

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** June 11, 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

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

## 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.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Osman.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Dr. Tyronne Carter, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

No public comment.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-3)

1. **2025-139 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope and increase the cost of Wright County's I-94, County Road 137, and CSAH 37 reconstruction and roundabout project.
2. **2025-140 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add MVTA's Apple Valley Transit Station Modernization project.
3. **2025-129:** That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2026 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 18, 2025, at 4:00pm.

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### Community Development

1. **2025-135:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  - Award five (5) Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000, as shown in Table 1 below.
  - Change the City of Bloomington's award limit in Round Two of 2025 Pre-Development grants to \$200,000.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Saint Paul	1170 Arcade St. (Face to Face)	\$260,000
City of Saint Paul	694 Minnehaha Ave (Hamm's Brewery Redevelopment)	\$40,000
City of Bloomington	Bloomington Family Townhomes	\$130,000
City of Bloomington	Bloomington Affordable Homeownership Program – 4-acre subdivision	\$270,000
City of Hopkins	Sustainable Missing Middle	\$300,000

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lee.

Council members discussed concerns regarding city of Bloomington's proposal for project management for mentoring work with small or emerging developers. One, the city's plan is not fully formed. Two, mentoring program should be to mentor new and emerging developers, rather than exploit them to do clerical work. Requests city to show how funds were used with emerging developers, who did they work with, what were the deliverables. Council member Lilligren and staff acknowledged the concerns and noted that additional language can be added to the grant agreement to require the city to report out how the mentoring program worked and its outcomes.

Council member Cederberg pointed out the small number of applications for the Livable Communities grants and asked about community engagement efforts to inform the public of available funding. Staff responded that their intention is to work towards a broader mix of grant applicants in the future to align with Imagine 2050.

Motion carried.

### ***Environment***

No reports.

### ***Management***

No reports.

### ***Transportation***

1. **2025-86 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P006 with Resource Systems Group (RSG), Inc. for consulting services for the 2025 and 2027 Household Travel Surveys in an amount not to exceed \$2,710,000. It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Council members asked what data is being captured and whether travel outside the region would be included. Staff clarified that the survey will capture trips within and outside the region. However, the travel survey cannot capture trips originating from outside the region.

Motion carried.

### ***Joint reports***

No reports.

### ***Other business***

No reports.

## **Reports**

Chair Zelle shared that the State budget has been approved, and Met Council's Government Affairs Director will give a full Legislative report in the next two weeks. Chair Zelle mentioned that additional allocation for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and highway BRT did not pass. This additional allocation was not a Council request. Additionally, Chair highlighted two upcoming events: B Line opening and retirement party for bus route 21.

Council member Barber invited all to attend the community convening meeting on June 18, 2025 in Chaska and gave a brief description of what to expect for this special meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:42 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 11, 2025.

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