

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on April 16th, 2019, 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, Essler, Block, Freske, Wolf and Ober in attendance. Staff present included Executive Director Martin, and City Clerk Fasbender.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OATH OF OFFICE

Dan Wolf was sworn in to fill the vacant seat. Mr. Wolf's term will expire in 2023.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Executive Director Martin 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 Wolf

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of March 19, 2019, Meeting Minutes

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. Project Updates

Executive Director Martin highlighted Pellicci Hardware is set to open up at Terry's Hardware. The official opening date has not been finalized.

Other project items discussed; Canada Circle sale closed this month and construction is likely to start late summer/early fall, a meeting took place earlier this week regarding UMore Industrial site – the “site selectors” only visited Rosemount during their trip to Minnesota, Applebee's is close to a deal which is not likely to be a restaurant user – the landowner chooses who to select as a tenant.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Election of Chairperson; Commissioner Block nominated Weisensel for Chairperson.

Motion to close nominations

Motion by Wolf Second by Droste.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Chairperson Weisensel

Motion by Wolf Second by Essler

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

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

Motion to close nominations

Motion by Ober Second by Droste.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Vice Chairperson Freske

Motion by Wolf Second by Essler

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Election of Treasurer; Commissioner Block nominated Essler for Treasurer

Motion to close nominations

Motion by Ober Second by Block

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion to elect Treasurer

Motion by Block Second by Droste

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

6.b. Discussion with Maureen Scallen Failor, Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce

President of Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce (DCRC), Maureen Scallen Failor, attended the Port Authority meeting this evening to update Port Authority on DCRC role with Rosemount and updates on current projects. Ms. Failor started her presentation by congratulating the city for a well done State of the City address that took place earlier that morning.

Ms. Failor briefed Port Authority on the Chamber's value statements, vision, and the history of the Chamber and current memberships (over 600 memberships). Chair Weisensel requested to know how many of those memberships included Rosemount businesses.

Ms. Failor highlighted the three initiatives brought to the Dakota County Chamber's Board; transit/transportation within Dakota County, workforce development, and economic development of local communities and housing.

Ms. Failor noted DCRC has hired a consultant to review our current county transit system and to bring data and validity that Dakota County needs improved transit to connect and move our residents around Dakota County. The study should take a few months and DCRC will share the results of the study once completed to Port Authority.

DCRC is working with local school districts to come up with programs that will benefit our future leaders and guide them to career opportunities. Ms. Failor also noted the networking opportunities that DCRC hosts; Good Day Dakota County, Happy Hours, and several other events and programs throughout the day to try to accommodate all schedules.

DCRC would love to partner with the City of Rosemount for their Home and Business Expo going forward and help grow the expo. Ms. Failor also mentioned to utilize DCRC to help market the City's events i.e. Ribbon Cutting, Coffee with Council, Expo, etc.

Commissioner Essler questioned what resources DCRC could provide to kick start a Rosemount local business group similar to what Farmington has. Ms. Failor suggested connecting with current Rosemount Chamber members and engage this core group as a start. The Chambers can be a very strong partner for the different events and opportunities in Rosemount.

Commissioner Block questioned how other communities are addressing developers and the cost of land. Ms. Failor responded this is a common question being asked in a lot of communities today and the Chamber will continue to review and share with the Port Authority a response at later time.

6.c. Retail Strategies Website Review

Executive Director Martin will send out an email with the web link to Port Authority and request feedback about the website.

CHAIRSPERSON'S REPORT

An email will be sent out to commissioners regarding the Greater MSP Meeting at the Radisson Blu Hotel on March 22nd, 2019, the email will highlight a few topics discussed at the meeting.

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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 Ober, second by Essler the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Fasbender, City Clerk