

**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, April 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 William MacLennan
 Member Chris Riley
 Member Shanna Stewart (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Member Brittany Lindahl

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 MacLennan, to approve the agenda.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Howell	aye
Member Riley	aye
Chairperson Wiyninger	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member MacLennan	aye

Motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 14, 2024

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Riley, to approve the March 14, 2024, minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member MacLennan	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Howell	aye

Motion carried.

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.01: EDA Organization: Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Stewart nominated Member Wyingner

Motion by Member Stewart, seconded by Member Johnson, to nominate Scott Wyingner as Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2025.

There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member MacLennan	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Howell	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	abstained

Motion carried.

Motion by Member MacLennan, seconded by Member Wyingner, to nominate Shanna Stewart as Vice Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2025.

There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Howell	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Johnson	aye

Member MacLennan aye
Member Stewart abstain
Chairperson Wyinginger aye

Motion carried.

4.02: Select 2024 Ramsey Business of the Year

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Riley commented that Dynamic Group has been on the list for years and would like to discuss that business.

Member Johnson agreed.

Member MacLennan brought forward discussion on Global Glove but stated that he also agrees with Dynamic Group being a good choice for the 2024 EDA Business of the Year.

Member Stewart commented that she originally was between Global Glove and Intech, but also agrees with the selection of Dynamic Group.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member MacLennan, to select Dynamic Group as the 2024 Ramsey EDA Business of the Year.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the businesses still on the small and large lists and gained input from the EDA on whether businesses should remain, be moved, or removed.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member MacLennan, to add Soderholm and Associates to the small list.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Howell aye
Member Riley aye
Member Stewart aye

Member Johnson aye
Member MacLennan aye
Chairperson Wiyninger aye

Motion carried.

5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Sullivan provided an update on recent City Council action relating to purchase agreements and site plan approval for Blanery LLC and Complete Auto. Sullivan also provided an update on development activity and interest highlighting Aldi, Hilton Home 2 Suites, Jam Hops and Soderholm and Associates. He reported that the business expo is full, and they continue to increase participation by Ramsey businesses.

Member Johnson noted a previous suggestion to place signs on development sites stating, “future home of” and asked for an update.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan commented that he has been working with developers and most of them are happy to place the signs up themselves.

The EDA recognized the great work of staff to continue to increase participation from Ramsey businesses in the business expo.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that Economic Development pAdministrative Assistant Wendy Schlueter does an outstanding job with her work on the Business Expo.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Member MacLennan aye
Member Johnson aye
Member Stewart aye
Member Riley aye
Member Howell aye
Chairperson Wiyninger aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:



Wendy Schlueter
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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