

**ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 18, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on August 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Rosemount Council Chambers 2875 145th Street West.

Chair Weisensel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Droste, Freske, Essler, Block, Ober in attendance. Commissioner Wolf was absent. 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

Executive Director Martin stated there were no changes to the agenda.

Motion by Weisensel **Second** by Droste

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Essler **Second** by Droste

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

4.a. Project Updates

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed the status of current projects and provided updates on existing projects. Nail Lounge and Lashes opened to the public on August 5th and staff is working to schedule a ribbon cutting. Staff is working with Xcel to certify the Rich Valley Golf Course as a Certified Site for future development. Ms. Lindquist noted staff received two restaurant inquiries in the past weeks regarding industrial projects and staff provided site information.

4.b. COVID Update

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed the City's continued efforts during COVID-19 to assist businesses.

- The Dakota County Grant Program application closed on August 14th and the grant will be reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Staff is distributed the remaining marketing material and clings for the Rosemount CARES branding program. The next initiative is to encourage mask wearing to assist business owners with the Statewide mask mandate.

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- 61 applicants have been received for the Rosemount CARES Small Business Emergency Grant. The grant will be reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis and the last day to apply is August 28th.

4.c. Commercial Sites/Perkins & Will Prep

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss recapped that after the initial request for proposal submission, 4 firms were chosen to move forward with interviews which will be the week of August 24th.

Ms. Lindquist suggested shifting funds allocated in the proposal from the Israelson property to a higher-level marketing piece, like a fly-over, for the Akron Avenue area.

Councilmember Essler suggested coordinating visioning among all the locations and not individually looking at each location. Councilmember Freske asked how downtown will be included as part of the visioning. Staff intends to share these items with Perkins & Will as they move forward with their overall analysis.

Ms. Lindquist answered questions regarding the Ron Clark site and noted that Ron Clark aims to find businesses that complement the residents of the Morrison. Staff will inform Ron Clark the visions that Port Authority has for establishments in that area.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

REPORTS FROM PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

None

COMMUNITY/AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port Authority and upon a motion by Weisensel second by Essler the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Fasbender,
City Clerk