

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: June 28, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Swearing-In

The following Council Members completed the Oath of Office administered by Chair Zelle. Council Members were reappointed after redistricting.

Judy Johnson	District 1
Reva Chamblis	District 2
Tyronne Carter	District 3
Deb Barber	District 4
John Pacheco, Jr.	District 5
Robert Lilligren	District 6
Yassin Osman	District 7
Anjuli Cameron	District 8
Gail Cederberg	District 11
Susan Vento	District 12
Chai Lee	District 13
W. Toni Carter	District 14
Tenzin Dolkar	District 15
Wendy Wulff	District 16

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No public comment.

Business

1. **2023-102 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2023 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables as shown in the business item.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Aye	16	Johnson, Chamblis, T. Carter, Barber, Cameron, Pacheco, Lilligren, Osman, Zelle, Morales, Vento, Cederberg, Lee, W.T. Carter, Dolkar, Wulff
Nay	0	
Absent	1	Lindstrom

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-4)

1. **2023-112:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P186 with The Red Kite Project, to provide training services in an amount not to exceed \$1,806,723.
2. **2023-130:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Sole Source contract 23P077 with Token Transit, to provide electronic validation for mobile app tickets, including project planning assistance in coordination with Genfare and ticket design in an amount not to exceed \$711,000.
3. **2023-135 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two projects.
4. **2023-136 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the scope and increase the cost of one project and increase the cost of another.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by T. Carter.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. **2023-120:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Award six Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000 as shown in Table 1 below.
 - Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant

agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
Brooklyn Center EDA	New Generations LLC	\$231,000
Maplewood	Rice Street Gardens	\$150,000
Minneapolis	Rodeo Plaza	\$150,000
Minneapolis	The LOMA	\$150,000
St. Louis Park	Affordable Commercial SLP	\$44,000
St. Paul	Hamm's Brewery	\$275,000

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2023-128:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 7017-2 along State Highway 7 in Excelsior in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Cameron.

Motion carried.

Management

Reports on Consent Agenda.

Transportation

1. **2023-129 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Implement the legislatively mandated transit fare elimination pilot program on Metro Transit Route #32 and #62 from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024;
 2. From July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024, provide all regular route service free of charge to individuals who are certified as disabled under the Americans with Disability Act requirements of the Federal Transit Administration or certified as eligible for special transportation service under Minnesota Statutes section 473.386, subdivision 2a; and
 3. Direct staff to submit the required legislative report on the pilot program.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Arterial BRT Program Update

Katie Roth, Director, Arterial Bus Rapid Transit, and Sophia Ginis, Direct of Community Affairs, Metro Transit, presented an overview of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program, engagement, application of transitway transition policy, and active projects. A network of 12 lines is planned to be in place by 2030; there are three types of BRT within the METRO system: arterial, highway, and guideway. BRT routes are designed to be faster, safer, and easier to use. Roth also shared information about prioritization and funding for arterial BRT lines, as well as project delivery structure and staffing. Ginis then gave an overview of outreach and engagement efforts for ABRT program. Outreach coordinators are assigned to each project to develop ongoing, working relationships with stakeholders. Roth then shared information about ABRT enterprise risks, as well as an overview of the status of each ABRT line.

Council members had questions and comments regarding enterprise risks and mitigation,



measuring risks against opportunities, identification of corridors and the Network Next process, outreach and engagement efforts, engagement with police and public safety, and planned service.

Reports

Chair Zelle thanked Transit staff for their efforts for the past weekend's operations. Chair Zelle also discussed the Legislative Auditor Report. Council Members, Regional Administrator, and General Counsel did not have any reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 28th, 2023.

Approved this 12 day of July 2023.

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