Business Item: 2024-86

2024 Salary Adjustment for the General Counsel

**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. § 473.129, subd. 2 (Powers of Metropolitan Council); Non-Represented Plan, § 10.10  
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**Division/Department:** Regional Administration/Human Resources

**Proposed Action**
That the Metropolitan Council accept Chair Zelle’s 2024 salary adjustment recommendation for Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel, and authorize staff to implement the salary increase effective December 23, 2023.

**Background**
Unclassified positions are designated, appointed, and compensated under the authority of the Regional Administrator. Salary increases pools for unclassified and classified executive positions have been determined for 2024.

**Rationale**
With respect to annual salary increases for the General Counsel, appointed by the Metropolitan Council, section 10.9 of the Non-Represented Plan states:

“The Council Chair may propose starting salary and salary adjustments for the Regional Administrator and General Counsel. The Chair will advise the Management Committee and obtain its consent before implementing any salaries or adjustments.”

**Thrive Lens Analysis**
Stewardship – This action falls within the financial parameters established by the Council for managing labor costs and demonstrates efficient and effective management of public financial resources.

Prosperity – This action also represents a fair and reasonable wage increase and demonstrates the Council’s commitment to investment in its employees.

**Funding**
The recommended salary increase is within the 2024 adopted operating budget and is consistent with the parameters established by the Management Committee for represented bargaining units.