

**ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
April 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on April 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

Chair Weisensel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Droste, Freske, Wolf, Essler, Block, Ober in attendance. Staff present included Executive Director Martin, Deputy Director Lindquist, Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss and City Clerk Fasbender.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Deputy Director Lindquist stated there were no changes to the agenda.

Motion by Weisensel **Second** by Freske

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Essler **Second** by Block

Motion to Approve February 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Ayes: Droste, Block, Ober, Weisensel, Essler, Freske, Wolf

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

4.a. Project Updates

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed status of current projects including;

- Phase 1 of the Israleson Property may go to Planning Commission in the near future.
- The City Council hired Westwood to put together a site plan for the Akron Avenue area and will include the potential City Recreation Center
- The Davis medical building will be applying for a building permit in May.

NEW BUSINESS

5.a. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer

Election of Chairperson; Commissioner Freske nominated Weisensel for Chairperson.

Motion to close nominations

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

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Motion to elect Chairperson Weisensel

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Election of Vice Chairperson; Commissioner Essler nominated Freske for Vice Chairperson.

Motion to close nominations

Motion by Weisensel Second by Essler

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Vice Chairperson Freske

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Election of Treasurer; Commissioner Block nominated Essler for Treasurer

Motion to close nominations

Motion by Weisensel Second by Wolf

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Treasurer Essler

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

5.b. Annual Report

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss reported economic development highlights from April 2019 to April 2020. Highlights include the strong partnership with Xcel Energy to certify sites in a Shovel Ready program. Additionally, The Morrison project is on track to close on the property in May with construction to begin soon after.

5.c. COVID Update

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed the City's efforts during COVID-19 to assist businesses during this time. Efforts include; Restaurant BINGO, a COVID-19 resources website, and a business mapping website.

Staff noted Rosemount Restaurant week may start this fall in effort to encourage residents to visit local restaurants. Commissioner Freske suggested marketing local restaurants that are currently open.

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5.d. Marketing & Cold Calls

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss recapped his marketing and cold call efforts in the last year. The call lists included a number of local developers and local/national businesses.

Commissioner Freske questioned the traffic numbers over the last several years for the Akron Avenue and County Road 42 area. Staff will try to find historic traffic data.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Offered condolences to the family of past councilmember and former chair, Mike Baxter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

REPORTS FROM PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMUNITY/AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port Authority and upon a motion by Freske second by Essler the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Fasbender,
City Clerk