

# Minutes

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting date:** May 1, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

E Chair, Charlie Zelle

Judy Johnson, District 1

Reva Chamblis, District 2

E Tyronne Carter, District 3

Deb Barber, District 4

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

Robert Lilligren, District 6

E Yassin Osman, District 7

E Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9

Peter Lindstrom, District 10

E Gail Cederberg, District 11

Susan Vento, District 12

E Chai Lee, District 13

Toni Carter, District 14

E Tenzin Dolkar, 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 4:02 p.m.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

## Information

### 1. Q1 2024 MTPD and Safety & Security Action Plan Updates

Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, Metro Transit, Executive Office, 612-349-7513 provided an overview of the item to be presented.

Chief Ernest Morales III, Chief of Police, Police Admin and Investigation, 612-349-7201 presented his portion of the plan. He spoke to changing the culture and the new motto: "Mission First, People Always".

CM Vento shared something she heard at a South St. Paul leadership meeting. The local Chief of Police said that in the next 18-24 months 24% of the (2500) of the police officers in the state of Minnesota will be retiring. CM Vento would like Transit and the MTPD to work with HR to get the numbers for retirements in the next 18-24 months.

Brian Funk, Deputy GM, COO-Bus and Rail, Bus Operations Admin, 612-349-7514, presented the transit portion of the presentation.

CM Johnson would like to get a meeting/coffee set up with the President of the ATU; that would be great.

CM Johnson expressed wanting to participate in another "Ride Out".

CM Barber spoke about the Transportation Committee setting up tours. She will make sure

the invite goes out to everybody.

CM John asked about newer technology for reporting in real time to make people feel safer and more likely to report what they see. Lesley Kandaras spoke to this. Chief Morales spoke to improvements begin made. He called out the call-in number: 612-900-0411 for people to use and identified the new RED car numbers for people that are more visible.

CM Barber asked about the big uptick in our facilities work orders. Talked about the QR codes and how they work. How long are we taking to respond to these? Brian Funk indicated he does not have this information today, but it is something they can work on and bring back.

CM Barber asked do we ever circle back and follow up? Brian said he would find out the answer and close the loop.

## **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:31 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 May 1, 2024.

Approved this 15 day of May 2024.

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