

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: February 12, 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
- Tenzin Dolkar, 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 4:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

Chair Zelle notified the Council that there was a discrepancy on an agenda item from the January 22, 2025 meeting, business item 2025-14. The language in the Committee Report for this business item had language from a previous TIP amendment. Once these minutes are approved, a red-lined version of the Committee Report for 2025-14 will be reposted on our Council website.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

Tom Magin of Minneapolis spoke to the Council asking them not to remove the buses along Nicollet Mall.

Joint reports

1. **2025-3 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Accept and consolidate the public comment reports for Imagine 2050.
 2. Adopt Imagine 2050, the metropolitan development guide for the region as authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 473.145 and replacing Thrive MSP 2040 and all 2040 systems and policy plans. Imagine 2050 also includes the following chapters which supersede and replace previous iterations of these plans:
 - a. The 2050 Land Use Policy
 - b. The 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan

- c. The 2050 Housing Policy Plan
 - d. The 2050 Transportation Policy Plan
 - e. The 2050 Water Policy Plan, including the Metro Area Water Supply Plan
2. Adopt the local forecasts through 2050 as shown in Appendix A of the Vision, Values, Goals component of Imagine 2050.
 3. Authorize Council staff to finalize Imagine 2050 for publication, including making any non-substantive edits for typographical errors, plain language, and consistency, and to produce of Imagine 2050 for local government and public users.

Division Directors Leisa Thompson, Lisa Barajas and Charles Carlson provided a recap of the planning process and engagement work that the Met Council did to inform the final reports. Dr. Carter thanked staff for bringing consistency in the process and engaging community. Dr. Carter appreciated the overall plan but will not be voting yes on the plan. Overall, Council members commended staff, members of the workgroup and community stakeholders for their community engagement work to ensure that community voices and feedback were reflected in the plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-12)

1. **2025-25:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P127 with Polydyne, Inc., to provide polymer to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$24,025,000.
2. **2025-29:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the preliminary 2025 Pay Equity Implementation report.
3. **2025-31:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25M008 with NorthPoint Development, for the 10-year lease agreement in the amount of \$14,344,453, which includes a Tenant Improvement Allowance (TIA) to build out the space and Common Area Maintenance (CAM) expenses.
4. **2025-32:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P224 with Henricksen Incorporated via the Minnesota State Contract F-379(5) in the amount of \$2,500,000, which includes all cubicle workspaces and conference room furniture throughout the 5-story Heywood Office building as a part of the larger 2024-2025 remodel project.
5. **2025-35:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the cost and combine the scopes of MnDOT's I-94 and I-35E bridge improvements project.
6. **2025-36:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add six new projects to purchase a total of 15 transit vehicles.
7. **2025-37:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P271 with CMD Properties, Inc., to provide replacement batteries for diesel buses 12/24 volts systems and delivery to all Bus Maintenance Garages in an amount not to exceed \$1,316,206.
8. **2025-39:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P149 with Waste Management of Minnesota, LLC to provide solid waste services for the Council in an amount not to exceed \$4,772,250.



9. **2025-43:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreements and amendment(s) for FFY 2023 HUD PRO Housing grant program partner sub-recipient awards, in accordance with Table 1.
10. **2025-44:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Rosemount to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Water Resources, Wastewater Services, Land Use, and Housing.
11. **2025-46:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2025 Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan as shown in Attachment 1.
12. **2025-52 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council approves Business Item 2025-52 SW on the process for the 2025-2026 Equity-Focused Water Efficiency Grant Pilot Program and authorizes staff to advertise the availability of grant funding and solicit applications.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2025-6:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Establish the Regional Parks and Trails Planning Handbook as the administrative guide for regional parks and trails long-range planning requirements.
 2. Adopt the attached Regional Parks and Trails Planning Handbook.
 3. Authorize Council staff to make administrative changes to the Handbook over time, including additions and updates to related tools and resources.
 4. Direct Council staff to bring any updates that directly impact or necessitate implementing agency action related to Sections 3, 5, 6, and 7 of the Planning Handbook to the Council for approval, aligning with any updates to the Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-45:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the attached Notice of Funding Availability for the Community Tree Planting Grant Program.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Environment

No reports.

Management

No reports.

Transportation

1. **2025-34:** That the Metropolitan Council approve updates to the adopted Zero Emission



Bus Transition Plan for submittal to the MN State Legislature by February 15, 2025, as required by Minnesota Statute 473.3927.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter.

Motion carried.

Other business

1. **2025-42:** That the Metropolitan Council approve and make effective on Monday, March 3, 2025, the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation
Lilligren, Chair	Cederberg, Chair	Johnson, Chair	Barber, Chair
Carter, Toni, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Pacheco, Vice Chair	Chamblis, Vice Chair
Cameron	Carter, Tyronne	Barber	Carter, Toni
Chamblis	Lee	Cederberg	Carter, Tyronne
Dolkar	Lindstrom	Lilligren	Cameron
Lee	Morales	Osman	Johnson
Lindstrom	Vento	Dolkar	Osman
Morales			Pacheco
Wulff			Vento

2. That the Metropolitan Council approve Reva Chamblis as Vice Chair of the Council, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.

3. That the Metropolitan Council approve and make effective on Monday, March 3, 2025, the following special and advisory committees, commissions, and boards assignments, as recommended by the Chair and pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

1. Age Friendly MN Council: Vento
2. Audit: Lee (Chair), Vento (Vice Chair), Barber, Dolkar
3. Clean Water Council: Cederberg
4. Environmental Quality Board: Lindstrom, Tyronne Carter (Alternate)
5. Equity Advisory Committee: Pacheco (Chair), Toni Carter, Tyronne Carter, Osman
6. Hennepin County Community Works Bottineau Steering Committee: Chamblis, Osman (Alternate)
7. Investment Review Committee: Morales (Chair), Lee
8. Land Use Advisory Committee: Morales (Chair)
9. METRO Blue Line Corridor Management Committee: Zelle (Chair), Chamblis, Cameron, Osman (Alternate)
10. METRO Blue Line Project Development Board: Zelle (Chair), Chamblis, Cameron (Alternate)
11. METRO Green Line Corridor Management Committee: Zelle (Chair), Tyronne Carter, Lilligren, Cameron (Alternate)



12. METRO Green Line Executive Change Control Board: Zelle, Barber, Lilligren (Alternate)
13. METRO Gold Line Community and Business Advisory Committee: Lee, Vento (Alternate)
14. METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee: Zelle (Chair), Lee
15. METRO Gold Line Executive Change Control Board: Zelle (Chair), Lee, Vento (Alternate)
16. METRO Purple Line Corridor Management Committee: Zelle (Chair), Lee, Lindstrom (Alternate), Cederberg (Alternate)
17. Metropolitan Airports Commission: Cameron, Morales (Alternate)
18. Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee: Wulff (Chair)
19. Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: Wulff
20. Minnesota Council on Disability: Wulff
21. Olmstead Sub-Cabinet: Wulff
22. Regional Council of Mayors: Lindstrom, Johnson (Alternate)
23. Riverview Corridor Policy Advisory Committee: Toni Carter, Lee (Alternate)
24. Southwest LRT PLACES: Cameron
25. Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee: Cameron
26. Transportation Advisory Board: Barber, Chamblis (Alternate)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Reports

CM Vento reminded everyone that the deadline for the 2 Council vacancies is February 14th. CM Lilligren reminded everyone that the Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives' March starts at 11:00 am in Minneapolis on Friday, February 14th.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:57 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 12, 2025.

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