom)
 Member Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: None

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 Lindahl, to approve the agenda.

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

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.02: Consider Renewal of MOU with Anoka County Regional Economic Development Partnership (ACRED)

Greg Frahm-Gilles, Director of Economic Development at Anoka County Regional Economic Development (ACRED), introduced himself. He provided information on economic development and the purpose of coordinating on a regional level. He reviewed the ACRED goals and initiatives, target industries, and related market statistics. He also provided information on business support, publicity, and available services provided through ACRED, along with development readiness, workforce and housing programs/services. He provided the approved 2024 ACRED budget and

highlighted recent and upcoming events. He stated that they are requesting a 12-month extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that the action before the group today is to consider the MOU as well as the voluntary cost share financial contribution of \$1,637 which was 11 dollars more than last year.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Stewart, to recommend to City Council to extend the MOU one year with Anoka County Economic Development Partnership (ACRED) and payment of the \$1,637 continue voluntarily cost share to the partnership.

Further discussion: Member Riley commented that he agrees that a county-wide initiative is a great idea but also sees the value that City staff receives from this resource.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Howell	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member MacLennan	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Riley	aye
Chairperson Wyinginger	aye

Motion carried.