

**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 9, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Scott Wiyninger
 Member Nichole Bauer (via Zoom)
 Member Cheryal Hills (arrived at 7:51 a.m.)
 Member Rachal Johnson (via Zoom)
 Member Brittany Lindahl
 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 Bauer, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve the agenda.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

3.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 12, 2026

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve the March 12, 2026, minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.01: EDA Organization: Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Chairperson Wyingner opened nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Member Riley nominated Scott Wyingner to be Chairperson.

Motion by Member Riley, seconded by Member Lindahl, to appoint Scott Wyingner as Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2027.

There were no other nominations.

Member Lindahl moved to close nominations.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	abstain

Motion carried.

Chairperson Wyingner opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Motion by Member Stewart, seconded by Chairperson Wyingner, to appoint Brittany Lindahl as Vice Chairperson of the Economic Development Authority through March 31, 2027.

There were no other nominations.

Member Riley moved to close nominations.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Lindahl	abstain
Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

4.02: Select 2026 Ramsey Business of the Year

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Bauer commented that she believes that RM Golf Carts should be towards the top of the list because of their investment in Ramsey.

Member Stewart commented that she was leaning towards Martin Marietta or RM Golf Carts based on the fact that they like to give back to the community. She commented that she would like to see Global Glove removed.

Member Johnson stated that she was leaning towards Martin Marietta.

Member Lindahl commented that she was also leaning towards both of those businesses as well, leaning more towards RM Golf Carts.

Member Riley stated that all of these businesses would be a good choice, and he would defer to the staff's suggestion. He likes the idea of acknowledging the resilience of RM Golf Carts, which purchased the property when it could, and then improving the property.

Chairperson Wyingner agreed that all of these businesses are incredible parts of the community and recognized the investment that RM Golf Carts has put into their property over the last year along the Highway 10 corridor. He agreed that Martin Marietta would be a great choice as well, but he leaned towards RM Golf Carts.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan commented that both Martin Marietta and RM Golf Carts are great small businesses along the corridor. He stated that Global Glove employs the most people out of all these businesses.

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Lindahl, to select RM Golf Carts as the 2026 Ramsey Business of the Year.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Lindahl	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan continued to review the staff report related to the proposed edits for the large and small lists.

Member Hills arrived.

Chairperson Wyingner welcomed the newest member of the EDA.

Member Hills introduced herself.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan commented that all of the businesses proposed to be removed from the large list have been on the list for a long time. He commented that unless they watch an EDA meeting, the business probably does not even know it was on the large list.

Member Bauer agreed that the list should be cleaned up as proposed by staff.

Member Riley also agreed with the rationale provided by staff.

Member Lindahl commented that she also supports the recommendation of staff because of the research and explanations that were provided.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan confirmed the consensus of the group to remove those businesses and also add the two businesses he had recommended.

Member Riley agreed that Diamond Graphics would be a good addition to the small list and also suggested adding Chanticlear Grille to the large list.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reviewed the suggested changes to the small list.

Member Stewart stated that she would like to leave Martin Marietta on the short list.

Member Bauer asked if it has been considered to add the Logan Companies Plumbing and Heating to the list.

Chairperson Wyingner agreed that would be a great addition.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan agreed that business could be added to the large list.

Chairperson Wyingner commented that Ramsey is a rapidly expanding city with a lot of incredible businesses, and while it may feel harsh to pull businesses off the list, there is an astounding amount of investment in the community from the business community. He wanted to provide staff with the opportunity to add a business to the list that may come into the community.

Member Johnson stated that Ramsey seems to be a manufacturing community, but many other businesses are coming in as well. She stated that perhaps they could consider two categories for businesses in the future.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that he likes the concept, but there is also prestige that comes with the award, and they have only had one business recognized each year since 1989. He recognized that many of the recognized businesses have been manufacturing because it is easy for those businesses to check more boxes for the Business of the Year Criteria. He noted that sometimes a retail business comes in that shines bright, but then burns out shortly after. He noted that retail businesses have won in the past, using the example of RM Golf Carts this year.

Chairperson Wyingner confirmed consensus with the staff suggestions for the small list and the additional suggestions to keep Martin Marietta on the small list and add Chanticlear to the large list.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan recognized the additional suggestion from the EDA to add Logan Companies to the large list.

Motion by Member Lindahl, seconded by Member Stewart, to add Minnesota Waterjet, Wildlife Research, Logan Companies, and Chanticlear to the Large List for consideration in 2027.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Hills	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Lindahl, seconded by Member Bauer, to add Path Machining and Automation, Diamond Graphics, and Comfort Suites to the Small List for consideration in 2027.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Hills	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Lindahl, to remove Jimmy John's, Heartland Tire, Global Glove, Willy McCoy's, and Molin Concrete from the large or small list for future years.

Further discussion: Chairperson Wyingner expressed appreciation to each of these businesses. He stated that they are grateful for their investments in the community.

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Johnson	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Member Hills	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Stewart	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Sullivan stated that the Business Expo is full and encouraged the EDA members to reach out to staff if they would like to volunteer at the event on April 25th. He commented that there is a ribbon-cutting the following day at Chipotle, and Lightbridge Academy will have a ribbon-cutting on April 23rd (rescheduled to April 16th). He provided a brief update on other development activity and interest received. He also provided an update on the grants applied for related to the Ramsey Town Hall rehabilitation project.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Member Stewart	aye
Member Riley	aye
Member Lindahl	aye
Member Hills	aye
Member Johnson	aye
Member Bauer	aye
Chairperson Wyingner	aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:



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Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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