

**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, March 14, 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 Chris Riley
 Member Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: Member William MacLennan (Excused)

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, Riley, and Stewart. Voting No: None. Absent: Member MacLennan.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated February 8, 2024

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Lindahl, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.01: Consider Approval of Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement for 6591 141st Avenue NW; Case of Blanery LLC (Portions of the meeting may be closed to the public)

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Aliaksandr Blashchanitsa, applicant, commented that he is a builder, and they are excited to build something for themselves. He stated that Ramsey was chosen because of its location and because they are familiar with the ground conditions as they commonly build in Ramsey. He believed that an autobody shop would have success in this market and the additional office space on the second floor would provide additional income.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Stewart, to recommend to City Council to approve the Purchase Agreement and Right of Re-Entry Agreement with Blanery LLC as presented; subject to City Attorney review.

Further discussion: Member Riley commented that this is a great example of the EDA doing work for the City. He believed this to be a great project and he is happy to see the redevelopment of this site. He also liked the multi-use with autobody and office space.

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

4.02: Consider Recommendation to Approve Bossman Inc. Sign and Awning Program Request

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Motion by Member Stewart, seconded by Member Johnson, to recommend to City Council to approve a \$1,500 grant from the Sign and Awning Program for Bossman, Inc.

Further discussion: Member Riley noted that this is another great example of what the EDA can do in the City. He noted the tools that the EDA has available to assist in getting restaurants into the community, as that is a desired amenity.

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

5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Sullivan provided an update relating to traffic counts on Armstrong exceeding 10,000 trips per day and noted that they are almost full for the Business Expo. He noted that not all the vendors are Ramsey businesses, and therefore if there are more Ramsey businesses that come forward, they would push out non-Ramsey businesses for the event.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 7:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:

Wendy Schlueter
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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