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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:00p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Chamblis, Ferguson, Barber, Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Lilligren, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda was moved by Lilligren, second by Sterner.

Council Member Cummings moved to amend the Community Development Report to the end of the Business Report.

Motion carried.

Minutes was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Ron Kammueler, a maintenance foreman on METRO Green Line LRT and ATU Board Member representing LRT maintenance employees, shared his concerns about the Rail MTT internship program and his thoughts about an apprenticeship program.

John Hawthorne, mechanical technician, voiced concerns with the Rail MTT internship program.

Doni Jones spoke about allegations and complaints of racial disparity against bus operators, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and employee discipline matters. He requested management to work with the ATU.

Ryan Timlin, ATU President, voiced concern about an alleged sexual assault against an operator and his concerns regarding management's responses to that incident and ATU data requests. ATU would like management to meet with them to discuss an apprenticeship program.

Ciera Clark, a bus operator voiced concerns around alleged sexual harassment and sexual assault by an employee while driving a bus.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-19)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2019-50: The Metropolitan Council authorizes contract 19M125 with GIRO Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 to provide maintenance and support service to Metro Transit scheduling software through May 2023

2019-250: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to make ongoing maintenance, hosted services and support service payments as Sole Source purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$7,382,603. This includes installed software and hardware as listed on the attached 2020 Information Services Sole Source Vendor list.

2019-260: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Master Partnership Contract with MnDOT for various professional and technical services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

2019-268: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes an amendment to the design contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates in the amount of \$184,241 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$2,669,076. This contract amendment will provide additional design and construction support services of the new Transit Station at the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.

2019-281: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 12 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for 2020 SWLRT staff support in a total amount not to exceed \$2,443,627.

2019-287: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 14P161 with Masterson Personnel to extend the contract term to March 31, 2020 and add \$250,000 to bring the total contract value to \$2,125,000.

2019-289: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 03 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the total amount not to exceed \$1,630,609.00 for calendar year 2020.

2019-290: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority (EDA) related to funding and construction of a park and ride structure adjacent to Beltline Station as part of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project.

2019-292: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a five-year contract with Origami Risk to provide software implementation, support, and maintenance services for a Risk Management Information System (RMIS), in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

2019-299 That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2020.

2019-300: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to change the termini and the cost of Hennepin County's Traffic management system project.

2019-301: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to add enhanced bus stops (funded by Metro Transit) to Minneapolis's Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project.

2019-302: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to add roadway mill and overlay work to the adjacent roadway along St. Paul's Como Avenue bikeway project.

2019-303: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to add a sidewalk parallel to Burnsville's Lake Marion Greenway project.

2019-304: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the St. Croix Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant odor control building fire restoration, MCES Project No. 070227, Contract No. 19P023, with Total Mechanical Services, Inc., with an amount not to exceed \$2,761,131.00.

2019-305: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Master Utility Agreement (MUA) with Sprint to add \$2,875,000 for reimbursement of costs, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$3,025,000, associated with relocation of utilities that conflict with the Southwest LRT Project.

2019-312: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator or her delegate(s) to negotiate one or more amendment(s) to the Net Ground Lease for 400 Snelling Avenue North with the City of St. Paul to accommodate its current or future tenant(s), with provisions that advance the Council's TOD Policy and comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and rules.

2019-324 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Phase I and Miscellaneous Improvements, MCES Project Numbers 807400, 807415, 807825, 807826, Contract No. 19P155, with Rice Lake Construction Group, for an amount not to exceed \$23,745,060.00.

2019-325 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Master Contract for Owner's Agent and other technical services for Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements, Services Building and Analytical Laboratory Building, Contract 19P011, with Black and Veatch Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$14,000,468.00.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2019-298: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development grants as shown in Table 1 below, totaling \$1,431,800.
2. Table action on the Saint Paul Lexington Project until the City can demonstrate neighborhood concerns have been resolved, but no later than November 23, 2019.

3. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council

Table 1. Recommended Projects

| Project Name | Applicant | Points | LCDA-TOD Funding |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Bimosedaa | Minneapolis | 97.64 | \$1,000,000 |
| L&H Phase III | Minneapolis | 92.27 | \$431,800 |
| <i>Lexington Project</i> | <i>Saint Paul</i> | <i>94.20</i> | <i>\$1,250,000</i> |
| Total Recommended | | | \$1,431,800 |
| Total Available | | | \$4,500,000 |
| Total Remaining | | | \$3,068,200 |

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Vento to amend the second bullet to read: require the City Saint Paul Lexington Project to demonstrate neighborhood concerns about the Lexington Project have been resolved no later than November 23, 2019 so that the Community Development Committee can reconsider the city application or grant funds for this grant project at the Dec. 2, 2019 meeting or subsequently. It was seconded by Fredson.

