

Council Chair Charles 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, July 14, 2021 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Committee Members Absent:

Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

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: 11 Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

Not Recorded: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, Sterner

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

The minutes were moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran,

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2021-145:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source Amendment #3 to Contract 17M165 with Wabtec Railway Electronics, Inc. (WRE) for maintenance and support of Positive Train Control software for a total contract amount not to exceed of \$684,147.07.
- 2021-152:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment 1 to contract 18P182 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design and construction support services for the D Line BRT Project, to increase the contract value by \$2,640,810, for a revised contract value not to exceed \$11,926,474.
- 2021-154:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize, award and execute sole source contract 21P163 with Trapeze Group, in the amount not to exceed \$1,389,999 for Bus Hardware Upgrade.
- 2021-155:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two master contracts, each for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and HDR Engineering, Inc (HDR).
- 2021-156:** The Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 20P233 with Minger Construction Co. Inc., for rehabilitation or replacement of interceptor pipe in Brooklyn Park and Osseo, in an amount not to exceed \$3,939,180.00.
- 2021-157:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Intergovernmental Agreement 21I001, which is a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Ramsey County for the \$1,250,000 FTA Pilot Program for a TOD Planning grant award.
- 2021-162:** That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Accept the Regional Parks System state fiscal year (SFY) 2022 Operation and Maintenance annual report and funding distributions.
 2. Accept the corrections to the SFY 2021 Operation and Maintenance funding distribution.
- 2021-165:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 1 of the MTS Agency Safety Plan as required by 49 CFR Part 673.
- 2021-166:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Shakopee 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 Forecasts.
- 2021-170:** That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a 120-day extension for Contract #19I039 for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program through October 31, 2021.
 2. Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the Contract Amendment with Minnesota Housing.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

BUSINESS

Community Development

2021-158: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants 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. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Recommended Projects – Seeding Equitable Environmental Development	Recommended amount
Saint Paul - 1490 7th Street East	\$37,400
Saint Paul - 694 Minnehaha Av	\$20,800
Recommended Projects – Investigation	Recommended amount
South St. Paul EDA - Hardman Triangle	\$41,300
Saint Paul - 375 Selby Av YWCA Expansion	\$38,400
Recommended Projects - Contamination Cleanup	Recommended amount
Minneapolis - 2301 California Street	\$193,500
Minneapolis - Agra	\$378,000
Roseville EDA - Harbor at Twin Lakes Senior Housing	\$213,700
Plymouth - Dundee Nursery Redevelopment	\$456,300
Minneapolis - 2025 West River Road	\$384,100
Minneapolis - Walker Methodist Raines	\$373,800
Minneapolis - Nordeast Business Center	\$74,700
Burnsville - Capstone 35	\$421,600
Saint Paul – 1222 University	\$174,600
TOTAL Recommended (All Grant Categories):	\$2,808,200
Total Available:	\$3,250,000
Total Remaining:	\$441,800

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

2021-159: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve participation in the Emergency Housing Voucher program and authorize the Director, Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding with Hennepin, Ramsey, and Suburban Metro Area Continuums of Care.
2. Authorize the Director, Community Development Division, to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority to allow the two agencies to operate in each other's service area for the EHV's.
3. Approve participation in the Foster Youth to Independence program and authorize the Director, Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding with the public child welfare agencies within our service area.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

2021-161: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve funding 23 projects totaling \$2,054,000 for the Regional Parks System 2021 Equity Grant Program, as shown in Table 1 of this report.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

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

Atlas-Ingebretson stated this is the work has spanned multiple council cohorts and supports the funding recommendations and this is great example continuing equity efforts of the previous council and building on it. She also thanked everyone involved in the program.

Council member Lindstrom stated he was on the review committee and excitement this has generated and thanked everyone involved in the process.

Council member Vento abstained from voting because of the Wakan Tipi Center location and highlighted the project.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Abstained: 1 Vento

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

Environment

2021-138SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements Phase II, MCES Project Numbers 807401, Contract No. 20P182, with Total Mechanical, for an amount not to exceed \$15,665,585.70.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

Management – No reports

Transportation

2021-153: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Authorize release of the METRO B Line Recommended Corridor Plan for public review and comment
- Direct staff to collect comments through Friday, August 13, 2021, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

2021-164: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator through the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Council Authorized Representative to negotiate and execute a change order for Contract 17P000 with Aldridge – Parsons, a Joint Venture (APJV) in an amount not to exceed \$8,972,046.95 for up to three years of storage for manufactured light rail system components.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2021-150JT: 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 Mendota Heights to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation for the 2021-2030 decade to 46 housing units.
4. Advise the City to 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.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Mendota Heights's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater services.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

2021-151 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 Elko New Market to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's sanitary sewer forecasts downward as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide to the Council the dates the two Watersheds approved the City's Local Water Management Plan, and the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan. If the final adopted Local Water Management Plan is different than the Local Water Management Plan incorporated into the Plan, provide the Council with the final adopted plan as well.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater service, forecasts and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Elko New Market's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-160: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Chair to: (1) continue the Council's participation in the Lake Street – Greenway Partnership (as renamed); and (2) make reasonable annual fee payments to help support strategic counsel and management of the Partnership.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Muse.

Council member Lilligren supports the partnership and stated he was a neighborhood representative and

Council member Chamblis stated it's an exciting partnership and says it's a great for the community.

Council member Muse stated this is important work specifically to the communities of color.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cummings, Gonzalez, Zeran

INFORMATION

1. Information Item: Gold Line Update

Charles Carlson provided an introduction. Christine Beckwith, assistant director of BRT project presented this update on METRO Gold Line project. The METRO Gold Line alignment, estimated at 532 million at this time, 10-mile-long BRT corridor with frequent all-day service on 21 new stations that services east metro. The Gold Line is a dedicated guideway and difference from arterial system. The Gold Line was granted into engineering phase April 2021 and was included in President Biden's budget in May 2021. The METRO Gold Line is one of two New Starts project recommended for new funding agreements in Federal Fiscal Year 2022. Christine was presented the Full Funding Grant timeline, project progression in 2021, engineering phase engagement, and looking ahead.

Chair Zelle mentioned Washington and Ramsey have been great partners and they speak highly of our staff. He stated that's part of the reason we've been able to advance the project. He also mentioned we've made great progress on the project especially during the past year. Chamblis is excited about the project and the support from FTA. She voiced appreciation for staff and everyone involved in this project.

2. METRO Purple Line (formerly Rush Line) BRT Project

Charles Carlson provided an introduced and stated it's ready to transition to Metro Transit. Craig Lamothe, project manager provided an update on the METRO Purple Line. Craig stated it's a dedicated guideway BRT project that will provide all day service and three major segments, serves 50 medical clinics and hospitals, and connect to 106,000 jobs within a 10-minute walk of the 21 planned stations. There are similarities with Gold Line, but we do not have an official FTA rating yet. He talked about the project schedule -current and future phases of the project, the project transition local lead agency role transitioning from County to Council, ongoing County responsibilities, and initial Council responsibilities. He also provided an update on the first step of transition is starting the process of rebranding thru end of year, project delivery approach, kick-off to the project development phase, and upcoming items for Council consideration.

Council member Vento voiced appreciation for the team, Charles Carlson, Craig Lamothe, and Chris Beckman.

REPORTS

Council Member: No reports

Chair Zelle: No report

Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 14, 2021.

Approved this 28th day of July, 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary