

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

Judy Johnson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Vento, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

No response: 3 Muse, Sterner, Zeran

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

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, Council meeting.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Vento, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

No response: 3 Muse, Sterner, Zeran

PUBLIC INVITATION

Eric Berger and Andrew Clarkson, MN350 volunteers; and Adrianna Jereb, MN350 Transit Justice Organizer shared their concerns about the lack of transparency and accountability from Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit regarding the implementation of the Community Service Officer (CSO) program and the ongoing review of Metro Transit Police. Going forward, they would like the public and riders in decisions about how to improve overall transit safety - both in staffing initiatives like transit ambassadors, and structural changes like increasing frequency and improved reliability of routes.

BUSINESS

2021-275: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Public Comment Draft of the 2022 Unified Budget

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 10 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

No response: 2 Muse, Sterner

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-9)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2021-99 Revised: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Master Utility Agreement with the Office of MN.IT Services (MNIT) in an amount not to exceed \$2,863,601.

2021-252: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 21P292 with Ubisense America LLC, for the Minneapolis Bus Garage system in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.

2021-251: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source agreement with Luminator Technology Group (Luminator) to purchase up to 540 Digital Video Recorder/Camera systems including spare units in an amount not to exceed \$2,950,000.

2021-264: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Consent to Three Rivers Park District granting an easement, as described in the Attachment, to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for groundwater monitoring at Carver Park Reserve.

2. Require Three Rivers Park District to record a Consent to Easement document executed by the Metropolitan Council's Regional Administrator.

- 2021-269: That the Metropolitan Council approve a right-of-way acquisition loan of up to \$1,100,000 to the city of Lakeville to purchase 17471 Kenwood Trail, Lakeville, which is a parcel of land needed for reconstruction of the northbound exit ramp at I-35 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50.
- 2021-273: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute master contracts 21P109 for communications and outreach related to MCES capital projects to HDR Inc., Zan Associates, Goff Public, WSB & Associates, and Bolton & Menk, totaling \$2,000,000.
- 2021-279 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a new project to fund start-up operating costs for electric carshare in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 2021-280 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a new project to fund mobility hub equipment and community engagement in Minneapolis.
- 2021-281 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add a new project to fund the purchase of two battery electric buses and two charging stations with associated electrical upgrades for Southwest Transit.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	10	Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	4	Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff
No response:	2	Muse, Sterner

BUSINESS

Community Development – Reports on consent agenda

Environment

- 2021-285 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P273 with UHL Company to provide Heating, Ventilation, & Air-Conditioning (HVAC) as needed services for MCES facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. This is a same week request for approval due to the current contract extension terminating at the end of the month.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Zeran.

Council Member Cummings hopes this can be a model on how we accept bids and find new ways to reach out.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

No response: 1 Sterner

2021-286 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P196 with FBG Service Corporation (FBG) to provide janitorial services for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$718,673. This is a same week request for approval due to the current contract extension terminating at the end of the month.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

Ferguson asked if the contractor met the MCUB goal. Ashanti Payne stated it's an open procurement and are limited in the information available but they would not be able to award to vendor if they didn't meet the MCUB requirements as established.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

Management – No reports

Transportation

2021-266: The Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P137 with RSG for the purpose of conducting market research in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

2021-267: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P138 with Clarity Coverdale Fury (CCF) for the purpose of media planning and buying in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Muse.

Council Member Barber complemented staff and procurement on how they approached this in splitting it in two separate contracts and shows how we want to reposition at how we look at some of the contracts.

Council Member Muse stated media outreach is crucial and this is an important investment. He commends council members and staff. Chair Zelle also commends Council Member Gonzalez and Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2021-263 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 Anoka to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Adopt the Mississippi River Corridor Critical 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.
 - b. Provide to the Council, the date the Watershed approved the amended Local Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the amended Local Water Management Plan.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

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

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-278: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following special and advisory committees, commissions, and boards assignments, as recommended by the Chair and pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III. Both assignments are to replace Council Member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson.

1. Council Member Susan Vento to be the Metropolitan Parks and Opens Space Commission (MPOSC) liaison.
2. Council Member Molly Cummings to the Southwest LRT PLACES committee.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

2021-303: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-31, pertaining to special recognition of Council employees for their exemplary work through the unprecedented challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Barber.

Council Member Cummings expressed thanks and gratitude to all employees and stated the last 19 months affected all individuals. Zeran stated it doesn't cost anything to say thank you to employees, and the resolution means a lot to him. Council Member Muse recommends sending thank you note to employees.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Barber, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Chamblis, Lee, Lilligren, Wulff

REPORTS

Chair Zelle expressed thanks to Regional Administrator Mary Bogie for her work and leadership.

Council Members Johnson appreciates the opportunity to include public comment in the meetings.

Council Vento attended an Oakdale City Council work session regarding Lake Elmo Regional Sewer Extension project and gave thanks to Environmental Service staff who presented.

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie shared gratitude to staff and reminder the employee recognition is coming up.

General Counsel Ann Bloodhart thanked the Council for the recognition and see the hard work going on.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 27, 2021.

Approved this 10th day of November 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary