

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Chamblis, Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Lee, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff

Committee Members Absent:

Johnson, Muse, Zeran

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Interim Committee Chair Cummings called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lilligren to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Lilligren to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Greater MSP Visit (Peter Frosch, Greater MSP, 651-287-1300)

Peter Frosch, Executive Director of Greater MSP, gave a presentation on the mission and work of Greater MSP. Greater MSP is the Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership; its goal is to build on the assets already available in the region. The Greater MSP region is the 15-county area defined by the federal government and commute-shed into Minneapolis and Saint Paul. This region also includes St. Croix and Pierce counties in western Wisconsin and is the 46th largest global economy. The region's sectors of strength are financial services, advanced manufacturing and technology, health and life sciences, headquarters and business services, and food and water services. Council Member Sterner asked if Greater MSP had connected with the Mayo Clinic after the recent Dubai partnership; Frosch replied that a representative from Mayo is currently on the Greater MSP board. Council Members had questions and comments about regional composition and scope, and regional job competitiveness. There was also a discussion about equity indicators and racial disparities, as well as diversity, inclusion and retention of people of color.

2. Use of General Fund Dollars (Mary Bogie 651-602-1359)

Mary Bogie, Deputy Regional Administrator and CFO, presented the 2020 General Purposed Levy targeted initiatives for another review before Council Members vote on December 11, 2019. The General Purposes Levy, which is the Council's most flexible funding, has a small amount of money available for pilot projects, special initiatives and other one-time needs of the organization. Bogie presented a list of items totaling \$3.75 million that are responsive to Council Member requests, goals established by this Council and that meet the needs of the organization. New items were: Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) Infusion, Metro Transit Safety Initiatives, Climate Sustainability, and MCUB Engagement Training. Council Members asked for clarification on the Climate

Sustainability initiative and Lisa Barajas provided an explanation of the Climate Action Plan. Council Members also had questions and comments about Workforce Diversity and MCUB Engagement Training. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson provided a comment about the importance of continuing past investments in equity.

3. TPP Update Schedule and Coordination with Thrive (Amy Vennewitz 651-602-1058, Lisa Barajas 651-602-1060, Nick Thompson 651-602-1754, Leisa Thompson 651-602-8101)

Lisa Barajas, Director of Community Development; Nick Thompson, Director of Metropolitan Transportation Services; Leisa Thompson, General Manager of Environmental Services; and Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director of Finance and Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Services, gave a presentation on the TPP update schedule and coordination with Thrive. Planners from the three divisions have developed a plan for the update of the 2050 Metropolitan Development Guide, optimizing regional planning efforts for improved outcomes. This will include more integrated planning and policy analysis across divisions, as well as integrated and coordinated public engagement efforts. Adoption of the 2050 Plan will occur in mid to late 2024. The current 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) was adopted in October 2018; to comply with federal law, the TPP will require an update prior to 2024. The current Parks Plan was adopted in November 2018; the Council has a commitment to regional partners to update the Parks Plan in 2020 and to incorporate a process for system additions. The TPP 2020 updated focus will be outreach and review of current plan policies and investment direction. It will also identify issues and topics requiring additional study. Council Members had questions and comments about methodology of the studies, how youth could be included, and non-motorized transportation. Council Members also asked if stakeholders had been engaged yet; the presenters responded that this is the first public engagement. The plan will go to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) TAC Planning Committee in December and to the full TAB in January. The planners will work mainly with the Transportation Committee and will bring issues to the full Council if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Bridget Toskey
Recording Secretary