

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: January 22, 2025

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Judy Johnson, District 1
- Vice Chair, Chai Lee, District 13

- E Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5
- Robert Lilligren, District 6

- E Yassin Osman, District 7
- Gail Cederberg, District 11
- = present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Johnson called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 2:34 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 Pacheco to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business

1. **2025-02 JT SW:** Special January Budget Amendment

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2025 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

Council Member Johnson wanted to make note: In the Transportation Capital Budget there is a 10-million-dollar passthrough grant to Hennepin County for Anti-displacement work for Blueline. It does require a match that Hennepin County must secure and that it is not our obligation or coming from us.

Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer, 651-602-1162 presented the item.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-29:** Pay Equity Implementation

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Pacheco, that the Metropolitan Council approve the preliminary 2025 Pay Equity Implementation report.

Sheri Chesness (Chess-ness), she/her/hers, Deputy Chief Human Resources Officer, 651-421-2211 presented the item and gave the committee members a handout. This was added to the online agenda.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Small Business Equity Assessment Results

Lila Eltawely, Senior Manager, Enterprise Equity, Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity, 612-349-7660 and Ashanti Payne, Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity Assistant Director, 612-349-7660 presented the item.

2. Litigation Review (closed session): Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues. Ann Bloodhart, General Council, 651-602-1105 presented the item. It was moved by Lilligren, and seconded by Pacheco, to close this meeting to the public to discuss attorney-client privileged matters. **Motion Carried.**

Because this was the final agenda item, it was noted that the meeting would not be reopened following the discussion of attorney-client matters and the meeting would be adjourned at the conclusion of the discussions.

In accordance with the motion, the meeting was closed to the public and began discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues at 3:31 pm, Wednesday, January 22, 2025, Chair Johnson asked for the room to be cleared except for Council Members, Management Committee staff and others whose presence is necessary to conduct the closed meeting.

Closed session business was concluded at 3:43 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Chelsea Bartoe, Ann Bloodhart, Sheri Chesness, Lori Connery, Darcy Erickson, George Henry, Greg Ricci, Ned Smith and Cassandra Tabor.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

- A. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Michael Fiorito v. Metropolitan Council, et al.*** Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- B. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Abdirahman Yonis v. Transit Metro, Metro Transit.*** Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- C. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Wasyihun Fanta v. Metro Transit, et al.*** Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- D. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Victoria Giles v. Metropolitan Council, et al.*** Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- E. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jamesia Sullen v. Metropolitan Council, et. al.*** Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- F. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Metropolitan Council v. CSM RI Eden Prairie, LLC (parcel 223, Green Line Extension).*** Associate General Counsel Darcy Erickson advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- G. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a**



Matter Entitled *Stairstep Foundation v. State of Minnesota, et al.* General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.

- H. **Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Michael Janish v. Metropolitan Council, et al.*** General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of January 22, 2025.

Approved this 12 day of February 2025.

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