

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

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
- = present, E = excused

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 4:03 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lilligren to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-6)

1. 2023-14: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22P322A with 106 Group Ltd., and Contract 22P322B with Mead & Hunt, Inc., for Section 106 consultation services in the amount of \$550,000 each, for a total not to exceed value of \$1,100,000.
2. 2023-34: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I054D (the "SFA") with Washington County (the "County") regarding the reconstruction of the 4th St. Bridge (the "Bridge") over Interstate 694 in the City of Oakdale that will be replaced by the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (the "Gold Line Project") in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00.
3. 2023-36: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an option on existing contract 19P385A with Albrecht Sign Company for the fabrication and delivery of 31 pylon signs for installation on the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project (Gold Line Project), in an amount not to exceed \$734,529.52, contingent upon receipt of the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
4. 2023-45: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.

2. Adjust the City's employment forecasts upward for the 2030 and 2040 decades as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
 3. Advise the City:
 - a. That to obtain a Sewer Connection Permit or an Encroachment Agreement Application, contact Tim Wedin, Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager (651-602-4571) at the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts.
 5. 2023-46: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Norwood Young America to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Find that the amendment renders the City's comprehensive plan inconsistent with the Council's housing policy and that the City is therefore ineligible to participate in Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs.
 4. Advise the City:
 - a. To be consistent with Council housing policy, the City needs to increase the inventory of land guided to support the development of low- and moderate-income housing for the 2021-2030 decade by at least 160 units by guiding enough residential acres at sufficient minimum densities.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Land Use.
 6. 2023-51: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) adopt the 2023 annual targets for the roadway safety performance measures, detailed in Table 1.
- It was moved by Cumming, seconded by Vento.
- Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. 2023-48: that the Metropolitan Council
 - 1. Approve the 2023 Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan as shown in Attachment 1.
 - 2. Direct staff to organize public Committee work sessions to discuss geographic distribution of funding in the Livable Community Demonstration Account and Transit Oriented Development programs.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Council Members discussed the context of the item's movement.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. No reports

Management

1. 2023-40: that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached parameters Resolution 2023-1, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a project loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), in substantially the form as the attached draft agreement, and authorizes the issuance and sale of the supporting General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note securing the loan, in substantially the form as the draft Note referenced in the Resolution.



It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lindstrom.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

2. 2023-44: that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a change order to the Systems Contract (Contract No. 17P000) with Aldridge-Parsons, a Joint Venture (APJV), to add the 00810 Supplemental Conditions for Re-Baselined Systems Schedule Cost Claims Resolution.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cummings.

Council Members discussed the negotiation process.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. 2023-33: that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Chair and the Regional Administrator to execute the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in an amount of \$239,345,549 if awarded by the FTA.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

There were no comments or questions from Council Members.

Motion carried.

Other Business

1. 2023-57: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following 4-year appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission through January 1, 2027:
 - District F – Cecily Harris
 - District G – Anthony Taylor

And that the Metropolitan Council approve the following 2-year appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissions to help fill the vacant District D until January 1, 2025:

- District D – Tess Bouska

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lilligren.

Council Members commented on the MPOSC process.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Addressing Homelessness in the Region

Council Members discussed homelessness impacting children specifically, and the voucher process. Council Members talked about funding and staffing needs as well as community partnerships.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:57 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 March 1, 2023.



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