

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: November 08, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- 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
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05 p.m.

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 October 25, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No one wished to speak.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-7)

1. **2023-198:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #17 (contract reference number 12I021Q) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,218,846.
2. **2023-199:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #9 (Contract #14I044I) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,522,589.
3. **2023-200:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #10 (contract reference number 17I024J) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not

to exceed \$1,734,189.

4. **2023-201:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #3 (contract reference number 211147C) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,059,502 contingent upon the execution of the First Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase of the Metro Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“First Amendment”) by the Council, Ramsey County (“County”), and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (“RCRRA”).
5. **2023-240:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement (#23P078) with ROM, Inc. for the purpose of providing trench and sump cleaning services not to exceed \$563,256 over the next five years.
6. **2023-249:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P049 with Harris Mechanical to provide building automation system upgrades, software updates, system reconfiguration and replacement of JACE units at Metro Transit facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,072,050.
7. **2023-250:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) # 231002 with the City of St. Paul.

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2023-260 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve a grant of up to \$480,000 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire a 1.1-acre parcel located at 16590 Dayton River Road in Dayton, MN, 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.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

Council Member Wulff stated that she had requested more detail for this trail corridor to determine which parcels are being bought in their entirety. If it is a linear park, she is concerned with the overall cost of future acquisitions if properties are bought in their entirety.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-261 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve Ramsey County’s Battle Creek Regional Park Long-Range Plan.
 2. Require Ramsey County, prior to initiating any development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Environmental



Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Council Member Wulff shared concern with the substantial amount of residential homes within the park boundary and is concerned with homes being acquired and then torn down.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-265 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Victoria to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Find that the amendment renders the City's comprehensive plan inconsistent with the Council's housing policy and that the City is therefore ineligible to receive grant funds from the Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs.
 4. Advise the City:
 - a. To be consistent with Council housing policy, the City needs to reguide additional acres expected to develop in the 2021-2030 decade to a land use with a minimum density of 12 units per acre to accommodate a minimum of 118 additional units.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Wastewater.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

4. **2023-270 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to develop and submit a grant application and supporting documents as the lead agency for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program grant.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Osman.

Council Member Vento stated that she hopes that we consider the Purple Line for this type of funding as well as the Gold Line. She shared her concern that too often, Hennepin County seems to get a lot of the funding. She stated that the entire region has needs and deserves to be heard.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2023-248:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P248A with Polydyne Inc. to provide polymer to Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant in amount not to exceed \$7,048,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.



Motion carried.

Management

1. **2023-255:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 22P172A-EE for informational technology professional services staff augmentation for a 5-year term for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$35,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
22nd Century Technologies Inc	22P172A	\$741,928
Abacus Service Corp	22P172B	\$741,928
AgreeYa Solutions Inc	22P172C	\$741,928
Beacon Systems	22P172D	\$741,928
California Creative Solutions Inc	22P172E	\$741,928
CDW-G	22P172F	\$741,928
Compunnel Software Group Inc	22P172G	\$741,928
DevCare Solutions Ltd	22P172H	\$741,928
Enclipse Corporation*	22P172I	\$1,200,000
Enterprise Solutions Inc	22P172J	\$741,928
ePATHUSA	22P172K	\$741,928
ERPA	22P172L	\$1,200,000
Evolvers Group	22P172M	\$1,200,000
HighCloud Solutions Inc*	22P172N	\$1,200,000
Honorvet Technologies	22P172O	\$741,928
Iceberg Technology Group	22P172P	\$741,928
ILM Professional Services Inc*	22P172Q	\$1,200,000
IPCS, Inc*	22P172R	\$1,200,000
IRA IT Solutions Inc*	22P172S	\$1,200,000
IT Audit Labs*	22P172T	\$1,200,000
KNZ Solutions Inc*	22P172U	\$1,200,000
Kortech Consulting Inc*	22P172V	\$741,928
Lancesoft Inc	22P172W	\$741,928
Paragon Development Systems	22P172X	\$741,928
Protiviti Government Services Inc	22P172Y	\$1,200,000
RBA Inc	22P172Z	\$741,928
Resource Logistics Inc	22P172AA	\$741,928
RK Consultancy Services Inc*	22P172BB	\$741,928
Sterling Computers	22P172CC	\$741,928
TechZavy Inc*	22P172DD	\$741,928
The Macro Group Inc*	22P172EE	\$741,928
RK Consultancy Services Inc*	22P172AA	\$741,928
* Metropolitan Council Underutilized Businesses		

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2023-262:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 23P116 F-J that will provide support to people who are turning to transit while experiencing homelessness, suffering from mental illness, or facing other challenges in an amount not to exceed \$633,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Brothers EMpowered	23P116F	\$200,000
The Family Partnership	23P116G	\$133,000
TOUCH Outreach	23P116H	\$100,000
All our Boys, Inc.	23P116I	\$100,000
8218 Truce Center	23P116J	\$100,000

It was moved by Dr. Carter, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

None.

Other business

None.

Information

None.

Reports

Chair Zelle acknowledged the work of engagement staff working with others in collaboration regarding public safety.

Council Member Dr. Carter took a moment to recognize and thank our Veterans and those currently serving.

No report from Regional Administrator or General Counsel.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:41 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 08, 2023.

Approved this 13th day of December 2023.

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