

Council Chair Charlies Zelle

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Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 10, 2021 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

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

ABSENT

Muse

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Ferguson

APPROVAL OF AMENDED 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 Cummings.

Council member Chamblis requested a typographical error in the January 27, 2021 minutes be corrected.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2021-20: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment with Braun Intertec Corporation not to exceed \$315,000 for a total contract value of \$1,325,398.64 for additional Independent Testing Laboratory Services for the new Minneapolis Bus Garage. Note: This motion reflects what was made, seconded, and adopted at the January 25, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting.
- 2021-21: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement #20I062 with Anoka County for locally requested roadway and signal improvements on Foley Boulevard (CSAH 11).
- 2021-22: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Batteries Plus to provide bus batteries and used battery disposal services in the amount not to exceed \$921,510.
- 2021-23: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to acquire temporary easement on Parcel 621 necessary for the Green Line Extension LRT Project (Project) and pass Resolution 2021-02 that authorizes Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings if staff cannot acquire by negotiation.
- 2021-24: That the Metropolitan Council ratifies the attached Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for Rehabilitation of the Robert Street basement area and I.S. network room damaged by the failure of the Fire-Water Sprinkler causing damage to both areas.
- 2021-31: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Forest Lake to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, and Water Supply.
- 2021-32: That the Metropolitan Council approve the award of Project Based Voucher (PBV) rent assistance and authorize the Metro HRA Director to execute the necessary documents with the project owner for the following project as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Recommended Project Based Voucher Award

Project	City	Total Units in Project	PBV Award
Balsam Apartments II	Dayton	48	4

2021-34: That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Interceptor Chemical Odor and Corrosion Control project.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

BUSINESS

Community Development – Reports on consent agenda

Environment

2021-33: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891, per the attached Resolution No. 2021-3.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Ferguson.

NOTE: The proposed action was amended during the meeting to reflect the accurate project number as reflected.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Fredson

Management – Reports on consent agenda

Transportation

2021-11: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Transit Team, Inc. to provide the Metro Mobility Demand West Zone service from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 with an option to extend one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$203,188,899.

And, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide the Metro Mobility Demand East Zone service from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 with an option to extend one additional year in an amount not to exceed \$163,578,272.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

2021-26: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 19P122 with Gillig LLC, to provide 26 base order biodiesel forty-foot transit buses (including optional equipment) with options to purchase up to 149 additional replacement and expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$13,648,091.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

Council member Fredson comment in regard to the bidding process and to consider awarding contracts to Minnesota companies in the future.

Council member Sterner recommended we look at alternative fuel options for buses in the future.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

2021-36SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 20P279 with Thomas and Sons Construction Inc. for the construction of the METRO D Line BRT project in an amount not to exceed \$26,142,556.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-46: ~~Continuation of the Housing Work Group and Appointment of Members (Charles Zelle, 651-602-1453)~~

REPORTS

Chair Zelle No report.

Council member Lindstrom provided an update on Environmental Services research on wastewater monitoring to track COVID-19 prevalence in the community.

Acting Regional Administrator recognized the KSTP story on Transit Safety and is appreciative of staff.

General Counsel no report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 10th, 2021.

Approved this 24th day of February 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary