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, August 13, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Scott Wiyninger
Member Nichole Bauer
Member Cheryal Hills
Member Brittany Lindahl
Member Chris Riley
Member Shanna Stewart

Members Absent: Member Rachal Johnson

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 Lindahl, seconded by Member Bauer, to approve the agenda.

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES

3.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated June 11, 2026

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Lindahl, to approve the June 11, 2026, minutes as presented.

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

4. EDA BUSINESS

4.01: Adopt EDA Resolution #26-178 Approving Redevelopment Project Area and Plan

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Member Lindahl asked if the project could tap into the funds put back into the redevelopment area for phase two.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan confirmed that the funds put back into the redevelopment area could be used for any project in that area. He reviewed other potential uses for the funds, such as infrastructure needs related to development or redevelopment.

Chairperson Wiyninger asked for input from the members of the City Council as to the discussion that occurred at the work session meeting.

Member Riley stated that it has been an arduous task as there are lots of moving parts to this project. He commented that the Council and community have been very supportive of the project, which is why it continues to move forward. He stated that banks and financing have changed throughout this process and, in theory, it appears that the payments can be made fine by the organization. He commented that in the worst-case scenario, PSD would step in, assume the mortgage, and the City would forgive its HRA Loan funding. He believed that this project would be much better than what had originally been proposed in the previous location and commented that this will be a great facility for kids and families. He noted that there will also be ancillary development around the facility that has been desired by the community.

Member Hills referenced the case of a default and asked whether that would be a total loss to the City.

Economic Development Manager Sullivan explained how these funds have accumulated in the ACHRA fund and how they can be used. He commented that these are not General Fund dollars and if there was a default, it would be similar to a grant and the City would not have to repay funds back into the fund.

Motion by Member Hills, seconded by Member Bauer, to adopt Resolution #26-178 Approving Redevelopment Project Area and Plan as presented.

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

4.02: Consider Recommendation for Approval of 2027 EDA Budget

Economic Development Manager Sullivan presented the staff report.

Chairperson Wiyninger commended staff for keeping the budget flat, which is tough to do.

Motion by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Lindahl, to recommend to City Council adoption of the proposed 2027 EDA Budget and Levy as presented.

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

5. MEMBER / STAFF UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Sullivan reported that registration for the golf tournament is full and appreciated all members who will be participating. He provided an update on progress on development projects, development interest, and other items of interest to the EDA.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority adjourned at 7:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sullivan
Economic Development Manager

ATTEST:



Wendy Schlueter
Economic Development Administrative Assistant

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