

**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 10, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Scott Wiyninger  
                          Member Rachal Johnson  
                          Member Hannah Karpen  
                          Member Brittany Lindahl  
                          Member William MacLennan  
                          Member Chris Riley  
                          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.

A roll call vote was performed:

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Member Stewart        | aye |
| Member Riley          | aye |
| Chairperson Wiyninger | aye |
| Member Johnson        | aye |
| Member MacLennan      | aye |
| Member Lindahl        | aye |
| Member Karpen         | aye |

Motion carried.

**3.     CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.01:   Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 13, 2025**

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Lindahl, to approve the March 13, 2025, minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

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|------------------------|---------|
| Member Karpen          | abstain |
| Member Lindahl         | aye     |
| Member MacLennan       | aye     |
| Member Johnson         | aye     |
| Chairperson Wyinginger | aye     |
| Member Riley           | aye     |
| Member Stewart         | aye     |

Motion carried.

#### **4. EDA BUSINESS**

##### **4.01: EDA Organization – Election Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Chairperson Wyinginger opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Lindahl, to nominate Scott Wyinginger as Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2026.

A roll call vote was performed:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Member Karpen          | aye     |
| Member Lindahl         | aye     |
| Member MacLennan       | aye     |
| Member Johnson         | aye     |
| Chairperson Wyinginger | abstain |
| Member Riley           | aye     |
| Member Stewart         | aye     |

Motion carried.

There were no other nominations. Chairperson Wyinginger closed the nominations.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Lindahl, to elect Scott Wyinginger as Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2026.

A roll call vote was performed:

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| Member Stewart | aye |
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Member Riley                    aye  
Member Johnson                aye  
Member MacLennan            aye  
Member Lindahl                aye  
Member Karpen                 aye  
Chairperson Wyinginger       aye

Motion carried.

Chairperson Wyinginger opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Johnson nominated Brittany Lindahl for the position of Vice Chairperson.

There were no other nominations. Chairperson Wyinginger closed the nominations.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member MacLennan, to elect Brittany Lindahl as Vice Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2026.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Karpen                aye  
Member Lindahl                abstain  
Member MacLennan            aye  
Member Johnson               aye  
Chairperson Wyinginger       aye  
Member Riley                  aye  
Member Stewart                aye

Motion carried.

Member Karpen introduced herself.

**4.02: Consider Recommendation to Approve King Baguette, Inc. Sign and Awning Program Request**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

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

Further discussion: Member Riley acknowledged the goal for the city to have more restaurants and acknowledged that this is a small incentive the City can offer to accomplish that goal. Member MacLennan commented that the business owner attended a recent meeting and showed a ten-year commitment to the business location. He agreed this is a small thing they can do to help. Member Johnson commented that this is a new concept that will be exciting for Ramsey. Chairperson

Wyninger agreed that this is a great program that can help support bringing new restaurants to the community.

A roll call vote was performed:

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|----------------------|-----|
| Member Stewart       | aye |
| Member Riley         | aye |
| Member Johnson       | aye |
| Member MacLennan     | aye |
| Member Lindahl       | aye |
| Member Karpen        | aye |
| Chairperson Wyninger | aye |

Motion carried.

#### **4.03: Select 2025 Ramsey Business of the Year**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Johnson stated that there are a lot of great businesses, but Soderholm and Associates stood out to her because of the longevity and recent growth.

Member Lindahl agreed with Soderholm and Associates, noting their recent expansion and impacts from the Highway 10 project.

Member Stewart commented that she was leaning towards Global Glove as they have been on the short list for three years, dealt with Highway 10, and constructed another building in Ramsey.

Member MacLennan stated that he is torn between the two. He stated that Member Stewart has a point that Global Glove has been on the short list for three years.

Member Riley stated that a case could be made for each business as they are on the list for a reason. He stated that he does not have a strong opinion, but agreed that Soderholm comes to mind first because of its recent expansion. He stated that he could support any of the businesses.

