

Council Chair Charlie Zelle

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Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:06pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Barber, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Not Recorded: 3 Chamblis, Ferguson, Muse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Not Recorded: 2 Muse, Chamblis

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 7)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2020-295: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute operating grant agreements for the calendar year 2021 with the Funding Transitway Counties of Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey to receive funds in 2021.

- METRO Blue Line LRT \$14,356,913
 - Hennepin County - \$14,356,913
- METRO Green Line LRT \$13,932,698
 - Hennepin County – \$8,359,619
 - Ramsey County – \$5,573,079
- Northstar Commuter Rail \$3,777,365
 - Anoka County – \$3,704,724
 - Hennepin County – \$702,911

2020-322: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Pine Springs to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide the date that the Watershed District approves the Local Water Management Plan once it is formally approved.
 - b. Prior to submission of its Final Plan to the Council, the City needs to include language in its Plan that allows for the protection of historic sites.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Water Supply.

2020-325: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 20P226 with Lube Tech and Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$507,386 to supply Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) in accordance with Council specifications for a three-year term

2020-331: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Edina Affordable Housing Partnership as described in this Business Item.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director, to negotiate and execute agreements with the City of Edina or the Edina Housing and Redevelopment Authority necessary to implement this affordable housing partnership initiative.

2020-334: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for construction of Meter Station M228A, Interceptor 7015C, and L35 Repair, Project Number 805636, Contract 20P067, and rebid the project.

2020-337: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award, negotiation, and execution of sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. for an additional 18 months and not to exceed \$4,500,000 to provide bulk chemicals and services for odor and corrosion control.

2020-342: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 20P031 with World Fuel Services, Inc., in the amount of \$30,801,811.93 to supply gasoline in accordance with Council specifications for a three-year term.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

BUSINESS

Community Development

2020-326: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Accept the Public Comment Summary Report on the draft amendment to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan; and
2. Adopt the revised final 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Vento

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-327: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$590,805 to Washington County to acquire the 48.52-acre Branson property located at 120th Street North in Stillwater Township for Pine Point Regional Park, contingent on Council approval of the amendment to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (Business Item 2020-326), Accept the Public Comment Report and Adopt the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0
 Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-329: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grants for \$197,500 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	Downtown Longfellow	\$97,500
City of Saint Paul	The Hollows	\$100,000
Total Recommended:		\$197,500
Total Available:		\$250,000
Total Remaining:		\$52,500

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
 Nay: 0
 Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-330: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grants for \$200,000 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Livable Communities Demonstration Account TOD Pre-Development Recommended Awards

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	Nic@Lake	\$100,000
City of Saint Paul	678 N Snelling Ave	\$100,000
Total Recommended:		\$200,000
Total Available:		\$250,000
Total Remaining:		\$50,000

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-345 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2020-32 and Resolution 2020-33 (attached) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorizing the Director, Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA), to:

- submit a Full Application for the Moving to Work Program Expansion, Rent Reform; and
- continue conversations with HUD toward forming a Regional Moving to Work Voucher program through the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-346 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt revised payment standards as shown in Table 1 for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2021.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Environment

2020-335: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

Rehabilitation and Facility Improvements Project, MCES Project Numbers 805990 and 808921, Contract No. 20P220, with Shank Constructors, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$13,119,800.

It was moved by Lindstrom seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-336: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute Construction Contract 20P228 for MCES Project 808930 Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Secondary Improvements with Shank Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$32,388,600.

It was moved by Lindstrom seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Management – No reports

Transportation

2020-288: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to:

- Enter into negotiations and to execute an amendment to the Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) funding the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) Household Travel Survey for an amount not to exceed \$3,778,400,
- Adopt the attached resolution (resolution 2020-xx) approving the agreement with MnDOT, and
- To enter into negotiations and to execute an amendment with the contract with RSG to conduct the TBI Household Surveys for an amount not to exceed \$4,723,000

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Council member Chamblis moved to amend the proposed motion, seconded by Johnson.

Motion to Amend carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-308 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 Circle Pines to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 12 units.
4. Strongly encourage the City to address all widely known tools in order to be fully consistent with Council housing policy. The City should consider addressing the following tool in the Plan before final adoption:
 - a) Identify the preservation of projects that used the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).
5. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Housing and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Circle Pines Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Require the City to submit to the Council a copy of the revised Ordinance requiring the disconnection of non-compliant connections of sump pumps, foundation drains, and roof leaders from the sanitary sewer system, and the resolution adopting the Ordinance.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-320 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 Mounds View to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for households and population upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 59 units.
4. Advise the City:
 - a. To include the final Local Water Management Plan in the final Plan that the City adopts, as well as submit the dates that the Watershed approved the Local Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the Local Water Management Plan.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Mounds View's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Implement the advisory comments in the review record for wastewater.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-321 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 Minnetonka to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Minnetonka Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0
Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-340 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 Fridley to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. The Local Water Management Plan needs to be incorporated into the formal Plan as either a free-standing Chapter or Appendix when the City submits the final Plan to the Council. The City also needs to send the Council the date that the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. Incorporate the Local Water Management Plan into the formal Plan as either a freestanding Chapter or Appendix when the City submits the final Plan to the Council. The City also needs to send the Council the date that the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, land use, and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

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

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

2020-341 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 White Bear Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's sewer-serviced forecasts upward as shown in Table 2.
3. Advise the City that:
 - a. The MPCA re-issued the MS4 General Permit to the City on November 16, 2020. The City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and the Surface Water Management Plan need to be reviewed to determine if any changes are needed to meet the conditions of the reissued permit.

- b. b. The City’s adopted engineering design standards for stormwater management (or a summary of them) need to be included in the Surface Water Management Plan.
 - c. c. The City needs to add the projects listed in the 5-year (2019-2023) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under the heading “Surface Water Fund” as well as the highest priority implementation actions for the subsequent five years, to the Surface Water Management Plan to form the CIP required by Minnesota Rules.
 - d. d. The recommended actions as fully described within this report for the Surface Water Management Plan must be complete prior to final 2040 Plan submittal to the Council.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

- 1. Approve the City of White Bear Lake’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
- 2. Advise the City that:
 - a. The Plan states that the City is considering a project that would enable the phase-out of its existing lift station No. 13 that would result in a redirection of flow to a different location of the regional wastewater system. Prior to project implementation, the City will need to submit to the Council for further review and evaluation, additional information and data related to the project.
 - b. Once the City amends and adopts Ordinances 402 to require the disconnection of existing clear water connections to the sanitary sewer system, the City shall submit a copy of the ordinance and adopting resolution to the Council for the Council’s records.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Zeran

REPORTS

Chair Zelle thanked Council Members for their hard work this year.

Council Member Chamblis thanked Chair Zelle and thanked everyone

Council Member Lee attended East Side St. Paul Townhall and thanked staff.

Acting Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 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 23, 2020.

Approved this 13th day of January 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary