

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

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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, December 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Ferguson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

AMENDED AGENDA APPROVED

Chair Zelle noted that a roll call vote is not needed for approval of the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Sterner. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

BUSINESS

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

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2020-305 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 Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2020-261: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following:

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2021:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Anoka County	Transportation Coordination Assistance Project	\$120,000.00

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2022:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Lifeworks Services, Inc.	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$74,400.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$148,800.00
Newtrax, Inc.	6 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$446,400.00
	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Expansion	\$148,800.00
Pro-Act, Inc. - Eagan	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$74,400.00
Rise, Inc.	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$148,800.00
TOTAL		\$1,041,600.00

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2023:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$76,800.00
	1 (Class 500) Vehicle Replacement	132,000.00
Newtrax, Inc.	6 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$460,800.00
	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Expansion	\$153,600.00
Rise, Inc.	3 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$230,400.00

TOTAL		\$1,053.600.00
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- 2020-284: That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to accept comments on proposed service changes outlined in the Orange Line Connecting Bus Study Concept Plan.
- 2020-310: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:
 1. negotiate and execute an amendment to the Intersection LLC., contract based on the attached term sheet that continues to provide relief from the minimum annual guarantee (MAG) payments owed the Council.
 - ~~2. extend the term of the Intersection contract to April 30, 2023.~~
- 2020-311: That the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2020-30 declaring a public purpose and authorizing Council staff to commence acquisition of all temporary and permanent easements and fee acquisitions (“Property”) necessary for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project and associated locally requested scope; authorize the Regional Administrator to approve expenditures at the appraised or settlement amount of up to \$1 million for any parcel; and authorize the Regional Administrator to initiate condemnation proceedings on behalf of the Council and local agency partners, for parcels that cannot be acquired by direct purchase.
- 2020-315: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached list of Authorized Financial Institutions for 2021.
- 2020-318: That the Metropolitan Council adopt payment standards as shown in Table 1 for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2021.
- 2020-323: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an administrative amendment to the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program budget that more accurately reflects projected end-of-year spending. This action is requested by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).
- 2020-324: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a sole source contract with Trapeze, Inc. to provide the Council with the replacement of up to 150 Transit Master Systems for MTS fixed route fleet, in an amount not to exceed \$896,757.

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

- Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
- Nay: 0
- Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff
- Not Recorded: 1 Muse

BUSINESS

A. Community Development - Reports on consent agenda

B. Environment – No reports

C. Management – Reports on consent agenda

D. Transportation

2020-316: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes additional expenditure within agreement 171009 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation not to exceed \$7,574,848, for a revised total authorization not to exceed \$54,446,598.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

E. Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-307 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 Andover to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation for 2021-2030 to 362 units.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for TAZ allocations, Local Water Management Plan, and Local Water Supply Plan.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

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

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

2020-309 JT SW: 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 Ramsey to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 2 and Table 3 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City that per state statute resolutions adopting comprehensive plans cannot be based on contingent approval by the Metropolitan Council. Minnesota Statutes, section 473.585, subdivision 3, states: Comprehensive "plans shall be submitted to the council following recommendation by the planning agency of the unit and after consideration but before final approval by the governing body of the unit." (emphasis added). Submission of an adopting resolution inconsistent with state statute may jeopardize the City's access to necessary permits or eligible grant programs.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, surface water management, land use, water supply, and plan implementation.
5. 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 Ramsey's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Implement the advisory comments in the review record for wastewater.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

Not Recorded: 1 Muse

2020-319 JT SW: 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 Hastings to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City that the Council has reviewed the remainder of the Plan and has found no regional system conformance or policy consistency issues at this time. Because the City does not have the legal authority to plan and zone for areas within Nininger, Mashan, or Ravenna Townships in the absence of an OAA, the City may not put those portions of the Plan into effect at this time. At such time as the City of Hastings acquires jurisdiction of the lands planned for future urbanization in the surrounding Townships either through an Orderly Annexation Agreement or annexation by ordinance, the City will need to submit appropriate plan amendments to the Council for further review and action.
3. Revise the City's forecasts downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
4. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide the Council with the date it adopted the final Local Water Management Plan.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Hastings's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City that the Metropolitan Council will only acknowledge and plan for the 2040 flow projections based on existing and planned development within the City's current municipal boundary.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information Item: Network Next Arterial BRT Evaluation Results (Katie Roth, 612-349-7772; Kyle O'Donnell Burrows 612-349-7749)

Katie Roth, Assistant Director of BRT Projects provided an introduction on Network Next a 20-year plan with priorities for implementation, four principles guide Network Next planning, 10 promising corridors, current riders served by planned and potential arterial BRT corridors pre-COVID and during COVID, investment in connectivity and accessibility. Kyle O'Donnell Burrows, Senior Planner, BRT Projects presented on Arterial BRT Corridor development process, 19 initial corridors identified, quantitative screening criteria, engagement and what was heard,

evaluation criteria and results, corridor readiness review and evaluation, corridors by tier and next steps.

Council member Barber thanked Katie, Kyle and the team for their work and mentioned the importance to continue moving the ABRT program forward. Council member Lindstrom asked if regional parks and other amenities had a role in the valuation criteria and requested the top 10 routes for ridership in the region. Council member Cummings commented on the importance of a robust system and request Metro Transit to share materials with council members to help promote Network Next and the prioritization of potential new BRT routes. Council member Chamblis asked questions regarding scoring criteria. Council member Johnson reminded staff to think about achieving the Council goals. Council member Lee thanked staff for great presentation.

2. Information Item: Southwest LRT Project Update (Jim Alexander, 612-373-3880)

Jim Alexander, Assistant General Manager began the presentation with a Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project update including overall project, civil construction update, real estate acquisition and relocation status. Jon Tao, EO Consultant provided an update on the DBE and Workforce including Equity Commitments to the Region, DBE Achievements as of September 30, 2020, Civil Contract DBE disaggregated, civil workforce participation percentage and cumulative, LMJV workforce good faith efforts, and the December 1 DBE check-in visits. Sam O'Connell, Senior Manager, Public Affairs provided an update on construction outreach and communications.

Council member Atlas-Ingebretson requested disaggregated workforce data for POCl. Cummings asked for the statue of the project timeline. Council member Barber thanked staff for their work and the updates.

At 6:00PM, Chair Zelle called for public comment on the Adoption of Resolutions for Metropolitan Council's 2021 Unified Budget and the 2020 Payable 2021 Tax Levies. Marie Henderson, Acting CFO provided an update on changes to the Unified Budget since adoption of the Public Comment draft.

2020-306: Adoption of the following Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's 2021 Unified Budget and the 2020, Payable 2021, Tax Levies:

- 2020-23: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2021 Unified Budget
- 2020-24: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2020 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2020-25: Adopting a 2020 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2020-26: Adopting a 2020 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2020-27: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2020 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds
- 2020-28: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2020 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds
- 2020-29: Adopting the Metropolitan Council's 2020 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

A motion to amend a clerical error in the attached business item. The last resolution currently has 2030-29 and should be 2020-29.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Lilligren, Wulff

REPORTS

Chair Zelle: No reports

Council member Fredson followed up with Riverview Corridor concerns and stated if council members have questions or concerns to contact Ramsey County Commissioner.

Acting Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 9, 2020.

Approved this 23rd day of December 2020.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary