

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** January 10, 2024

**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

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## Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by T. Carter to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

No public comment.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-8)

1. **2023-280:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I054E ("SFA") with Washington County ("County") for reimbursement of costs for the procurement of snow removal equipment for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project ("Gold Line Project") in an amount not to exceed \$859,040.00.
2. **2023-295:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  1. Approve a grant of up to \$161,728 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Ramsey County to acquire a 2.91-acre parcel located at 0 Ogden Avenue in Saint Paul for Battle Creek Regional Park.
  2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
3. **2023-296:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.
  2. Approve the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Amendment.
  3. Require Washington County, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
  4. Request that the County send to the Council for the Council's records the Joint Powers Agreement between the County and Department of Natural Resources for use of the Brown's Creek State Trail once it has been executed.
  5. Advise the County to consider implementing the recommendations for solar resources and transportation in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.
4. **2023-306:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Council's Target Fund Balance Policy for Metro Mobility funds and Metropolitan Area Transportation Sales and Use Tax in accordance with the revised Target Fund Balance Policy as shown in the business item.
  5. **2023-307:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
    1. Authorize the City of Plymouth to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
    2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
    3. Revise the City's allocation of the regional affordable housing need to 890 units for 2021-2030.
    4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for transportation.
  6. **2023-309:** That the Metropolitan Council:
    1. Approve a Joint Powers Agreement, substantially in the form of the attached, between the Metropolitan Council, the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) and the City of Plymouth governing the transfer and conversion of Metropolitan Housing Opportunity Program units.
    2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Council.
  7. **2023-311:** That the Metropolitan Council approve attached resolution 2023-30 adopting Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 adopted by the City of Mayer for participation in the Livable Communities Act programs for 2024-2030.
  8. **2024-10 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add five new projects and add additional federal funding to a past project as follows:
    - Construction of Dakota County's All American Great River Road/Spring Lake Park Reserve Trailhead;
    - Dakota County multi-use trail and pedestrian crossings project on CSAH 28 (80th St) and CSAH 56 (Concord Blvd);
    - Dakota County wayfinding, landscaping, and interpretive signing project along the Mississippi River in Hastings and South Saint Paul;
    - MnDOT wrong-way driver detection, implementation, and crash prevention plan for the metropolitan area;
    - MnDOT purchase of an electric bus for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; and



- Additional federal funding for Metro Transit's Orange Line project.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### *Community Development*

9. **2023-269:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award five homeownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in the business item, totaling \$2,825,034.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

Council Member Tyronne Carter asked for clarification on the housing types. Sarah Berke, Community Development, shared more information. Council Member also had questions and comments regarding housing affordability, as well as property taxes for recipients.

**Motion carried.**

10. **2023-308:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award five homeownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in the business item, totaling \$2,825,034.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Council Member Vento commented on tax increment financing and toxic sites.

**Motion carried.**

11. **2023-310:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award five multifamily rental Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in the business item, totaling \$2.5 million.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried.**

### *Environment*

1. **2023-299:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes an increase in the contract value for Contract 19P187A Metropolitan WWTP Solids Renewal and Improvements, project numbers 805947 and 808920, from \$19,303,100 to \$21,363,047.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2023-301:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P089 to Dem-CON Trucking, LLC to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$2,745,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.



**Motion carried.**

**Management**

1. Reports on consent agenda.

**Transportation**

1. **2023-287:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to: (1) execute a First Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement with the City of St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Saint Paul HRA), and the City of Saint Paul (City); and (2) execute any subsequent non-material amendments to support the redevelopment of the Central Station Block.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried.**

**Other business**

1. **2024-4:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):  

<b>District A</b> – Doug Anderson	<b>A Alternate</b> – Samantha McKinney
<b>District B</b> – John Morast	<b>B Alternate</b> – vacant
<b>District C</b> – Husniyah Bradley	<b>C Alternate</b> – Andy Lewis
<b>District D</b> – Glen Johnson	<b>D Alternate</b> – Brandon Wagenfeld
<b>Non-motorized</b> – Brian Martinson	<b>Non-motorized alternate</b> – Alexander Ask
<b>Transit</b> – Amity Foster	<b>Transit alternate</b> – Timothy Marino
<b>Transit</b> – Christopher Vaughn	<b>Transit alternate</b> – Nathan Hemann

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Barber.

Council Member Barber commended all who applied for the positions.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2024-13:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Phil Klein as the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee representative on the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff.

Council Member Wulff shared that Phil Klein is also a Hugo Council Member and has been on both MAWSAC and the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC.)

**Motion carried.**

3. **2024-19:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, with the amended term end dates, to fill the open Commissioner seats that resulted from redistricting. The following terms run until the first Monday in January 2027:
  - Chair – Tony Yarusso
  - District A – Monica Dillenburg
  - District B – Bob Moeller
  - District C – Tess Bouska

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission for the following terms that run until the first Monday in January



2025:

- District E – Chris Suerig
- District F – Cecily Harris
- District G – Anthony Taylor
- District H – Amanda Duerr

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried.**

## Information

1. 2040 Indicator Projects – Updates & Next Steps (Krysten Ryba-Tures, 651-602-1821; Sarah Henrickson, 651-602-1396)

Krysten Ryba-Tures, Manager, Research, and Sarah Henrickson, Senior Researcher, shared updates and next steps on the 2040 indicator projects. The 2040 indicator projects include 23 data points within the Housing Policy Plan, and 32 data points within Thrive MSP 2040. The implementation of 2040 indicators projects over the past decade coupled with a thorough review of national and local indicators projects has generated three learning themes: 1. This work is about dialogues, not (just) data; 2. Frameworks are crucial; and 3. Set targets. Several 2040 Housing Policy Plan indicators (adopted in 2015) and Thrive MSP 2040 indicators (adopted in 2019) have changed over time; Ryba-Tures shared examples of the changes and learning themes.

Council members had questions and comments regarding changes that will be reflected on the 2050 Regional Development Guide, small communities reflected in the indicators, research and data, the Council's role in implementation, and working with regional partners.

2. Documenting Change and Demonstrating Diversity: Lessons and resources from the 2020 Census (Matt Schroeder, 651-602-1513)

Matt Schroeder, Community Development Research Team, shared lessons and resources from the 2020 Census, specifically addition detail that was released in May 2023 and September 2023, regarding age/sex details, household and family relationships, tenure (rent or own home), and details racial/ethnic groups. Schroeder then discussed each category and the takeaways from additional data.

Council members had questions and comments regarding the influence of the pandemic on the data, growth of the refugee community, the ACS Community Survey usefulness, and access to the interactive tool.

## Reports

Council Member Lindstrom shared that the Council received an award from the EPA for the water efficiency program. The Regional Administrator and General Counsel did not have any reports.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 10, 2024.

Approved this 24th day of January 2024.

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