

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

Judy Johnson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

John Pacheco Jr.

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

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

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Absent: 0

No response: 3 Sterner, Pacheco, Vento

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 Lindstrom, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022, Council meeting.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nye: 0

No response: 2 Sterner, Pacheco

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

2022-48: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an administrative settlement on Parcel 416

(Wooddale Shopping Center) in an amount not to exceed \$3,974,340 for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”).

2022-56: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the year, increase the cost, and make technical corrections to the description of Dakota County’s North Creek Greenway project in Lakeville and Farmington.

2022-57: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to expand the length of MnDOT’s US 52 median crossovers and temporary shoulder widening project in Dakota County.

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	14	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
No response:	2	Sterner, Pacheco

BUSINESS

Community Development

2022-50: That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2022 Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan as shown in Attachment 1.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Council Member Barber and Wulff expressed concerns about the Livable Communities Act (LCA) scoring criteria, equity points, and the impact on smaller communities and they will be voting no. Multiple Council Members had comments and questions about the scoring criteria, equity points, engagement with stakeholders, communities, and cities. Staff responded to their comments and concerns. Barajas wanted to clarify we don’t require any policies for communities to participate in the program.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	13	Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	2	Barber, Wulff
Abstain:	1	Pacheco

Environment – No reports

Management – No reports

Transportation

2022-46: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Authorize release of the METRO E Line Recommended Corridor Plan for public review and comment
- Direct staff to collect public comments through Friday, April 8, 2022, summarize comments, and report the findings to the Metropolitan Council.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Council Member Johnson thanked staff and stated she is going to abstain because she is the Director - 50th & France.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Abstain: 2 Johnson, Pacheco

2022-60: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Accept the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment #1 Public Comment Report (attached) and,
2. Adopt Amendment #1 (attached) to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, including redlined edits proposed by staff in response to public comment, to amend in the arterial bus rapid transit Network Next system and amend in six MnDOT freight project selections.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Cummings stated appreciation for the consideration of stakeholders such as the City of Bloomington. Council Member Barber and Johnson appreciate staff for their work.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
No response: 1 Pacheco

Information

2050 Regional Development Guide

Lisa Barajas, Director of Community Development, presented on why we do regional planning in the Metro Area, the statute, where we are today, where do we want to go, and how do we want to get there. Michael Larson provided an overview on why we want a regional vision, staff observations of Thrive MSP 2040, recent council and advisory group discussions, and next steps.

Chair Zelle and Council Members expressed excitement about the process and thanked the staff. Chamblis is glad to see advance planning and how Met Council is approaching this guide, vision process, and qualities. Cummings liked the youth cohort in conversation and asked to get an update on

what the EAC is doing and how their concerns were addressed. Larson stated they will be engaging with advisory committees. Lilligren is interested in the staff outcomes. He finds the data useful and would like to see it going forward.

Reports

Council Member Lindstrom stated there's been interest in the COVID-19 wastewater surveillance, and it's turning into actionable data.

Chair Zelle has been attending Governor's forum pandemic lessons learned, and it was gratifying to the interest in COVID-19 wastewater surveillance.

Council Member Cummings stated the City of Bloomington is interested in the information and asked what other things might be detected going forward. Cummings appreciates staff for their response to questions.

Leisa Thompson stated ES is open to a service the region would like to continue and partner with others and stated this is an inspiration.

Vento would like a copy of the Environmental Services response.

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie congratulated Ann Bloodhart for receiving the 2022 In-House Counsel of the year award for nonprofit/government.

General Counsel Ann Bloodhart appreciates the award. She stated Hilary Lovelace in Livable Community discovered five Met Council properties are in the Just DEEDS database that had restrictive racial covenants. Staff drafted paperwork to remove covenants from our properties and will continue to work with Livable Communities and the Real Estate office.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:44p.m.

Certification

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

Approved this 23rd day of March, 2022.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary