

Other Business

Meeting date: December 9, 2020

Subject:	Adoption of Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's 2021 Unified Budget and the 2020, Payable 2021 Tax Levies
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, Section 473.121, and Section 473.13, Subdivision 1
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Marie Henderson, Acting CFO (651) 602-1387
Division/Department:	All

Proposed Action

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

Background

Minnesota Statutes 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires the Metropolitan Council adopt the final budget covering anticipated receipts and disbursements for 2021, as well as the capital expenditures for the budget year, based on a five-year capital program and decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget on or before December 20.

The Metropolitan Council:

- Adopted a preliminary budget and certified preliminary property tax levies to County Auditors and the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue on August 26, 2020;
- Adopted the 2021 Unified Budget for public comment on October 28, 2020;
- Accepted public comment on the 2021 Unified Budget via phone, mail or email until 5:00 PM on December 9, 2020; and



- Received public comment on the 2021 Unified Budget at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2020.

Rationale

Resolutions 2020-24 through 2020-29 certify final property tax levies for 2020, payable in 2021. The final property tax levies are consistent with the preliminary levies adopted by the Council in August. The Council may not increase, but may elect to reduce, those preliminary levies.

Resolution 2020-23 adopts the Metropolitan Council’s 2021 Unified Budget. The resolution adopts a final 2021 Unified Budget consistent with the budget adopted for public comment on October 28, 2020 with the following exceptions:

- Community Development increased expenses of \$1.8M in consulting and passthrough grants.
- HRA Administration received a revenue transfer from Metro Transit of \$150K and added \$10K of consulting expenses.
- HRA added \$7.0M in federal revenue for passthrough vouchers and added \$8.8M in expenses in passthrough vouchers.
- Livable Communities passthrough grants increased by \$12.8M.
- Suburban Transit Providers Passthrough revenue and expenses increased \$3.3M due to the change in the November MVST forecast.
- Metropolitan Transportation Services reduced revenues and expenses by \$4.0M for Fixed Route Services.
- Metro Transit revenue increased MVST bus revenue by \$26.5M due to the change in the November MVST forecast and \$1.9M in fare revenue, expenses increased \$2.6M, and the use of reserves decreased by \$26.2M.

Funding

The attached tax levy resolutions are summarized as follows:

<u>Levies Requiring Council Action</u>	<u>Final Levies</u>	<u>Resolution No.(s)</u>
General Purposes	\$16,139,454	2020-24 2020-29
Livable Communities Demonstration Account	12,668,002	2020-25
Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account	5,000,000	2020-26
Transit Debt Service Anticipation	13,887,379	2020-27
Parks Debt Service Anticipation	<u>1,800,000</u>	2020-28
Total Levies Requiring Council Action	<u>49,494,835</u>	

Levies Not Requiring Council Action
(previously certified)

Transit Debt Service 39,244,167

Parks Debt Service 0

39,244,167

TOTAL LEVIES 88,739,002

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

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

- 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 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council adopted the 2021 Unified Budget for public comment on October 28, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Public comment on the 2021 Unified Budget was accepted via phone, mail or email on or before 5:00 PM December 9, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the budget shall state in detail the capital expenditures of the Council for the budget year, based on a five-year capital program adopted by the Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.39, Subdivision 4, requires the transit capital improvement plan include supplemental information for each project; and
- WHEREAS,** Public comment on the 2021 Unified Budget was allowed at 6:00 PM during the Metropolitan Council's regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Metropolitan Council 2021 Unified Budget includes a Unified Operating Budget of \$1,163,501,000 consisting of \$788,677,000 for Council operations,

\$155,807,000 for pass-through grants, \$201,354,000 for debt service and \$17,663,000 for Other Post-Employment Benefits.

THAT the Metropolitan Council 2021 Unified Budget includes the Capital Program, to include supplemental information required by Minnesota Statutes, 473.39, Subdivision 4, as follows:

1. A 2021-2026 Capital Program of 9,540,044,000 consisting of \$7,647,639,000 for Transit, \$1,480,449,000 for Environmental Services and \$411,956,000 for Community Development.

2. A multi-year Authorized Capital Program of \$4,904,706,000 consisting of \$3,684,684,000 for Transit, \$1,032,671,000 for Environmental Services and \$187,352,000 for Community Development.

3. A 2021 Capital Budget of \$571,390,000 consisting of \$337,169,000 for Transit, \$185,519,000 for Environmental Services and \$48,702,000 for Community Development.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2020

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, 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 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, 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; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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

Adopted this 9th day of December 2020

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, 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 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, 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; 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 to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, for collection during 2021, for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund is \$ 12,668,002.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2020

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-26

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

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, 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 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, 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; 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 the cleanup of polluted lands in the metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2020, for collection during 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 9th day of December 2020

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

**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 9th day of December 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE 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 9th day of December 2020

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RESOLUTION NO. 2030-29

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, 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

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Known Support / Opposition

None

Attachments

Resolution 2020-23	2021 Unified Budget Adoption
Resolution 2020-24	General Purposes Levy for County Auditors
Resolution 2020-25	Livable Communities Demonstration Account Levy
Resolution 2020-26	Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account Levy
Resolution 2020-27	Transit Anticipatory Debt Service Levy
Resolution 2020-28	Parks Anticipatory Debt Service Levy
Resolution 2020-29	General Purposed Levy for Department of Revenue