

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: July 24, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert St

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Anjuli Cameron, District 5

- John Pacheco Jr., District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Yassin Osman, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Gail Cederberg, 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 4:03 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No public comment.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-2)

1. **2024-186 SW:** Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT’s MN 121 and CSAH 22 Improvements Project (Robbie King, 651-602-1380)
That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of MnDOT’s MN 121 mill and overlay project and make a technical correction to its location and add a new project.
2. **2024-187 SW:** 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – I-94 Bridge Over Wright County Road 19 (Joe Barbeau, 651-602-1705) That the Metropolitan Council approves MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost and move the year of MnDOT’s I-94 bridge construction over County Road 19 in Wright County.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by W.T. Carter

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

No Reports.

Environment

1. **2024-170 SW:** Adoption of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Wastewater Rates and Charges (Matt Gsellmeier, 651-602-1802)

That the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2025:

- Regional Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of \$297,360,000;
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,485** (\$3,185 for East Bethel and \$4,685 for Elko/New Market);
- Temporary SAC: **\$1.25** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Capacity Charge: **\$2.35** per 1,000 gallons (\$3.01 for E. Bethel, \$4.43 for Elko NM);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.332** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.166** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Brewery Strength Charge: **\$1.04** per barrel;
- Standard Load Charge: **\$64.65** per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$12.74** per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$82.54** per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$79.65** per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.4130** per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.2065** per excess pound of COD;
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and
- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$539,000** per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Motion carried.

Management

1. **2024-172 SW:** Post 65 Medical Insurance (Michelle Murray, 651-602-1390)

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P007 with UnitedHealthcare to provide a fully insured Medicare Advantage Plan and services for our Post-65 Medical Insurance, in an amount not to exceed \$28,193,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-176 SW:** Council Property Insurance Contract Renewal (Phil Walljasper, 651-602-1787)

The Metropolitan Council's Property Insurance provides coverage for physical damage to Council property (e.g. buildings, equipment, vehicles, trains), as well as expenses incurred while continuing operations after a physical loss.

Given the Council's operations and locations, a strong partnership with an insurance company is critical for proper insurance coverage and loss prevention. Two years ago,

after an extensive marketing effort, the Council switched insurance companies and partnered with FM Global. In that time, staff has worked closely with FM, and their loss prevention engineers, to continue to strengthen the Council’s ability to manage property risk.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

- 3. **2024-184 SW:** Labor Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49 (Marcy Cordes, 651-602-1582)

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

- 4. **2024-198 SW:** Comprehensive Security Platform, Contract 24P210 (Gretchen White, 651-602-1443)

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P210 with PDS to purchase and implement a Comprehensive Security Platform for a not-to-exceed amount to \$4,500,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

The background section of the business item that was passed by the Management Committee was slightly different and will replace the one viewable at the meeting as the official business item.

Transportation

- 1. **2024-122 SW:** METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) – Authorize Municipal Consent Joint Public Hearing (Nick Thompson 612-349-7507)

Authorize a joint Municipal Consent public hearing with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and Hennepin County on August 24 ~~26~~, 2024, at 6:00pm at NorthPoint Health and Wellness Conference Center, 1256 Penn Avenue N, Suite 5200, Minneapolis, MN 55411 to discuss the physical design components of the preliminary design plans for the METRO Blue Line Extension light rail transit project; and

- Direct staff to prepare Blue Line Extension Municipal Consent Plans and submit them to Hennepin County and the cities of Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Aye	13	Chamblis, T. Carter, Barber, Pacheco, Osman, Cameron, Morales, Cederberg, W.T. Carter
Nay	3	Johnson, Vento, Wulff
Absent	4	Dolkar, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Lee

The date was corrected when the business item was passed and the Business Item links have been updated to reflect the correction before both the Council and Transportation Committees.



2. **2024-180 SW:** Microtransit Service, Contract 24P029 (John Harper 651-602-1744)
That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Schmitty & Sons Transportation Inc. to provide Microtransit services in an amount not to exceed \$60,645,500.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Motion carried.

Other Business

1. **2024-201:** Livable Communities Advisory Committee Appointments (Chair Zelle)
That the Metropolitan Council approve the following two-year appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

- Chair: William Blonigan
- Development: Kou Vang
- Transportation: Samantha McKinney

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Pacheco,

Motion carried.

Information

1. Art + Policy Update (Amanda Lovelee; Eleanor Hohulin)

Reports

1. Chair – commented on recent outreach sessions
2. Council Members did not have any reports
3. Regional Administrator – commented on meetings with counties and extended an invitation to Council Members. He also provided an update on the Kenilworth Trail.
4. General Counsel did not have any 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 July 24, 2024.

Approved this 14th day of August 2024.

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