Council members discussed concerns around the word “resolve” and the intent to change the language. Staff explained the propose to amend the language.

Council members made comments about the project and how LACA scores projects to receive grants.

Amendment carried.

Motion carried on the original action as amended.

2019-311: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize Denmark Township to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the Township to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management and Forecasts.
3. Within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, the Township must adopt the MRCCA Plan, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

2019-315: Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of St. Louis Park to place the 2019 Land Use Amendment Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.

1. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
2. Revise the City's allocation of the regional affordable housing need for 2021-2030 as shown in Table 3 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Housing.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

Environment

2019-323 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute the Water Efficiency Grant Program grants recommended in Attachment A in the total amount of \$787,100.

Council Member Cummings had question regarding the remaining funds and timeframe communities have to expend the fund awarded.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

Management

2019-286: That the Metropolitan Council approves the attached parameters Resolution 2019-23 to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement. And further, to issue the related General Obligation Sewer Note securing the loan agreement substantially in the form of the Note referenced in the resolution.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2019-181: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract 17P085 for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) to Collins Aerospace (formerly ARINC/Rockwell Collins) in an amount not to exceed \$15,303,023.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

2019-288: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a METRO Gold line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Capital Grant Agreement with the

Ramsey and Washington Counties' Joint Powers Board in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000,000.00 for calendar years 2020 & 2021.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Joint Reports of the Environment and Community Development Committees:

2019-272 JT: 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 Lilydale to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 18 units.
4. Advise the City to adopt the MRCCA Plan within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Lilydale's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

2019-293 JT: 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 Coon Rapids to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use and Surface Water Management.
3. Advise the City to adopt the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area (MRCCA) Plan within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Coon Rapids's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried.

2019-294 JT: 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 Falcon Heights to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's Affordable Housing Need Allocation to 11.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Surface Water Management, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Falcon Heights's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

2019-295 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

4. Authorize the City of Corcoran to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
5. Revise the City's sewer-serviced forecasts upward as shown in Table 2 of the Review Record.
6. Revise the City's 2021-2030 affordable housing need allocation to 377 units.
7. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, land use, and water supply.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the Corcoran's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. Advise of City that the means and timing of regional wastewater service to southwest Corcoran will be determined as part of a Study that will begin in 2020 and be completed in time to be reflected in the City's 2025 System Statement.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Council Member Fredson abstained from vote.

Motion carried.

2019-296 JT: 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 Arden Hills to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Housing, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Arden Hills' Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Council members had discussion and concerns around how the plan aligns with Thrive lens and how it relates with equity and affordable housing goals. They encourage staff to continue to engage with

stakeholders and people who are most impacted with the need for affordable housing. They discussed sharing a letter with the action to the city and elected officials.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

Opposed: Gonzalez, Atlas-Ingebretson

Motion carried.

2019-297 JT: 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 Hampton to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

2. Approve the City of Hampton's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS INFORMATION

Information Item: 2019 Update of the Regional Forecast

Todd Graham gave a presentation on the 2019 update of the Regional Forecast, Council's role in forecasting, why a forecast update, how we develop the regional forecast, updated regional forecast to 2040, Twin Cities population growth components, population growth, the forecast model highlights the main demographic trends, growing racial and ethnic diversity, aging of the population, why forecasts change, over two million jobs by 2040, a rethinking of how we convert forecasted population into households, Household growth: +329,000 over 30 years, and no local forecast changes at this time.

Council member had comments and questions regarding population trends, growth, impact on the housing forecast and accuracy of 2020 census.

Information Item: Metro Transit Police Department Body Camera Policy for Public Comment

Chief Frizell and Leah Palmer gave a presentation on body-worn cameras, why body-worn cameras, development team, policy overview, public comment and next steps.

Council members had questions and comments regarding statistics, view and focus of the cameras, policy and procedures, data compliance, and community engagement.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Chair: Gave thanks to everyone for all the work they've done, and it was an honor to be appointed as Chair.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of November 13, 2019.

Approved this 11 day of December 2019.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary