

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, March 2, 2020

Committee Members Present: Cummings, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Chamblis

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2020-53 JT: White Bear Township 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22083-1

Local Planning Assistance Manager Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize White Bear Township to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the Township's forecasts downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the Township to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Housing and Surface Water Management.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve White Bear Township's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2020-54 JT: City of Rogers 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22296-1

Local Planning Assistance Manager Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Rogers to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for surface water management, land use, and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Roger's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Require the City to submit information to the Council that summarizes the impact that wet weather events have on system flow response to the existing wastewater treatment plant.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2020-60 JT: City of Forest Lake 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22270-1

Planning Analyst Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Forest Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, surface water management, and land use.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Forest Lake's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Require the City to submit, as stated in the Plan, a copy of the hydraulic model and running system capacity evaluations on the local collection system once they are completed.

Motion carried.

Council Member Vento asked about an area designated for conservation, and the possibility of an acquisition. Mr. Wojchik explained the area designated for long term management, and Ms. Barajas added comments regarding the wildlife management efforts by the DNR, confirming the city does not intend to acquire.

2019-64 JT: 2020 Budget Amendment – 1st Quarter

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2020 Unified Budget amendment as indicated

Motion carried.

Vento abstained from voting.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2020-90 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Joint Powers Agreement for the Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative

Community Development Director LisaBeth Barajas presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and the Chair to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) to provide \$1,000,000 in support of the Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative.

Motion carried.

Council Member Lilligren asked whether additional local government funds would be leveraged as part of this. Ms. Barajas responded that scoring of applications could favor projects that included local funds. Council Member Lee asked whether other foundations, besides the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation, were contributing. Ms. Barajas replied that there were at least 10 other philanthropic organizations contributing to the Minnesota Homeless Fund, some of which are metro-specific, others that serve Greater Minnesota, and still others that cover the whole state.

Council Member Johnson asked about the waiver of local fees and getting through local permitting in order for potential projects to be ready. Ms. Barajas responded that she was aware of projects that have had local fees waived, but this will not be required to access these funds. She further explained that projects that are most likely to score high are those that need that last gap filled in order to launch, so likely would have already completed or are near completing the local permitting process.

Council Member Lindstrom asked whether there was a total unit goal for the Minnesota Homeless Fund. Ms. Barajas explained that the initial dollars contributed support a variety of projects, including housing support services, and not necessarily capital projects. She also noted that there was not a goal set for a total number of units to be built as part of this initiative. Council Member Vento commented on the role of faith communities to support these efforts. Council Member Wulff requested a report on the results of the Council's contributions to this effort.

INFORMATION

1. none

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary