

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 February 24, 2021 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Zeran

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Zeran

Not Recorded:2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez

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 Vento, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Zeran

Not Recorded:1 Atlas-Ingebretson

BUSINESS - Roll call

Joint Report of the Transportation and Management Committees

2021-39 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2021 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Zeran

Not Recorded:1 Atlas-Ingebretson

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2021-37: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan.
2. Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.
3. Advise the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to implement the comments in the Analysis for Natural Resources and Transit.

2021-38: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Three Rivers Park District's Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Acquisition Master Plan Amendment.
2. Approve the boundary adjustment adding 31.2-acres to Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature in the City of Minnetrista.

2021-45: That the Metropolitan Council ratify Emergency Declaration #69 attached to this business item and authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a purchase order for disinfection chemicals supply.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0
 Absent: 1 Zeran
 Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

BUSINESS
Community Development

2021-47: That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2021 Livable Communities Funding Availability as shown in Table 1 and attached Program Guidelines and Scoring Criteria.

Table 1. 2021 Proposed Funding Availability

Program	Funding
Livable Communities Demonstration Account regular category <i>Includes up to \$1,000,000 in pre-development grants</i>	\$10M
Livable Communities Demonstration Account- TOD category <i>Includes up to \$1,000,000 for pre-development grants</i>	\$5M
Local Housing Incentives Account	\$4M
Tax Base Revitalization Account regular category <i>Includes up to \$250,000 for site investigation grants</i>	\$5.5M
TBRA Seeding Equitable Economic Development category	\$0.5M
TOTAL	\$25M

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Council member Wulff clarified why she is voting no. She expressed concern about the steps needed for applying and the new scoring criteria. There are major changes and is concerned cities and developers will not apply because of the cumbersome, resources and funds.

Council member Chamblis stated there were multiple discussion about the new criteria and the Housing Workgroup will look into the issues and concerns. The goal is to have continues improvement and do a better job attaining the goals for the legislative propose defined an intended.

Council member Lilligren addressed the concerns Council members have regarding the new criteria.

Council member Barber shared her concern about the number of smaller communities leaving the program and the criteria that is required.

Council member Johnson has the same concerns with the number of cities who did not renew in Livable Communities Program, but her understanding is COVID may have had major impact for cities not renewing. She’s open to phasing in the criteria and encourage cites to provide feedback.

Tara Beard shared additional thought, addressed the enrollment process, scoring criteria and making the program more accessible.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 2 Sterner, Wulff

Absent:1 Zeran

Environment

2021-43: That the Metropolitan Council approves the Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) grant program guidelines and authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute grants and grant agreements pursuant to the guidelines outlined in Attachment A.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

2021-44: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for Fridley Lift Station L32A Project, MCES Project No. 809400 per Resolution No. 2021-5.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

Management

2021-40: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached parameters Resolution 2021-04 which authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) in substantially the same form as the

attached agreement. And further, approve issuance of the related General Obligation Sewer Note securing the loan agreement in substantially the same form as the Note referenced in the resolution.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

Transportation

2021-54 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2021 annual targets for the safety performance measures for the metropolitan planning area and the attached resolution.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-30: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Audit
Lilligren, Chair	Lindstrom, Chair	Ferguson, Chair	Barber, Chair	Johnson, Chair
Vento, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Johnson, Vice Chair	Chamblis, Vice Chair	Lee, Vice Chair
Atlas-Ingebretson	Fredson	Barber	Cummings	Barber
Cummings	Sterner	Gonzalez	Ferguson	Vento
Chamblis	Vento	Lee	Fredson	
Johnson	Zeran	Lilligren	Gonzalez	

Lee		Muse	Sterner	
Lindstrom			Zeran	
Muse				
Wulff				

2. That the Metropolitan Council approve Molly Cummings as Vice Chair of the Council, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.

3. 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.

Investment Review Committee	Equity Advisory Committee	Land Use Advisory Committee	Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee
Johnson, Chair	Gonzalez, Co-Chair	Wulff, Chair	Wulff, Chair
Ferguson	Sterner		
Sterner	Lee		
	vacant		
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission	Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee	Transportation Advisory Board	Metropolitan Airports Commission
Atlas-Ingebretson	Sterner	Barber	Ferguson (ex officio)
Southwest LRT Corridor Management Committee	Bottineau LRT Corridor Management Committee	METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee	Southwest LRT Executive Change Control Board
Cummings	Atlas-Ingebretson	Gonzalez	Cummings
Ferguson	Lilligren		
METRO Gold Line Community and Business Advisory Committee	Riverview Corridor Policy Advisory Committee	Rush Line BRT Policy Advisory Committee	Environmental Quality Board

Lee	Fredson	Vento	Vento (alternate/ex officio)
Urban Land Institute Board	Olmsted Sub-cabinet	Clean Water Council	Southwest LRT PLACES
Chamblis	Wulff	Sterner	Atlas-Ingebretson

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

2021-56: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC):

At Large – Nichol Ellis-McGregor

At Large – Gabriela Olvera

At Large – Breanne Rothstein

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson

Council member Lee thanked staff who interviewed and all their work. Council member Atlas-Ingebretson thanked community member who served on the EAC. Council Member Gonzalez stated there is one vacant opening for a council member to serve on the EAC and encouraged them to apply.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent:1 Zeran

INFORMATION

Information Item: Network Next Outcomes: F, G, H Line Recommendations

Katie Roth, Assistant Director of BRT Projects gave a presentation on Network Next Outcomes for F, G, H Line Recommendations including the 2040 plan with priorities for implementation, Arterial BRT Corridor development process, four principles guide Network Next planning, near-term candidate

corridors, outreach feedback, prioritization phase factors reviewed, key differentiators for identifying the F, G and H lines, ridership, capital and operating costs, compare jobs accessible in 60 minutes, future METRO vision with F, G, H lines and next steps.

Council member Barber expressed appreciation to everyone for their work.

Council member Fredson expressed appreciation and stated the vision serves the entire city of St. Paul.

Council member Vento had a conversation with a city administrator and says there is excitement, and this will serve the city of St. Paul and suburbs.

Council member Lindstrom stated its impressive we received 4000 comments and announcing all three lines at once is significant.

Council member Lee expressed appreciation and stated his constituents are excited and grateful.

Council member Cummings stated her cities are not directly touched by these routes, but they appreciate staff for their outreach and engagement.

Council members Chamblis expressed appreciation and is excited to be part of the planning.

REPORTS

Chair:

Council members Atlas-Ingebretson gave an update on the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Committee. They will be launching the second equity grant program series and it will be focused on programming.

Council member Chamblis expressed excitement about the programming and stated it's an important part to expand the interest to the park system.

Regional Administrator: none

General Counsel: none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 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 24, 2021.

Approved this 10th day of March 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary