

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, September 8, 2021 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gonzalez, Muse, 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:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent	3	Gonzalez, Muse, 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 Sterner, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Council meeting.

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

Aye:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent	3	Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)**

**Consent Agenda Adopted**

- 2021-209:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Historic Preservation (Section 106) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) developed jointly for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (MnSHPO), the Council, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the METRO Purple Line (formerly Rush Line) Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”).
- 2021-218:** That the Metropolitan Council approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Policy 3-3-4 Travel and Meeting Reimbursement Policy.
- 2021-220:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Master Funding Agreement (#211147) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the METRO Purple Line (formerly Rush Line) Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”).
- 2021-228:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution (Resolution No. 2021-28) expressing the Metropolitan Council’s commitment to reducing barriers and increasing and increasing opportunities for small targeted group businesses and veteran-owned small businesses participating in the Metropolitan Council’s Underutilized Business (MCUB) Program by directing staff to utilize the tools and best practices available to them, including implementation of up to a 6 percent preference in the amount bid for specified goods and services as permitted by statute.

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

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

Aye:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent	3	Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

## **BUSINESS**

Community Development – No reports

Environment

- 2021-230:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two contracts simultaneously with Rice Lake Construction: contract 20P215A for design-build of an interceptor chemical odor control system in an amount not to exceed \$6,629,950, and contract 20P215B for operations and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$35,652,665.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff.

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

Aye:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	

Absent 3 Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

**2021-231:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P087 with Total Construction & Equipment, Inc. for construction of Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Renewal – Phase 3, Project 808916 in an amount not to exceed \$47,100,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent 3 Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

Management

**2021-211:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local #192 (Part-Time Police) effective for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent 3 Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

**2021-219:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005, effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Council Member Ferguson expressed thanks to staff for working through the negotiations and successfully coming to an agreement.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent 3 Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

Transportation

**2021-201:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P063 with Galls, LLC to supply uniform items for Bus Operators, Rail Operators and, other represented employees in an amount not to exceed \$3,750,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Ferguson.

Council Member Ferguson suggested we ask companies if they would work with our local suppliers and partners.

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

Aye:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent	3	Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

**2021-216:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract 17P060 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for Construction Management Support Services (CMSS) to add \$5,500,000 for a total contract amount of \$14,000,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

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

Aye:	14	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent	3	Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2021-233:** That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle’s recommendation to establish a Water Resources Policy Plan Advisory Group to advise and guide Council staff throughout the entire process of developing the new 2050 Water Resources Policy Plan, which includes the Wastewater System Plan. The Advisory Group will be responsible for advising MCES staff on the process to develop the 2050 Water Resources Policy Plan, outreach activities, and proposed content for the new plan. The Advisory Group meetings will be facilitated by MCES staff Judy Sventek and Kyle Colvin, co-leads of the update process for the Water Resources Policy Plan and the Wastewater System Plan. Furthermore, that the following members be appointed to the work group.

Community/Organization	Name	Title
Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization	Phil Belfiori	WMO Administrator

Coon Creek Watershed District	Tim Kelly	District Administrator
Rice Creek Watershed District	Nick Tomczki	District Administrator
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	James Wisker	District Administrator
Scott County Watershed Management Organization	Vanessa Strong	Water Resources Supervisor
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization	Laura Jester	WMO Administrator
Carver County Watershed Management Organization	Paul Moline	WMO Administrator
Chanhasen	Charles Howley	Public Works Director
Cottage Grove	Jennifer Levitt	City Administrator
Hugo	Bryan Bear	City Administrator
Shakopee	Steve Lillehaug	Public Works Director
Shoreview	Mark Maloney	Public Works Director
Eagan	Russ Matthys	Public Works Director
Robbinsdale	Richard McCoy	Public Works Director
Ramsey	Bruce Westby	City Engineer
St. Paul	Bruce Elder	Sewer Utility Manager, Assistant City Engineer
Bloomington	Scott Anderson	Utilities Superintendent
St. Francis	Joe Kohlmann	City Administrator
St. Paul Regional Water System	Pat Shea	General Manager
Minneapolis	Stephanie Johnson	Director, Surface Water and Sewers

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent 3 Gonzalez, Muse, Zeran

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

Quarterly SWLRT Update (Jim Alexander, 612-373-3880)

Jim Alexander, SWLRT Project Director, Metro Transit, started the presentation with the quarterly Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project update and milestones, right of way, system contract work, Franklin O&M Facility, and Real Estate update. Jon Tao, OEO Consultant III in the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO), presented the SWLRT DBE and Workforce update. Sam O'Connell, Assistant Director, Community Affairs gave an update on communications and outreach. Chair Zelle talked about the Aug. 24 visit and tour with Senator Tina Smith and FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez.

Council Member Chamblis ask how the construction is affecting nearby residents and traffic. Jim stated there are issues and challenges, but they are trying their best with communication and outreach.

Council Member Atas-Ingebretson wanted to confirm that we will reach our goal or with the contracts.

Council Member Cummings stated the updates are helpful and received feedback from the Hopkins community, and there is a level of inconvenience, but overall, there is excitement.

Council Member Cummings stated the SWLRT tour is valuable and encourages everyone to take the tour. She also gave praise to the Outreach Coordinator.

Council Member Lee suggests we incorporate experiences of newer vendors doing business with us and get feedback on how they overcame barriers.

## **REPORTS**

Chair Zelle: none

Council Member Cummings recommends the Tribal State Relations Training and encourages council members to participate.

Acting Regional Administrator: none

General Counsel: none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 8, 2021.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary