

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: June 12, 2024

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
- = present, E = excused

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.

Agenda Approved

Chair Zelle announced the removal of agenda item number 2 2024-127: Adopt Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (MHOP) Resolution number 2024-7 (Terri Smith 651-602-1187) from the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Tyronne Carter to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

Michelle Joy – Robbinsdale resident – stated is against the LRT Blue Line. She purchased her home in Robbinsdale because of the diversity and charm of small businesses. Construction will negatively impact those businesses. She is also concerned about the possible increase in crime around LRT, in her opinion the area is better served by bus routes.

Nancy Johnson – Robbinsdale resident – stated the alignment of the Blue Line is all wrong. County Road 81 is a busy road with a lot of traffic. The LRT would remove two lanes of traffic and increase congestion for residents. She questioned who will use this route, doesn't think it's daily commuters, just Twin's game spectators. She requests a stop, pause on all work on the Blue Line and find a better route.

Chair Zelle stated comments will be forwarded to the Blue Line Project office.

Consent Business

Consent business adopted (items 1 – 5)

1. 2024-112: Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (HCRRA), Carver County
That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$395,957 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire approximately 40 acres of a former Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority trail corridor located in Victoria, MN, for the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

2. 2024-130 SW: 2024-27 TIP Amendment Request - Two New Projects

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two new projects:

- Design consultant agreement for a MN 65 from 37th Avenue and I 694 in Columbia Heights and Hilltop project
- Bituminous mill and overlay and added turn lanes on MN 316 (Red Wing Blvd) from US 61 in Welch Township to Tuttle in Hastings

3. 2024-131 SW: 2024-27 TIP Amendment Request – Six NEVI Projects

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add installation of six new National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program-funded charging stations:

- Within 1 mile from exit 205, 207, or 213 on I 94;
- Within 1 mile from exit 30, 31 or 33 on I 94;
- Within 1 mile from exit 17C, 234C or 235A on I 94 and I 35;
- Within 1 mile from exit 235B, 237, 238, 239A, 239B, 240 or 241A on I 94;
- Within 1 mile from exit 147 on I 35;
- Within 1 mile from exit 88B, 86, 85, 84 or 81 on I 35.

4. 2024-144: Establish Public Hearing Date – Public Housing Agency Plan (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2025 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five Year and Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 19, 2024, at 4:00pm.

5. 2024-145: City of Lake Elmo Elementary Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review Number: 22215-3 (Emma Dvorak 651-602-1399)

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Lake Elmo to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 community designation for the amendment site from Rural Residential to Emerging Suburban Edge as shown in Figure 3 in the Review Record.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation/Aviation, Parks, Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Supply.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.



Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. 2024-146: Funding Recommendations for 2024 Round One LCA Pre-Development Grants (Hannah Gary 651-602-1633)

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award seven (7) Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Toni Carter

Motion carried.

2. 2024-147: Funding Recommendations for 2024 Round One LCA Policy Development Grants (Hannah Gary 651-602-1633)

That the Metropolitan Council award three (3) Livable Communities Act Policy Development Grants totaling \$100,000 as shown Table 1 below.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

City of Bloomington	Opportunity Housing Ordinance Housing Nexus Study	\$45,000
City of Richfield	City of Richfield Multi-Family (MR-2) and High Density Multi-Family (MR-3) Zoning Code Update	\$35,000
City of Newport	Newport Zoning Ordinance Update	\$20,000

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Osman

Motion carried.

Environment

No Reports.

Management

No Reports.

Transportation

1. 2024-133 SW: Small Bus Transit Service, Contract #23P148 (John Harper 651-602-1744)
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with TransDev, Inc. to provide regular route transit services in an amount not to exceed \$27,491,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales

Motion carried.



Other business

No other business.

Information

No information items

Reports

No Reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:18 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 12, 2024.

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