

**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 12, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Scott Wiyninger
 Member Nichole Bauer (via Zoom)
 Member Rachal Johnson (via Zoom)
 Member Brittany Lindahl
 Member Chris Riley
 Member Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: Member Hannah Karpen

Also Present: Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Manager
 Todd Larson, Planning 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 Lindahl, seconded by Member Riley, to approve the agenda.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Johnson	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Chair Wiyninger	aye

Motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated February 12, 2026

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Lindahl, to approve the February 12, 2026, minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Johnson	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Chair Wiyninger	aye

Motion carried.

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.01: Improving the Image of Ramsey Along the Highway 10 Corridor Plan (Presentation)

Planning Manager Larson presented the staff report.

Commissioner Bauer asked if the City or County would have funds available to assist businesses with a planning budget for the updates and repairs.

Planning Manager Larson replied that would depend. He stated that if the items are things the property owner should have been doing, they should have been planning for that, and the City will not have a program to subsidize a lack of normal property maintenance. He stated that if businesses want to connect to utilities, there could be programs/funds available to assist with that. He noted that a sign and awning program is available for restaurants. He stated that Economic Development Manager Sullivan can work with businesses to see if there is an available program.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan provided additional information on the EDA revolving loan fund and how that could be used in certain scopes including renovation and expansions for certain business types. He stated that while they can try to work with property owners, they also need to be cautious because there are a number of property owners along the highway who have maintained their property well, and the City does not want to be in the situation where it is contributing funds to those who have chosen not to maintain their property. He noted that EDA staff will be focusing on the Highway 10 businesses for business visits as well.

Member Riley reiterated that the Council wants this to feel gentle for the businesses. He stated that the City made accommodations on things such as paving a parking lot when they were not sure whether the businesses were going to remain after the highway project. He noted that the RALF properties also could not be improved, but now that the highway project is completed, it is time to enforce the rules that did not make sense to enforce during the project.

5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Sullivan provided information on the upcoming Business Expo. He provided an update on development projects, development interest, and other items of interest to the EDA. He also highlighted items on the next meeting agenda, including the election of Chair and Vice Chair, and selection of Business of the Year.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Chair Wiyninger	aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:



Wendy Schlueter
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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