

**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 Block **Second** by Ober

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Essler **Second** by Freske

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

4.a. Project Updates

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed the status of current projects and highlighted the recent ribbon cutting at Hope Field House.

Mr. Van Oss also noted the upcoming joint work session with the City Council and Planning Commission. The meeting will discuss commercial visioning on October 13th with the consultant Perkins & Will.

4.b. COVID Update

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss discussed the City's continued efforts during COVID-19 to assist businesses. The CARES grant application closed on August 28th and 64 grants were submitted and 41 businesses have currently met the criteria to move forward in the grant process.

Port Authority suggested staff re-connect with the businesses in the downtown area that are eligible for the grant, but not yet submitted the application.

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NEW BUSINESS

5.a. Creative Minnesota Report – RAAC Presentation

The Rosemount Area Arts Council (RAAC) made a presentation regarding the Creative Minnesota Report focusing on the economic impact of the arts in Rosemount. Sheila Smith was present via Zoom and discussed the report in depth.

Councilmember Freske questioned if RAAC thought upgrades need to be made at the amphitheater stage in Central Park to better utilize the area in the future? Port Authority suggested a future meeting with RAAC, City Council and Park & Recreation Commission could be held to see what improvements are necessary.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

REPORTS FROM PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Droste recapped a recent meeting he attended with the Regional Council of Mayors group. Mayor Droste noted several projects that are to take place in the future and noted the suburbs are seeing an increase in traffic.

Mayor Droste also noted the recent fiber installation in a rural section of Rosemount, funded by the State's Broadband Expansion program.

Port Authority Member Ober questioned the status of the Fairview funds and whether City Council authorized issuance of the funds. City Administrator Martin noted the Fairview funding request will be going back to council for further discussion in October.

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 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Fasbender,
City Clerk