

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** February 26, 2025

**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
- Vacant*, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

## 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 Wulff, seconded by Toni Carter to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

Tom Magin of Minneapolis made his public comment against removing buses from Nicollet Mall.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-3)

1. **2025-51:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Sanitary Sewer, Project Number 809900, per the attached Resolution No.2025-3.
2. **2025-60 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add consultant services for a study of dual turn lanes on CSAH 83 (Canterbury Rd) near US 169 in Shakopee.
3. **2025-61 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of MnDOT's I-394 auxiliary lane, bridge repair, retaining wall, signal, and intersection modification project.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### *Community Development*

1. **2025-47:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,300,682 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to acquire an 80-acre parcel located in the southeast quadrant of 180<sup>th</sup> Street and Manning Trail in Marine-on-St. Croix, MN, for the Big Marine Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cederberg.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2025-48:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$807,025 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to acquire an 85-acre parcel located at 17130 Salisbury Hill Road in Belle Plaine, MN, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2025-67:** That the Metropolitan Council approve a revision to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to add the following waiting list preference:

The Public Housing Agency (PHA) will offer a preference for 10% of waiting list placements to households whose head identifies as American Indian.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

**Motion carried.**

### *Environment*

1. No reports.

### *Management*

1. No reports.

### *Transportation*

1. No reports.

### *Joint reports*

1. No reports.



## **Other business**

1. **2025-64:** That the Metropolitan Council appoint the following individuals as Commissioners for Districts E, F, G, and H for terms through the first Monday in January 2029:
  - District E: Chris Suerig
  - District F: Cecily Harris
  - District G: Anthony Taylor
  - District H: Amanda Duerr

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Pacheco.

**Motion carried.**

## **Information**

1. Development Trends Along Transit (Michael Krantz 612-349-7392, Amy Yoder 612-349-7167)  
Presenters Micheal Krantz, Senior Manager of Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and Amy Yoder, Planner in TOD, presented data on development trends along transit lines. The data was based on permits in the year 2023. Staff took questions from council members. Council members appreciated the data and statistics conveyed and were impressed with the striking graphics in the slides. Council members agreed that the slides will be useful tools when presenting and meeting with external stakeholders. Council members asked when 2024 data will be available and if the Council could deepen their collaboration with developers and representatives of the business community.

## **Reports**

No reports.

## **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:29 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 26, 2025.

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