



NORTH BRANCH

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 @ 3:30 PM
CITY HALL, 6408 ELM STREET, NORTH
BRANCH, MN 55056**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Council on items that are not on the Agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. This section is for the express purpose of addressing concerns of City services and operations. It shall not be used to clarify individual's views for political purposes.

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

a. Approve Agenda

ACTION

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

a. Approval of July 21, 2026 EDA Minutes

ACTION

7. REPORTS

a. Chisago County HRA-EDA Update

VERBAL
UPDATE

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| b. | North Branch Area Chamber of Commerce Update | VERBAL
UPDATE |
| c. | North Branch Area Schools Update | VERBAL
UPDATE |
| d. | EDA Executive Director Update | VERBAL
UPDATE |
| e. | Consider Approval of Resolution R-354-2026 approving the Developers Agreement with ECE for the Essby Business Park 5th Addition | ACTION |
| f. | 2027 EDA Budget | ACTION |
| g. | Comprehensive Plan Update | INFO |
8. CLOSED SESSION
- | | | |
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| a. | Closed meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c), to develop and consider an offer or counteroffer for the acquisition of a permanent easement over Outlot A, Cherokee Place 1st Addition | ACTION |
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9. NEXT MEETING - August 18, 2026 - 330PM
10. ADJOURNMENT

EDA Mission Statement.

To be proactive in maintaining and enhancing the economic viability of North Branch through partnerships, innovation, and strategic action.

EDA Goals:

- Successfully become one of the first communities in the region mentioned as a choice for business location.
- Attract new industries that bring an enhanced tax base, quality jobs, and new capital into the community.
- Support existing businesses and encourage their continued prosperity and growth.
- Address critical systems that influence site location decisions.