

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on Monday, May 16, 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, Smith and DeBettignies attending. Commissioner Abdulahi arrived at 6:06 p.m. Commissioner Luing was absent. 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

City Administrator Johnson stated there were no changes to the agenda.

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Droste.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as corrected.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY/AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Droste.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda with revised Minutes.

- a. Approval of April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- b. Bills and Invoices

Ayes: Droste, Wolf, Weisensel, Smith, DeBettignies

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

4.a. Canada Circle Information

Community Development Director Lindquist discussed a feasibility study for Canada Circle, specifically a parcel of land that the city had purchased for the future relocation of Downtown businesses that might be affected by redevelopment. The discussion stems from an inquiry from a current business owner. Ms. Lindquist suggests making the property available for businesses at cost, which would include any grading and utilities.

Commissioner Droste stated he received complaints from residents about truck noises from the City “dump site” next to the Canada Circle property. He stated the city could find another spot for the

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public works use. He stated he feels that development of that site would help to clean up the southern entry to the city.

Chair Weisensel inquired about the potential of developing the dump site. Ms. Lindquist stated concerns about differences in elevation. Council members and staff discussed environmental and development issues on the site.

Chair Weisensel inquired about an RFP for the whole site or just a portion of it. Ms. Lindquist stated she doesn't expect a lot of interest from brokers, but staff could draft an RFP.

Commissioner Droste asked that staff determine the costs of relocating the materials in the dump site.

Chair Weisensel inquired if the city should consider building retail space to rent out. Commissioner Droste objected and City Administrator Johnson stated he wasn't sure if the City had legal ability to do so.

Chair Weisensel inquired about other land the Port Authority owns. Ms. Lindquist stated there was land in the business park.

Jim Hickle, of Gigabit Minnesota, stated interest in being involved in the project, as they are looking for land for their fiber construction business. They would plan to relocate their existing data center to the site, as well.

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. Hotel Update

Community Development Director Lindquist summarized who has been sent the hotel study. Commissioners and staff discussed contacts and discussions they have had with various individuals.

Commissioner Droste discussed the urgency of leading the development of a hotel. City Administrator Johnson stated that the City isn't lacking in hotel chains willing to locate in Rosemount, but the hotels want investors.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to provide some leadership. Commissioner Abdulahi suggested drafting a mission or scope to what that consultant would do. Commissioner DeBettignies stated Trinity Hotel Investors, LLC., came up on a Google search for hotel investors.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson stated that Commissioner Luing has resigned and that City Council will determine how to fill the seat.

REPORTS FROM PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Droste attended the Chamber Luncheon at Rudy's. Representative Anna Wills spoke at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port Authority and upon a motion by Weisensel, second by DeBettignies, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarissa Hadler, City Clerk