

**ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Klimpel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Freske, Essler, Weisensel, Ober and Beaudette present. Commissioner Theisen was absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Klimpel **Second by** Ober

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Ayes: 6.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel **Second by** Ober

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Ayes: 6.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Adam Kienberger, Community Development Director, addressed the Port Authority with a continued discussion on developing a three-year Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Mr. Kienberger spoke of the pillars of economic development related to the City Council's goals, and the tactical aspect of attracting certain types of businesses to our community.

The City plans to continue a strong partnership with the University of Minnesota as UMore is evolving and taking a more market-based approach. He also noted existing partnerships, initiatives, and tools being used to help achieve development goals. The redevelopment of the former Speedway site is one example. Mr. Kienberger asked the Commissioners to discuss, "How are we doing as a city (including staff) regarding economic development?" The Community Development team is looking for direction and reassurance from both Port Authority and City Council to ensure they align.

Chairperson Klimpel requested it be a casual conversation amongst the group. Mr. Beaudette began by asking about developments near 42 & 52, along with questions on planned Central Park improvements.

Commissioner Essler is in support of bringing more restaurants to Rosemount. Chairperson Klimpel shared her concerns over potential businesses purchasing land, but it's concerning when the lot sits empty — besides offering financial help, how do we get businesses to want to come to Rosemount she asked.

Commissioner Freske responded that we need to have something here in town that will draw people in. We are not a destination city, we do not have amenities. Essler argued that we don't have the population to support bringing in certain businesses like our larger neighboring cities.

Mr. Kienberger's follow-up question to the group was regarding being strategic about what we bring here. Commissioner Weisensel mentioned that the more building we get on developable land eventually helps with taxes for residents. Klimpel mentioned that the parcels around Life Time aren't already built, which is tricky because many retailers prefer to lease a spot than build from the ground up.

The Port discussed focusing on a mix of both commercial and industrial projects, highlighting restaurants, medical services, and experiential retail. They noted satisfaction with the direction of development, and staff's efforts to refine city processes and provide the Port with timely updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Adam Kienberger, Community Development Director spoke regarding how annually, the City receives federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which are distributed by the Dakota County CDA.

Recommendation is requested on how to allocate those funds of \$48,867.00. We are requesting that the funds be allocated to Home Improvement Loan Program once again, infusing funds back into resident's homes. The Home Improvement Loan Program is a program administered by the CDA to benefit low/moderate income households in Rosemount making eligible improvements to their homes such as roof replacement, furnace replacement, electrical and plumbing repairs, insulation and special needs improvements.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to recommend City Council adopt a resolution approving Rosemount's 2026 CDBG application as presented.

Ayes: 6.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Adam Keinberger, Community Development Director, did not have any project updates. There is a ribbon cutting event for Omni on January 16, along with a kickoff event for Project Falcon also on January 16, 2026.

Spectro Alloys has invited Port Authority for a tour, so Logan Martin will coordinate that event.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port Authority at the regular Port Authority meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel and a second by Ober the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Saunders

Sarah Saunders
Deputy City Clerk

Signature: *Sarah Saunders*
Sarah Saunders (Jan 21, 2026 08:30:20 CST)

Email: sarah.saunders@rosemountmn.gov