

Council Chair Nora Slawik

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Abdirahman Muse

Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:01PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lilligren. **Motion carried**

Minutes was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom. **Motion carried**

BUSINESS

Joint Report of the Management, Community Development, Environment, and Transportation Committees.

2019-166 JT SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2019 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Sterner. **Motion carried**

Aye: 12 Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Lilligren, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Slawik

Nay: 0

Absent: 5 Johnson, Chamblis, Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, Lee

2019-187 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2019 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Sterner. **Motion carried**

Aye: 12 Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Lilligren, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Slawik

Nay: 0

Absent: 5 Johnson, Chamblis, Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, Lee

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2019-156: That the Metropolitan Council:
Approve a grant of up to \$813,048.22 to Washington County to acquire the 75.4-acre Nelson property located at 12096 170th Street in the City of Marine on St. Croix for Big Marine Park Reserve, contingent on Council approval of the 2019 Quarter 2 Unified Budget Amendment, Business Item 2019-166 JT; and Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
- 2019-157 That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$427,597.50 to Dakota County to acquire a 0.55-acre easement across the Blockbuster property located at 1539 Robert Street South in the City of West St. Paul for the River to River Greenway Regional Trail, contingent on Council approval of the 2019 Quarter 2 Unified Budget Amendment, Business Item 2019-166 JT;
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council;
3. Consider reimbursing Dakota County for up to \$142,532.50 from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program;
4. Inform Dakota County that if the County fails to complete the needed land assemblage by December 31, 2022, then:
 a. Dakota County agrees to reimburse the Council for the costs of this property
 b. The future reimbursement consideration for this acquisition is nullified; and
5. Inform Dakota County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
- 2019-168 That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$255,266.25 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 1.02-acre Guzek parcel located at 27060 Sylvan Lake Road in the City of Rogers for Crow-Hassan Park Reserve, contingent on Council approval of the 2019 Quarter 2 Unified Budget Amendment, Business Item 2019-166 JT; 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council; 3. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$85,088.75 from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program for costs associated with this purchase; and 4. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
- 2019-169: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$509,869.50 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 26,636 square-foot easement from the New City Covenant Church located at 6400 Tracy Avenue in the City of Edina for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, contingent on Council approval of the 2019 Quarter 2 Unified Budget Amendment, Business Item 2019-166 JT; and; 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council; 3. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$169,956.50 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Bonding Program; and 4. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future

reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

- 2019-170: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve the CP Rail Regional Trail Master Plan for Segment A.
 2. Notify Three Rivers Park District that a Council approved master plan for the CP Rail Regional Trail Search Corridor Segments B-F is required prior to future funding requests.
 3. Require that Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating development of the regional trail, send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
- 2019-178: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for flagging services for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project to TCWR in the amount of \$500,000.
- 2019-188: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend and extend the contract 15P125 with HealthPartners for Well@Work clinic administrative services for a one-year period through December 31, 2020. The original contract amount was \$942,000 and an amendment to add \$1,224,000 was approved June 14, 2017. An additional amount of \$1,000,000 is needed for the one-year extension. We will issue an RFP for clinic administrative services in 2020.
- 2019-197: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Community Development Director to execute grant agreements for Parks and Trails Legacy Fund projects (attachment 1) totaling up to \$17,837,100 on behalf of the Council. This item is contingent on Council approval of the 2019 Quarter 2 Unified Budget Amendment, Business Item 2019-166.
- 2019-200: The Metropolitan Council authorized internal loans to cover the cash flow needs of Environmental Services capital funds.
- 2019-202: That the Metropolitan Council ratifies the attached Emergency Declaration for flood mitigation at Environmental Services Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) in the final amount of \$233,596.64.
- 2019-223SW: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add to the project scope and cost for Hennepin County's County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 81 bridge replacement project.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Community Development

- 2019-2015 That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Coates to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
 2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Local Water Management Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff. **Motion carried.**

- 2019-2016 That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Miesville to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
 2. Advise the City/Township/County to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Water Supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff. **Motion carried.**

- 2019-217 That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of New Trier to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
 2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Local Water Management Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff. **Motion carried.**

Environment – Reports on Consent

Management

- 2019-196 That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Pipefitters Union, Local Union No. 455, AFL-CIO, effective for the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber. **Motion carried**

Transportation

- 2019-193 That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise the previously authorized Optional Year 6 in the Metro Mobility Demand East Zone Contract 14P109 with First Transit and increase the maximum contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$24,395,837.

It was moved by Barber, Seconded by Cummings. **Motion carried.**

- 2019-222SW That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add to the project scope and cost for Hennepin County's County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 81 bridge replacement project.

It was moved by Barber, Seconded by Sterner. **Motion carried.**

Joint Reports of Community Development and Environment Committees

- 2019-198JT 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 Excelsior 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 allocation to 12 units, as described in Review Record
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee
Approve the City of Excelsior's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento. **Motion carried.**

2019-199JT 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 West St. Paul to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to provide to the Council the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan when it is available.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of West St. Paul's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Require the City to submit to the Council a copy of the final adopted Ordinance that requires the disconnection of any identified prohibited discharges to the sanitary sewer system.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Ferguson. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Information Item: 2020 Preliminary Budget and Levies

Council staff gave a presentation on the 2020 preliminary budget and levies. Mary Bogie gave a presentation on the Council budget development, budget authority, Council levy authority, levy strategy, proposed 2020 property tax levies – 88.7 M, Metro Area and Transit debt service levy, debt service levies, Livable Communities Levies (Grant programs), general purposes levy - \$15.7 M, 2020 general purposes targeted initiatives that include preserve housing vouchers, Metro Mobility pilot, management workforce diversity, homeless initiative and housing that is affordable, impact on the taxpayer and the proposed 2019 Operating Budget – 1.2 B, General Fund Operations - \$86 M for Regional Administration - \$71.2 M.

Lisa Barajas presented the Community Development 2020 budget overview and initiatives that include homeless initiative, affordable housing, parks visitor study, climate stats, Plan It: Implementing comprehensive plans. Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented the Community Development Operations - \$22 M, Community Development sources, and Community Development passthrough.

Leisa Thompson presented Environmental Services purpose and initiatives that include how well we are doing financial, health, safety and environment, customer service and 2018 customer survey results, operating budget highlights, and annual retail sewer charge household. Ned Smith presented the 5-year municipal wastewater charge projection, Environmental Services Operations – 162 M, Environmental Services sources, wastewater outstanding debt and peer agencies.

Wes Kooistra introduced the budget and information provided. Ed Petrie presented the basis for budget development: Metropolitan Council Policy and Actions, forecasts and legislation, state general fund appropriation, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST), tracking financial outlook, structural and financial

Position, budget framework, Transportation Operations Budget - \$622 M, Transportation Operations sources. Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented Metro Mobility initiatives that include Lakeville expansion, on-demand service pilot, data sharing with Department of Human Services, Metro Mobility by the numbers, challenges, contracted services ridership, Metro Transit ridership.

Mary Bogie finished the presentation with a reminder the Council will adopt the preliminary operation budget and levy at the August 28, 2019 Council meeting.

Council Members had questions and discussion regarding the preliminary budget, HRA program and engaging cities and communities to contribute to the shortfall of vouchers. Council Members would like to move towards a solution for 2021, they would like an opportunity to discuss and decide targeted initiatives before the final budget is adopted. There were also questions and comments regarding Metro Mobility pilot program and Metro Transit ridership trends.

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Sterner. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Chair: None

Council Members: None

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 14, 2019.

Approved this 21st day of August 2019.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary