

**Other Business**

Meeting date: August 26, 2020

<b>Subject:</b>	Preliminary 2021 Budget & Property Tax Levies
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, Section 473.121, and Section 473.13, Subdivision 1
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Marie Henderson, Acting Chief Financial Officer (651) 602-1387
<b>Division/Department:</b>	All

**Proposed Action**

Adoption of the following Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council’s Preliminary 2021 Unified Operating Budget and the Proposed 2020, Payable 2021, Tax Levies:

- 2020-10:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council’s Preliminary 2021 Unified Operating Budget
- 2020-11:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council’s Proposed 2020 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2020-12:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council’s Proposed 2020 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
- 2020-13:** Adopting a Proposed 2020 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2020-14:** Adopting a Proposed 2020 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2020-15:** Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2020 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds
- 2020-16:** Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2020 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds

**Background**

Minnesota Statutes require the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2021 preliminary operating budget and proposed levies for 2020, payable in 2021, for certification to the County Auditors and Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue.

Minnesota Statutes regarding Truth In Taxation require the Metropolitan Council to:

- Announce the date and place of its subsequent regularly scheduled meeting(s) at which the budget and levy will be discussed and which the public will be allowed to speak,
- The meeting(s) in which the budget and levy will be discussed and final budget and levy determined must occur after November 22, and



- The meeting(s) shall not be held before 6:00pm

Therefore, the date, time, and place of the meeting will be the Council Meeting scheduled for:

December 9, 2020, 6:00pm  
 Council Chambers  
 390 Robert Street North  
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

**Rationale**

Unified Operating Budget

- Adoption of the Preliminary Unified Operating Budget establishes the framework for development of a public comment document.
- Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires adoption of proposed budget and certification of proposed property tax levies for certification to both the Commissioner of Revenue and to the County Auditors on or before September 15.
- There will be continuing discussion on the budget through the fall so that the Council may make further changes to the budget up to final adoption, expected to occur on December 9, 2020.

Preliminary 2020, Payable 2021, Property Tax Levies

- Prior to final certification of levies in December the Council may elect to reduce levies from this preliminary level, but may not increase them.

**Funding**

The attached tax levy resolutions are summarized as follows:

<u>Levies Requiring Council Action</u>	<u>Preliminary Levies</u>	<u>Resolution No.(s)</u>
General Purposes	\$16,139,454	2020-11 2020-12
Livable Communities Demonstration Account	12,668,002	2020-13
Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account	5,000,000	2020-14
Transit Debt Service Anticipation	13,887,379	2020-15
Parks Debt Service Anticipation	<u>1,800,000</u>	2020-16
<b>Total Levies Requiring Council Action</b>	<b><u>49,494,835</u></b>	

**Levies Not Requiring Council Action**  
**(previously certified)**

Transit Debt Service 39,244,167

39,244,167

**TOTAL LEVIES** **88,739,002**

**Known Support / Opposition**

None

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S  
PRELIMINARY 2021 UNIFIED OPERATING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the Cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Metropolitan Council Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2021 is \$1,148,720,000 consisting of \$801,711,000 for operations, \$127,992,000 for pass-through grants, \$201,354,000 for debt service and \$17,663,000 for other post-employment benefits.
2. THAT the Metropolitan Council will continue to review the proposed budget until the final budget is adopted in December 2020.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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Charles Zelle, Chair

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Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S PROPOSED  
2020 TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES  
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY AUDITORS**

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the County Auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the Cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 1, authorizes the Council to levy a tax on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area to provide funds for the general purpose of carrying out the Council's responsibilities as provided by law; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13 requires that the share of the tax to be levied within each county by the Council must be an amount bearing the same proportion to the total final levy agreed on by the Council as the net tax capacity of the county bears to the net tax capacity of the metropolitan area.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, payable in 2021, for general Council purposes is \$16,139,454.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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Charles Zelle, Chair

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Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S PROPOSED  
2020 TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES  
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the Cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 1, authorizes the Council to levy a tax on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area to provide funds for the general purpose of carrying out the Council's responsibilities as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 2, requires the Council to certify its proposed property tax levy for general Council purposes to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue by September 1 of the levy year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, payable in 2021, for general Council purposes is \$16,139,454.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2020 TAX LEVY FOR THE  
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT IN THE  
METROPOLITAN LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FUND**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the Cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.253, Subdivision 1, authorizes a property tax levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT the amount of the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, payable in 2021, is \$12,668,002.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2020 TAX LEVY FOR THE  
TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT  
OF THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the Cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hennepin County Auditor has certified an amount of \$7,876,457.50 under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b); and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(c), provides that the Metropolitan Council may annually certify to the Ramsey County Auditor the amount certified by the Hennepin County Auditor under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b), but not to exceed \$5,000,000, to be used to provide funds for cleanup of polluted lands in the metropolitan area; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, payable in 2021, as an addition to the area wide levy under the Metropolitan Revenue Distribution Act and credited to the Tax Base Revitalization Account within the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund is \$5,000,000.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A TAX LEVY FOR 2020  
FOR DEBT SERVICE ON FUTURE TRANSIT BONDS**

- WHEREAS,** The Council anticipates issuing general obligation transit bonds in 2020 and/or 2021 and making principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2021 to February 1, 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council may certify a tax levy in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds in a manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4461 provides that notwithstanding any provision of section 473.446 or any other law, the Council may not levy a tax under section 473.446, subdivision 1, in any city not included in the transit taxing district as it existed on January 1, 2001, unless the Council and the governing body of that city have agreed on a transit service expansion plan; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has reached agreement on a transit service expansion plan with each of the governing bodies of the Cities of Columbus, Forest Lake, Lakeville, Maple Plain and Ramsey in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4461; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been determined that a tax levy in 2020, payable in 2021, is necessary to fund principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2021 to February 1, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, subdivision 1, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to levy a tax in 2020, payable in 2021, of \$13,887,379 upon the Transit Taxing District as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.446, subdivision 2, and upon the cities of Columbus, Forest Lake, Lakeville, Maple Plain and Ramsey for debt service on general obligation transit bonds to be issued by the Council in 2020 and/or 2021.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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Charles Zelle, Chair

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A TAX LEVY FOR 2020  
FOR DEBT SERVICE ON FUTURE PARKS BONDS**

**WHEREAS,** The Council anticipates issuing general obligation on parks bonds in 2020 and/or 2021 and making principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2021 to February 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council may certify a tax levy in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds in a manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been determined that a tax levy in 2020, payable in 2021, is necessary to fund principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2021 to February 1, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to levy a tax in 2020 payable in 2021, of \$1,800,000 for debt service on general obligation parks bonds to be issued by the Council in 2020 and/or 2021.

Adopted this 26th day of August 2020.

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Charles Zelle, Chair

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Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

**TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING DATES  
FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2021**

Taxing District: **Metropolitan Council**

Contact Person: **Stewart McMullan**

Phone: (651) 602-1374

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Listed below is the 2020 data for the (1) date and time of the hearing, (2) location of the public hearing, (3) the phone number to be published and (4) the mailing address for written responses. Please review this information and make the necessary changes or indicate, by putting an "X" next to SAME, that this information is what should be published in the Truth in Taxation Notice.

1)  
Public Hearing Date: December 9, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

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2)  
Location: Council Chambers

Address: 390 Robert Street North  
St Paul, MN 55101-1805

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3)  
Phone: (651) 602-1738

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Mailing Address: Metropolitan Council  
390 Robert Street North  
St Paul, MN 55101-1805

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Please return this form to the address below with your proposed levy certification by Sep 4, 2020.

Dick Sivanich, Tax Accounting Supervisor  
Ramsey County Records & Revenue  
90 West Plato Boulevard  
P.O. Box 64097  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0097

Phone #: (651) 266-2042

Fax #: (651) 266-2199

**COUNTY, CITY AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT LEVY CERTIFICATION  
PROPOSED TAXES PAYABLE IN 2021**

FOR **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
 (Governmental Agency)

LEVY PURPOSE	CERTIFIED FINAL TAX LEVY
<b>NET TAX CAPACITY BASED LEVIES</b>	
1) General	\$ 16,139,454.00
2a) Debt – Transit Taxing District and Cities of Lakeville, Forest Lake, Columbus, Maple Plain and Ramsey	53,131,546.00
2b) Debt – Parks	1,800,000.00
3) Other (Please Specify)	0.00
4) Highway Right-of-Way Acquisition	0.00
5) Livable Communities Demonstration Account	12,668,002.00
6) Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account	5,000,000.00
10) Total Net Tax Capacity Based Levies (Total 1 through 9)	\$ 88,739,002.00
<b>MARKET VALUE BASED LEVIES</b>	
11)	\$
12)	
13) Total Market Value Based Referendum Levies (Total 11 & 12)	\$ 0.00
14) Total Certified Levy (Total 10 & 13)	\$ 88,739,002.00

I, the authorized representative of the above mentioned Governmental Agency, certify that the foregoing information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Acting Chief Financial Officer      August 27, 2020  
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 Signature of Authorized Representative      Title      Date

Phone Number of Contact Person      Marie Henderson (651) 602-1387