

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

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, March 25, 2020 4:00p.m. Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

**ABSENT:** Atlas-Ingebretson

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle the meeting to order at 4:03pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

### APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

## BUSINESS

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

2020-64 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2020 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-17)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

2020-76: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Lyft, Inc. and Transportation Plus, Inc., to provide an on-demand hailing service and on-demand taxi service options to Metro Mobility customers for a one year pilot period beginning upon service launch, with two optional single year contract extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$4,752,537.

2020-84: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute four master contracts for rail systems maintenance services to support Blue Line, Green Line Light Rail Systems and NorthStar Commuter Rail Systems maintenance projects as follows:

LTK Engineering Services, Inc. - \$1,000,000  
WSP USA, Inc. - \$5000,000  
HDR Engineering, Inc. - \$250,000  
Gannett Fleming Transit and Rail Systems - \$250,000

2020-88: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Dakota County's Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail (Hastings) Master Plan.
2. Require Dakota County, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division Assistant Manager.

2020-89 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Chair to sign the Findings of Fact and Conclusions developed through the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) that the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

2020-92: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the third Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority to extend the

duration to June 30, 2020 and add \$49,338,784 bringing the total grant amount to \$602,795,681.

- 2020-95 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 19P281 with WSP USA, Inc., in the amount of \$6,426,423 for design and construction support services related to Blue Line Enhancements Phase II.
- 2020-97: That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC-Transit) Contract 2020-1436 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI), to purchase four (4) low-floor replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,740,000 contingent upon approval of BI 2020-6-JT.
- 2020-98: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a sole source agreement with Trapeze Software Group Inc. for replacement of Automated Vehicle Location/Mobile Data Computer (AVL/MDC) devices for the Metro Mobility and Transit Link fleet in an amount not to exceed \$1,590,000 contingent on approval of Business Item 2020-64-JT 2020 Budget Amendment – 1st Quarter.
- 2020-100: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes purchase of Odor Control Media Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10 from Purafil, Inc., in the amount of \$832,940.00 and Odor Control Media Items 4, 5, 7, and 8 from Total Mechanical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$732,000.00, 2020 Odor Control Media Procurement, contract 19P361.
- 2020-101: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award, negotiation and execution of sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. not to exceed \$2,600,000 to provide bulk chemicals and services for odor and corrosion control.
- 2020-104 SW: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute the Franklin Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facility Modifications Contract (19P272) for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) to LS Black Constructors in an amount not to exceed \$38,650,000. The action is contingent upon receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the FTA and approval of the LONP work from Hennepin County.
- 2020-105 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Morcon Construction in the amount of \$15,911,493.00, for construction of the Orange Line BRT Stations project.
- 2020-106 SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the length of Route 63, reduce the number of buses purchased, add Route 323, and split into two project years Metro Transit's Route 63 Service Improvement project.
- 2020-107 SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a districtwide set-a-side for pavement marking and cat-track1 projects.
- 2020-108 SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project installing temporary signals at Interstate 35 E and County Road J in Lino Lakes.

2020-109 SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add roadway reconstruction to St. Louis Park's pedestrian bridge project.

2020-112 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Metro Transit Police Department and the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for the purpose of partnership on the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Gonzalez.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

## **BUSINESS**

**Community Development** – No Report

**Environment** – Report on Consent Agenda

### **Management**

2020-87: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached list of Authorized Financial Institutions for the Certificate of Deposit Program.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Sterner.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

Abstain: 2 Ferguson, Sterner

**Transportation** – Report on Consent Agenda

### **Joint Reports of Environment and Community Development Committees**

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

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

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

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

2020-60 JT: City of Forest Lake 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File No. 22270-1

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

**OTHER BUSINESS**

2020-83 (Amended): That the Metropolitan Council amend the standing committee assignment portion of Business Item No. 2020-83, previously approved by the Council at its February 26, 2020 meeting, to read as follows:

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Audit
Lilligren, Chair	Lindstrom, Chair	Ferguson, Chair	Barber, Chair	Johnson, Chair
Vento, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Johnson, Vice Chair	Chamblis, Vice Chair	Lee, Vice Chair
Atlas-Ingebretson	Fredson	Barber	Atlas-Ingebretson	Barber
Cummings	Sterner	Gonzalez	Cummings	Vento

Chamblis	Vento	Lee	Ferguson	
Johnson	Zeran	Lilligren	Fredson	
Lee		Muse	Gonzalez	
Lindstrom			Sterner	
Wulff			Zeran	
Muse				

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Sterner.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

2020-113: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissions:

District C – Nathan Rich  
District D – Lolita Davis Carter

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

2020-114: That the Council: (1) adopt the attached Peacetime Emergency Policy; and (2) ratify the Regional Administrator’s modifications to personnel policies and changes to how certain work of the Council staff is organized; and (3) grant the Regional Administrator, in consultation with the Chair, such other authority as necessary to continue Council operations during the pendency of this peacetime emergency.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

Council member Chamblis requested more clarification on suspending hiring policies and procedures. Regional Administrator Meredith Vadis explained the policy.

## REPORTS

Council Members:

Vento: Shared she spent time calling city administrators in the districts she represents, and they were well received.

Fredson: Thanked staff for the work they are doing recognized Chair and RA for their leadership and work over the past few weeks. Council member asked when the Council will know the financial impact this will have on Metropolitan Council. Meredith Vadis responded by stating we will know more in the next few weeks. Ridership and MVST is down and will have a financial impact.

Cummings: Thanked Chair Zelle and RA Meredith Vadis for the leadership and the creativity that is being done and finds social media posts are helpful and easy to share.

Chair: Gave an update on Covid-19 and thanked staff for the work they've been doing and their leadership and the continued support.

Regional Administrator: Gave an update on the Governors Shelter in Place order and an update on policy changes including a 40% service reduction, implementing rear door boarding on Metro Transit buses, HRA and Metro Mobility transitioned services to online and phone call services, Metro Mobility has moved to single passenger rides and grocery delivery service. She thanked Council staff and volunteers for their work, creativity and flexibility.

General Counsel: Thanked the counsel team and staff and is impressed by all the creativity and work that is being done.

Motion to adjourn by Lee, seconded by Lindstrom.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 25, 2020.

Approved this 8 day of April, 2020

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary