

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

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee, Muse, Zeran

### 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:	10	Barber, Cummings, Fredson, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Lee, Muse, Zeran
No response:	2	Chamblis, Gonzalez

### 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 Vento, seconded by Sterner to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022, Council meeting.

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

Aye:	11	Barber, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Lee, Muse, Zeran
No response:	1	Chamblis

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Zelle welcomed new District 6 Council Member John Pacheco Jr. and offered Mr. Pacheco an opportunity to introduce himself to the Council. Mr. Pacheco will officially begin his term on March 1, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2022-25: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of St. Louis Park to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
  3. Revise the City's allocation of affordable housing to 1,109 housing units, as further detailed in the Review Record.
  4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.
- 2022-26: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Hastings to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  3. Revise Thrive MSP 2040 to change the Community Designation for the amendment property from Agriculture to Emerging Suburban Edge as shown in Figure 2.
  4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Parks and Forecasts.
- 2022-27: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$262,500 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 1.01-acre Tandberg property located at 17660 Dayton River Road in the City of Dayton for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail.
  2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
- 2022-28: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$363,411 to Dakota County to acquire the 110.3-acre Augustine/Schluesner property, located in Randolph and Sciota Townships, for Lake Byllesby Regional Park.
  2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
- 2022-36: That the Metropolitan Council adopt FM1-1 Version 3 Financial Planning and Budget Policy.

- 2022-37: That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Utility Reimbursement Agreement (“URA”) (#21M092) with Minnesota Pipeline Company, LLC (“Minnesota Pipeline”) for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Project”) for an amount up to \$700,000.
- 2022-39: That the Metropolitan Council approve the preliminary 2022 Pay Equity Implementation Report.
- 2022-42: That the Metropolitan Council ratifies the After-the-Fact Purchase Order #21012387 in the amount of \$544,533.35 to CenterPoint Energy for relocation of gas main.
- 2022-43: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Utility Agreement 21I069 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Interceptor 8560.
- 2022-44: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute master contracts 21P208A for \$500,000 with Barr Engineering, Inc., and 21P208B for \$300,000 with Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc., to provide hydrogeologic research to support water supply planning for a total not to exceed procurement value of \$800,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff.

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

Aye:	11	Barber, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Lee, Muse, Zeran
No response:	1	Chamblis

## **BUSINESS**

### Community Development

2022-40: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award six multifamily rental and four single family ownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$8 million.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Ashleigh Johnson, Senior Planner, Community Development, gave an overview of the funding recommendations for the 2021 Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA). Johnson began with an overview of the LHIA application and evaluation process. All applications were to meet LHIA priorities, which are: projects that provide rental housing at or below 30% of area median income (AMI); proposals that serve large families by providing two or more-bedroom units; and proposals serving people experiencing long-term homelessness. The evaluation process also takes into consideration the applicant city’s need for affordable housing over the 2021-2030 decade. A total of 76 applications were submitted in the metro area, with 45 applications recommended for funding. The LHIA funding recommendations include six multi-family awards and four single family

awards for a total of \$8,000,000. Johnson then shared an overview of the individual projects funded. The 2021 LHIA anticipated outcomes are \$8,000,000 in LHIA funds awarded, estimated to leverage \$88,000,000 and \$120,000,000 in private and public investment. It is proposed to build 557 new affordable housing units; 549 rented and eight owned, with an additional 25 units of housing to be preserved or rehabilitated.

Council members had questions about on-site service availability and management, project-based vouchers, and more information of high-priority homeless individuals, which refers to those who are considered chronically homeless.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

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

Aye:	12	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Lee, Muse, Zeran

#### Environment

2022-41: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the facility plan for the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, MCES Project No. 809800 per Resolution No. 2022-3.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff.

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

Aye:	12	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	3	Lee, Muse, Zeran

#### Management—Reports on consent agenda

#### Transportation

2022-38: That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P242 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc, to provide design, engineering, and project management services for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$34,998,088.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

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

Aye:	12	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	

Absent: 3 Lee, Muse, Zeran

## **REPORTS**

Chair Zelle: None

Council Members:

Council Member Vento asked if there is more information about the return to in-person meetings. Chair Zelle shared that there have been conversations with the state and MMB about opening public buildings in April, and the Council should receive confirmation soon. The Council generally follows the state's lead and there will likely be a transition period. Mary Bogie shared that she has heard similar information for opening state buildings but has not shared information about masking and vaccination protocols. Council Member Fredson asked that the Council consider a hybrid option for meetings; he also asked that leadership consider virtual and hybrid options for staff. Council Member Chamblis also asked to consider social distancing opportunities for Council Members and audience members.

Regional Administrator:

Mary Bogie shared appreciation for SWLRT project staff for their hard work. Chair Zelle echoed the comments and appreciation for SWLRT/Green Line Extension staff as well as the work by the Council Members.

General Counsel: None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 23, 2022.

Approved this 9th day of March, 2022.

Bridget Toskey  
Recording Secretary