

# Metropolitan Council

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, May 27, 2020 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01pm on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

Not Recorded: 1 Johnson

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Vento seconded by Cummings to approve the agenda.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)**

#### **Consent Agenda Adopted**

- 2020-136: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and the Chair to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission to provide analysis of location-based services data to regional and state parks.
- 2020-144: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to amend and execute a sole source contract extension of the Metro 94 facilities lease (Contract 09P158) for MCES business use with Bachmeier Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the term of July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2025.
- 2020-146: Following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Eagan to place its Gallery of Eagan comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Revise the City's forecasts for population and households upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
  3. Revise the City's affordable housing need to 527 units.
  4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Natural Resources.

It was moved by Ferguson seconded by Lee.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development – Reports on consent agenda**

### **Environment – Reports on consent on agenda**

### **Management**

1. 2020-140: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/20- 6/1/21, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

Ferguson gave an update on the bond sale they received at the Management Committee.

Phil Walljasper, Director of Risk Management gave a presentation on Risk Management Update Insurance/self-insurance programs including: Northstar Rail Insurance, Insurance Policies and Self-insurance. Cummings asked if new LRVs are included in the coverage. Phil responded by yes, they are covered and coordinated with our contractors.

### **Transportation – No reports**

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

2020-130 JT: Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize Empire Township to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the Township to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Surface Water Management, and Forecasts

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve Empire Township's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

2020-131 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 Prior Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.

2. Advise the City:

a. That prior to final Plan adoption, the Plan should be revised to include the TAZ information that was included in supplemental information submitted to the Council on February 5, 2020.

b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Land Use.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Prior Lake's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

2020-132 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 Carver to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.

2. Advise the City:

a. To be fully consistent with the Council's Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP), the Local Water Management Plan (LWMP) needs to include the responsibility, schedule, and funding source information for each implementation project and activity in LWMP Table 8.3.

- b. To provide the dates the two watersheds approved the final LWMP, and the date that the City adopted the final LWMP.
  - c. To provide a copy of the final adopted LWMP that will be included in the Plan document that the City adopts, if it differs from the December 2018 version contained in the July 19, 2019 Plan submittal.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management, Forecasts, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

- 1. Approve the City of Carver's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

2020-153: That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle's recommendation to create an internal advisory Housing Work Group and appoint the following members to serve on it: Robert Lilligren, Chair; Reva Chamblis; Molly Cummings; and Judy Johnson.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Muse, Sterner

Chair Zelle gave an overview of the Housing Work Group.

Lilligren stated this group is a subset of Community Development Committee with strategic direction and gain more technical expertise and will evaluate at the end of year. He thanked his Colleagues.

Vento would like the group to included housing issues relating to aging population.

Chamblis stated she is honored to service and be appointed.

## Information Item: Audit Annual Report

Matt LaTour, Director of Audit gave a presentation on the Audit Annual Report including audit purpose, team, mission statement, framework, Risk-based annual audit plan, risk management activities, audit accomplishments, peer review, audit process improvement, key accomplishments, special projects and looking ahead.

Lindstrom asked if there is evidence of internal fraud. Matt Latour stated not often. Johnson praised internal staff for the work they are doing. Vento seconded CM Johnson's positive remarks regarding Matt & the Audit Staff - such an impressive team.

## **IX. REPORTS**

Chair Zelle acknowledged the death of George Floyd and equity should be engaged in everything we do, and we need to think about our work and inclusion going forward.

Council Members expressed their feelings, concerns, comments, policy and best practice, and statements about George Floyd's death and call for justice. Council Members request an update from Metro Transit Chief of Police and unions put forward a culture and set high expectations.

Chair Zelle read a comment from Vento: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I can't comment without crying, so I will refrain. I pray that we can, as a Twin Cities community, to have the tough discussion that must occur. I'm reminded of the Irish proverb, "It is in the shelter of each other that people live." Our current shelter as a Community feels so unsafe, inequitable & cruel for too many. We must, we can, we will have the courage & integrity to lead, to act, to change, to improve.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 27, 2020.

Approved this June day of 10, 2020.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary