

Council Chair Charles A. Zelle

Council Members

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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, March 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, Zeran, Chair Zelle

### ABSENT

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 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 Vento to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Council meeting.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Abstained: 1 Wulff

Council member Wulff abstained because she wasn't at the March 10, 2021 meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **Consent Agenda Adopted**

2021-63: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Premier Electrical Corporation to provide electrical maintenance services at Environmental Service facilities for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 for a term of 5 years.

2021-71 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the project length and cost of MnDOT's drainage project on Minnesota Highway 95.

2021-72 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two "Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Ferguson.

**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

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development – No Reports**

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

#### **Management**

2021-58: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two "Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

**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

2021-59: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for two “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

It was moved by Ferguson, 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

### **Transportation**

2021-50: Authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for, negotiate, and execute capital grant agreement 211013 providing \$2,230,109 from the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority for the Orange Line BRT project.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

**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

2021-51: Authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for, negotiate, and execute capital grant agreement 211012 providing \$8,040,000 from the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for the Orange Line BRT project.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

**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

2021-52: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the recommendations for arterial BRT expansion resulting from Network Next, naming the METRO F Line (Central Avenue), G Line (Rice/Robert), and H Line (Como/Maryland).

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Council Member Barber commends staff for all the work they did to advance the arterial BRT program.

**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

2021-69 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 19P385A with ASC Acquisition Co./DBA Albrecht Sign Company for the fabrication and delivery of station pylons for BRT and enhanced bus stops at a cost not to exceed \$2,010,710, with options for future purchases.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Wulff.

**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

2021-70 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the pavement and bridge condition, system reliability and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) performance measure targets.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

**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

2021-64: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissions:

Chair (at-large) – Tony Yarusso  
District A – Monica Dillenburg  
District B – Bob Moeller  
District C – Cana Yang  
District D – Assata Brown

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Ferguson.

Council member Atlas-Ingebretson expressed excitement with the outcome and recruitment and stated this was a huge success. It's the first time MPOC has 55% BIPOC commission, 11% with different ability levels, 44% female and 44% under the age of forty. Atlas-Ingebretson stated its good representation of different generations and groups on MPOC and recognize staff for their flexibility, time, and work. She also commends Tony Yarusso for his service and commitment.

**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

2021-76: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following Co-Chair appointment to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC):

Co-Chair – Leah Goldstein Moses

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Lee.

Council Member Gonzalez gave praise to Leah stating she is a great asset and brings experience and skills and will do an excellent job.

**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

## INFORMATION ITEM

METRO Orange Line Project Update

Derek Berube, Lead Project Manager, Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities gave a presentation on the METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, construction contracts, construction activities one year ago, DBE participation and 2021 next steps.

Council member Cummings expressed excitement and looking forward to a grand opening. Council member Lilligren thanked staff and Chair Zelle and mentioned the inter jurisdictional cooperation, collaboration and putting community building first in this investment was critical and is a tremendous example of what we can accomplish when we work together. Lilligren also mentioned it is notable how often the references to the station comes up in conversations. Council member Lee thanked Derek and commends him for highlighting the DBC contractors.

## **REPORTS**

Chair: none

Council Members: none

Acting Regional Administrator Mary Bogie, provided an update on COVID vaccinations and mentioned we are opening 1B and we have 38% Metro Transit operators signed up for an appointment.

General Counsel: none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 24, 2021

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary