

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, June 10, 2020 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01pm 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Cummings.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2020-148: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Council's Target Fund Balance Policy for Transportation funds, Self-Insurance and MVST in accordance with the attached revised Target Fund Balance Policy
- 2020-154: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Resolution 2020-07 to set the regular meeting schedule of the Transportation Committee, effective beginning July 1, 2020.
- 2020-163SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to eliminate mobility hubs from St. Paul's electric vehicle carshare project.
- 2020-164SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add rehabilitation of three additional bridges to its US 952A / I-94 bridge rehabilitation.
- 2020-165SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a safety improvement study on US 12.
- 2020-166SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the scope of MnDOT's replacement of dynamic message signs.

It was moved by Johnson seconded by Barber.

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

BUSINESS

Community Development – No Reports

Environment – No Reports

Management

- 2020-152: That the Metropolitan Council approve Business Item No. 2020-152 to increase the threshold for micro purchase for all funding types from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and, increase

the threshold micro purchase for locally funded projects only, when purchasing from a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) from \$10,000 to \$25,000. That the Metropolitan Council direct Council staff to: make appropriate modifications to Policy-Procurement (Section/Number 3-4-3) and Policy-Inclusion of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Metropolitan Council Underutilized Businesses (MCUBs) (Section/Number 3-4-6); and make corresponding modifications to the Metropolitan Council's MCUB program procedures and other procurement procedures or contracting requirements.

It was moved by Ferguson seconded by Cummings.

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

Transportation - Reports on Consent Agenda

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information Item: Solar Gardens

Sara Smith, Sustainable Operations Manager gave a presentation on the review of community solar garden project including how the community solar benefits the council, region, and our customers, MCES subscriptions across the region, current program saving to MCES, and how community solar works.

The Chair and council members had comments and questions regarding partnership, semi ownership with solar developers, managing the 79 gardens subscriptions and keeping track of transfer of ownership, barriers for low income subscribers, Excel Energy is in a process of new program and provide grant funding, saving or partnering and looking into storage.

Council Member Gonzalez sent a comment to everyone:

Minneapolis Public Schools is right now reshaping our schools and finding ways to creatively address budget issues, school consolidation, STEM promotion for our students and community engagement. Partnership with Met Council on solar gardens would nicely fit with these objectives!

2. Budget Development Discussion

Mary Bogie, Deputy Regional Administrator gave an update on 2021 Operating budget Development including the budget development schedule, budget pressures, and preliminary Levy thoughts – 0% increase. Council members had questions regarding budget, grant request, expectations from agencies, and continue to receive updates on the budget.

REPORTS

Chair Zelle stated the Governor called special session and we met with bonding committee. The Executive Committee started meeting every month and think its valuable to share information to the committees. We will start the process to review the Metro Transit Policy Department policies and procedures and Mary Bogie will coordinate this effort. Chair Zelle and Sergeant Blakey provided an update on the encampment and stated none of the unsheltered individuals at Hiawatha encampment were at the Sheraton hotel they were transferred to other places.

Council member Chamblis asked Chief Frizell to speak about MTPD and give an update. Chief Frizell provided an update on the department, moving forward and reviewing the policy.

Council member Ferguson asked the Chief his thoughts on what he needs from council members to provide community and business engagement. Chief Frizell responded by stating we need to come up with a structure to speak with council members in a timely manner.

Council member Johnson stated they should have more transparency and communication with the Chief.

Council member Muse stated this is a difficult time and we need to send a message to community members that we stand with them.

Council Member Cummings attended the ULI Minnesota 11th Annual Housing Summit webinar on housing choices and market impacts in a disruptive economy sponsored by Prosperity's Front Door and thought it was very interesting and informative for all levels of housing.

Deputy Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 10, 2020.

Approved this 24th day of June, 2020.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary