

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: March 13, 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 4:02 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No one wished to speak.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items x-x)

1. **2024-43:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P153 with Hawkins, Inc. to provide bulk ferric chloride at MCES Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$6,990,000.
2. **2024-49:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a change order for Contract 15P307A with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV) for additional contaminated soil disposal in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.
3. **2024-62:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 23P203 with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of two-way vehicle radios in the amount not to exceed \$567,262.08.
4. **2024-291:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the amended 2023 Livable Communities Funding Recommendation with the amended funding amount as shown in the table below.
 1. Award eight Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$9,736,250 and;

2. 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 Proposed Action

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Brooklyn Center	New Generations LLC- 1500 69th Ave	\$1,000,000
City of Minneapolis	Little Earth of United Tribes	\$2,000,000
City of Minneapolis	Sabathani Family Housing	\$1,145,000
City of Saint Paul	2260 Bohland Avenue (Common Bond Ford Site II)	\$575,000
City of Edina	5780 Lincoln	\$1,500,000
City of Maplewood	Maplewood – Gladstone Village 1	\$1,150,000
City of Brooklyn Center	Innovation and Catalyst Center	\$600,000
City of Bloomington	700 American	\$1,766,250

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-36:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize Scott County to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Revise the County’s employment forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
 3. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for regional parks and trails and transportation.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

Discussion on this highly sensitive natural area. This is a contentious issue between the County, Township, and City of Jordan. Noted policy offering protection of rural centers for long-term services needs to be addressed in Imagine 2050.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-73:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to:
 1. Develop grant application and related materials as a partner agency with the State of Minnesota as the lead agency for the Equitable Residential Decarbonization project to be submitted for Phase 2 Implementation Grants of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.
 2. Develop and submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the proposal as a part of the



application process.

3. Negotiate and execute the memorandum of agreement with the State of Minnesota for participation in the coalition grant.
4. Negotiate and execute the any required agreements with the Environmental Protection Agency.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2024-54:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all proposals for contract 23P048.

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

Discussion of errors that occurred as it was done online and noted issues are acknowledged and being addressed.

Motion carried.

1. **2024-56:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P273 with Inductive Automation, Inc. to provide Human Machine Interface (HMI) software, training, and support services in an amount not to exceed \$1,106,050.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

Management

1. **2024-16 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council approves the Non-Represented Plan changes effective December 23, 2023, incorporating the revisions as summarized in the business item provided.

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

Motion carried.

Reports

Regional Administrator O'Connor announced the Government Finance Office Association issues a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence. This is the 40th consecutive year the Metropolitan Council has received that award. He commended the staff for this accomplishment. He also gave a brief legislative update.

Chair Zelle discussed the upcoming State of the Region event to be held March 22, 2024, at the Hopkins Art Center. This is an opportunity to connect and 'tell our story'. O'Connor stated the hope is that people will come away with what we're doing and where you can find us.

Chair Zelle discussed the work of the Met Council and new positions/roles that have been filled with veterans and new people.

Vento reported that Chief Morales speaking on Public Radio on how supported he feels. This can be found on Angela Davis's podcast. She noted they are doing a phenomenal job.

Lindstrom invited council members to tour the Metro Plant on 4/12/24 at 1pm.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 13, 2024.

Approved this 27th day of March 2024.

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