

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: January 17, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, 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 4:03 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Business

1. **2024-9:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the TIP as follows:
 - Add locally funded reconstruction and bridge to the project scope and increase the cost of Anoka County's CSAH 2 multiuse trail project and correct the roadway name suffix from NW to NE;
 - Reduce cost and combine elements for St. Louis Park's two Cedar Lake Road reconstruction projects;
 - Add a new segment of shared-use path on Edgerton Street and increase the cost of Ramsey County's CSAH 14 (Koehler Rd) shared-use path project; and
 - Increase the cost of Minneapolis's two Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)-funded ADA projects.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Creatively Imagine 2050

Amanda Lovelee, Senior Outreach Coordinator, and Stephen Klimek, Senior Planner, shared an overview of the Council’s efforts to engage art and artists in policy planning, and to synthesize and amplify the Regional Development Guide’s values, goals, and policy areas. The purpose of this work is to make policy playful and fun with creative practices and artistic expression, break down complex issues through continued arts-based engagement, and to produce art for policy, using Council buildings, parks, infrastructure, fleets, and cities as the canvas. Lovelee shared a few examples of projects including the art shanties, parks signage, and the Dakota Land Map. Council Members then participated in a creative visioning activity. Council Members were also asked for their input regarding collaboration, partnership, and potential artist connections.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding collaboration with cities, townships, and other non-profit and educational organizations at every level, engagement with youth, access to potential artists, resiliency,

2. Imagine 2050 Proposed Vision Statement

Michael Larson, Planning Analyst, shared the proposed Imagine 2050 Vision Statement. The current vision statement is “A prosperous, equitable, and resilient region with abundant opportunities for all to live, work, play, and thrive.” An alternative is: “We imagine a prosperous, equitable, and resilient region with abundant opportunities for all to live, work, play, and thrive.” Larson then shared an overview of 2022—2023 timeline and engagement.

Council Members had questions and comment regarding the language, and the timeline of work including when plans will come to the Council.

3. Scenario Planning: Climate and Natural Systems

Eric Wojchik, Planning Analyst, shared an overview of scenario planning for climate and natural systems. Climate change challenges the established approaches to problem-solving. The overarching climate concepts are mitigation: actions to reduce emissions that cause climate change; adaption: actions to adjust to actual or expected climate impacts; and resilience: outcome that allows is to thrive despite climate change. Wojchik then shared information about the Minnesota climate by 2050, emissions reductions needed by 2050, and climate and natural systems changes. He then shared climate change scenario findings and natural systems scenario findings.

Council members had questions and comments including goals and regional scale, chloride usage, and development as a closed system.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:59 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 January 17, 2024.

Approved this 7th day of February 2024.

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