

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Committee Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Not Recorded: 1 Chamblis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the agenda. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Not Recorded: 1 Chamblis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Not Recorded: 1 Chamblis

Chair Zelle provided an update on Metro Transit police cameras and Metro Transit Police reviews. Will get proposal and agenda next week.

INFORMATION

1. Regional Economic Framework (Michael Larson, Senior Planner, Twanna Black, Center for Economic Inclusion and Amanda Taylor, Greater MSP)

Michael Larson provided an overview of the Regional Economic Framework, geography of the framework, organization of the framework, partnership of framework, and unprecedented regional challenges, strategic direction and action plan, timelines since Committee of the Whole on May 6, approval timeline, document structure, racial equity content examples, EDA funding priorities, geographic priorities, eligible applicants for funding and project examples.

Twanna Black, CEO & Founder, Center for Economic Inclusion and Amanda Taylor, Director of Research, Greater MSP talked about engagement, partnership, and prioritizing in the last few weeks.

Chair and council members had comments, questions and feedback related to grants and funding towards rebuilding and recovery due to the civil unrest, how will new immigrant refugees fit into this framework, branding, talent attraction, prioritize the support, process of submission, expressed concerns, role of Metropolitan Council and to include actions steps and measurable goals in plan, systemic racism and the Equity Advisory Committee letter.

WebEx Chat:

from Reva Chamblis to everyone:

FYI I'm here

to Reva Chamblis (privately):

Thank you.

from Amanda to everyone:

I should have audio; on my phone

from Mariia to everyone:

Some of the areas impacted by the protests are within the census tracts that meet EDA economic distress thresholds; and are in opportunity zones. These are EDA priorities within the CARES money and outside of it for the federal government.

from Mariia to everyone:

Our region is allocated \$225 million in CARES Act funding. They created a non-competitive set of grants and a competitive set of grants. As Amanda said, we heard they had so far received 1 competitive grant, but I do not think we heard about demand for the non-competitive grants.

from Mariia to everyone:

Our EDA region includes MN, IL, WI, MI, OH and IN

from Mariia to everyone:

EDA grants typically range from \$200,000 - \$3 million.

from Francisco J. Gonzalez to everyone:

Hi. I would appreciate if I could get specific explanation of the role of the Met Council in this project. Is Greater MSP the lead agency?

from 16123 to everyone:

I did not get the EAC letter either.

from Abdirahman Muse to everyone:

Can we keep EAC in the loop?

from Tawanna Black to everyone:

I would like to acknowledge that I have taken that letter and its recommendations for equitable results and service delivery into consideration as it relates to the REF plan as well and our equity plans. Thank you all!

from Michael Larson to everyone:

Thanks for your feedback and interest on the Framework. Very helpful!

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:47p.m.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary