

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: November 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Cummings called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2022 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

Add any notes of conversation here.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-4)

1. **2022-272:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract 22P373 with North Central Bus Sales for up to 63 replacement buses and 12 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$9,365,194; and Contract 22P372 with Hogleund Bus for up to 26 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,522,206, for a total procurement value not to exceed \$12,887,400.
2. **2022-273:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 221030 ("Agreement") with the City of Saint Paul for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the METRO B Line project.
3. **2022-274:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Agreement 221031 ("Agreement") with Ramsey County for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the METRO B Line project.
4. **2022-275:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the staff recommendation to retain the long-term METRO C Line alignment on Olson Memorial Highway.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. **2022-285 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council approve a grant of up to \$187,860 to Dakota County to acquire a 5.72-acre easement on the McMenomy property, located at 120th Street West in Rosemount, for Vermillion Highlands Greenway Regional Trail.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2022-278:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Contract 14I007 with Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) at University of Minnesota to extend contract until December 31, 2025 and to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$315,500 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,062,500.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Management

1. No reports

Transportation

1. Reports on consent agenda.

Joint Reports

1. **2022-261 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Mendota to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, the City must adopt the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Plan and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.
 - b. The City needs to send the Council the dates the Local Water Management Plan was approved by the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District and the Lower Mississippi River Water Management Organization, and the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Mendota's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner.



Motion carried.

Other Business

1. **2022-306:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):
 - Metropolitan Council Alternate – Reva Chamblis
 - District G Alternate – Richard Holst

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Community Choice Demonstration Program Update (Margaret Perez, Renae Pereira-Webb)
Margaret Perez, Manager, HRA, and Renae Pereira-Webb, Senior Outreach Coordinator, HRA, shared an update on the Community Choice Demonstration Program. The Demonstration is a research study that will provide selected families with mobility-related services (including financial support) to help expand their housing choices and access housing in “opportunity areas.” These are neighborhoods or communities that provide good opportunities for children and their families. The Community Choice Demonstration and accompanying study are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). “Opportunity areas” is a term used by HUD and defined by census information. The criteria that researchers used to develop the list of opportunity areas is based on data and past research related to school quality, long-term economic outcomes for children, poverty rates and other social and economic neighborhood criteria. The purpose of the study is to compare those who receive mobility-related services with those who did not.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding the housing stock and locations, working with local communities and single-family homeowners, and the eligibility of certain locations but not others. Council Members also commented on the possibility of working with realtors, how participants are tracked over time, and the profile of families that would be invited to apply and how they are chosen, as well as the long-term effects of the opportunity. Council Members also discussed how participants adapt to a move between urban and rural areas, the availability of units and what happens if a unit is not available, landlord incentives, post-move support, and research terminology and the need for a study.

Reports

Council Member Vento requested an update on homelessness before the end of the year at an upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The Regional Administrator, General Counsel, and Vice Chair did not have any updates.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 9, 2022.

Approved this 30th day of November 2022.

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