

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: October 5, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Quarter 3 Metro Transit Safety & Security Action Plan Update (Interim Chief Richard Grates, 612-349-7246; Lt. Jason Lindner, 612-349-7205; Brian Funk, 612-349-7514; Pam Steffen, 612-349-7430; Jeremiah Cox, 612-349-7089; Lesley Kandaras, 612-349-7513)

Lesley Kandaras began with an introduction of the Safety and Security Action Plan. Metro Transit Interim Police Chief Rick Grates gave an update on Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD). Chief Grates shared data on calls for service and ridership. Council Member Johnson asked how these rates compared to pre-pandemic rates. Chief Grates responded that reporting requirements changed in 2020 so there is not an exact comparison; at the beginning of 2020 the MTPD was also fully staffed. Council Members Chamblis and Vento had questions about the data and how it is collected and reported; Council Members also had discussion about recruitment and retention of MTPD staff. Chief Grates then shared information about MTPD engagement. Council Members asked where comments and concerns from engagement are landing in the organization, as well as had questions and comments about how crime is monitored and deterred on the bus and light rail system. Council members also asked what they can do as a Council to support MTPD. Staff then presented the Safety and Security Actual Plan Q3 2022 Update. MTPD staff continue to develop the approach and reporting on implementation. The Safety & Security Action Plan emerged from the Metropolitan Council's Metro Transit Police Review and is currently comprised of 40 action items organized into three areas of work: 1. improving conditions on the system; 2. training

and supporting employees; and 3. engaging customers and partners. The Metropolitan Council endorsed the areas of work and established a quarterly reporting requirement in June 2022. Staff then shared spotlights of each area of work. Council members had questions and comments regarding external reporting and communications, the Adopt-a-Stop program and reporting, and feedback about the structure of the three areas of work.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of October 5, 2022.

Approved this 9 day of November 2022.

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