

**ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Chair Weisensel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Droste, Wolf, Luing, and DeBettignies attending. Commissioner Smith and Abdulahi were absent. Commissioner Luing arrived during discussion of item 4.a. Staff present included City Administrator Johnson, Community Development Director Lindquist, and City Clerk Hadler. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel. **Second** by DeBettignies.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY/AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Wolf.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of February 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- b. Bills and Invoices

Ayes: Droste, Wolf, Weisensel, DeBettignies

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

4.a. Discussion of Draft Goals

Chair Weisensel discussed his review of the existing goals and suggested changes. He invited feedback on the suggestions presented. He stated that there is the need to add metrics to the goals; such as acreage of land available to be developed, acreage that is “shovel ready”, and absorption rates.

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Commissioner Droste noted that the business park development has been slow and questioned what the issue is. Commissioner DeBettignies noted that the land owner should do more to market it. Commissioners discussed market forces and ways that the City might influence development.

Commissioner Droste speculated about the possibility of facilitating development along the railroad in the business park and the potential building of the road between the business park and Highway 3. Commissioner Weisensel asked what sort of study might be necessary for that. Community Development Director Lindquist stated that the landowner probably wouldn't want the road unless there was a user first, as it is planned to go right through their property.

Commissioner Droste gave suggestions on how to engage the community and news outlets to promote business in Rosemount. Chair Weisensel stated that they heard from site selectors that developers know we're here, but Rosemount isn't ripe for development.

Commissioner DeBettignies asked about enforcement of parking lot standards. Ms. Lindquist stated there isn't too much to be done, other than enforcing general maintenance standards.

Commissioner Wolf asked if there was a sense of what was driving development in other areas and what other cities are doing. Ms. Lindquist stated that she is not getting a lot of calls for land; so the demand for land in Rosemount isn't as high as it is in Apple Valley.

Commissioner DeBettignies asked how we could ask existing businesses to be advocates for the city.

Ms. Lindquist stated that development follows other development and that there is interest from heavy industrial because we already have that.

Commissioners and staff discussed the upcoming Downtown Task Force. Chair Weisensel inquired about a list of land owners in the downtown. City Administrator Johnson stated they should meet with landowners in other areas, as well.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Weisensel noted the NLC video showcase program. It's a free service that is paid with business advertising.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORTS FROM PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Droste noted the Culver's Groundbreaking on April 5th. He also noted the updated valuations are out from the County and the city has just now exceeded the property value totals from 2007.

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Council member Nelson, in the audience, asked about the plans for UMore Park. Chair Weisensel stated the City will continue to be engaged with the University staff, but it will be a long process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port Authority and upon a motion by Droste, second by DeBettignies, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarissa Hadler, City Clerk