Chairperson Wyninger agreed that every single business on both the short and long lists are assets to the community. He stated that Soderholm did catch his eye because of the longevity of the business and recent expansion, but also acknowledged the work that Global Glove continues to do and could support either business.

Motion by Member Stewart to select Global Glove as the 2025 Ramsey EDA Business of the Year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Member Karpen noted that this is the 21<sup>st</sup> year in business in Ramsey for Global Glove and asked how long Soderholm has been in Ramsey. It was noted that Soderholm has been in Ramsey for 50 years.

Motion by Member Lindahl, seconded by Member Johnson, to select Soderholm and Associates / WCC (SA Group, Inc.) as the 2025 Ramsey EDA Business of the Year.

Further discussion: Economic Development Manager Sullivan acknowledged the point of Member Stewart that a business can sometimes sit on the small list while another business can move up to the small list and be selected in short order. He noted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Soderholm Associates this year, along with the 46,000 square foot expansion that just occurred, and the completed renovation he believed that this is a good selection. He stated that Global Glove could then be considered for 2026 as it is a great business in the community with three buildings leased in Ramsey and continue to expand and provide a lot of employment opportunities.

A roll call vote was performed:

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|----------------------|---------|
| Member Karpen        | abstain |
| Member Lindahl       | aye     |
| Member MacLennan     | aye     |
| Member Johnson       | aye     |
| Chairperson Wyingner | aye     |
| Member Riley         | aye     |
| Member Stewart       | nay     |

Motion carried.

Chairperson Wyingner recognized all the businesses on both the large and small lists for being great businesses and taking the time to communicate and respond to staff.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan moved to the potential changes for the large and small lists.

Member MacLennan stated that he dealt with Fabtech Plastics for many years and would love to see them move to the small list for 2026.

Member Riley commented that he would agree with the staff suggestion to remove Multisource from the list.

Member MacLennan asked if staff would have any suggestions to add to the large list.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that Integrity Tool and Engineering was in the old business park and moved into one of the new PSD properties, and continues to grow. He was unsure of the new name of the company, but stated that could be added to the large list. He cautioned against adding too many businesses as that can create a situation where a business sits on the list for years.

Motion by Chairperson Wiyninger, seconded by Member Johnson, to add Fabtech Plastics to the Small List, add Integrity Tool (Path Machining and Automation) to the Large List, and remove Multisource Manufacturing from all lists for consideration in 2026.

A roll call vote was performed:

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Member Stewart        | aye |
| Member Riley          | aye |
| Chairperson Wiyninger | aye |
| Member Johnson        | aye |
| Member MacLennan      | aye |
| Member Lindahl        | aye |
| Member Karpen         | aye |

Motion carried.

## **5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE**

Economic Development Manager Sullivan provided a brief update on recent development progress, activity, and interest, and other items of interest to the EDA.

Member Riley asked for an update on the RALF properties as well as the role of staff and the EDA in that process.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan replied that it is the goal of staff to bring that topic to the Council work session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide a broad overview. He stated that the way in which the RALF properties will be sold is dictated by the Metropolitan Council. He noted that they would begin with the properties east of Sunfish (Lake Boulevard) as that highway project has been substantially completed. He briefly described the process that will be used to appraise the properties and list them for sale. He stated that he will plan to get appraisals for the properties west of Ramsey Boulevard later in the year, with the objective to list them in 2026. He stated that there are cases that seem to make sense to sell adjacent properties to existing businesses and hoped they could find a way to make that happen, working with the Metropolitan Council.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

A roll call vote was performed:

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Member Stewart        | aye |
| Member Riley          | aye |
| Chairperson Wiyninger | aye |
| Member Johnson        | aye |
| Member MacLennan      | aye |
| Member Lindahl        | aye |

Member Karpen                      aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sullivan  
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:



Wendy Schlueter  
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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