

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

Abdirahman Muse

Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Cummings.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

Not Recorded: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2020-120: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve Pine Point Regional Park Master Plan without the boundary adjustment and proposed acquisitions.
  2. Advise Washington County that the proposed boundary adjustment and 169.82-acres of acquisitions are contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment and will be reviewed and considered through the Systems Additions process.
- 2020-127: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute three contracts to provide the Council with qualified, diverse candidates for temporary staffing assignments on an as needed basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a five-year period.
- 2020-129: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract #19I088, a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for construction of eight (8) enhanced bus stops as part of the City's Hennepin Downtown Reconstruction project in the amount of \$2,281,200.00.
- 2020-135: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc.
- 2020-139: That the Metropolitan Council approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals to offer and award up to 200 Project Based Vouchers according to the selection criteria outlined in the Business Item table.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

Chari Zelle stated he had a conversation with Beacon who is advocating and supports business item 2020-139: Metro HRA Project based Voucher Offer and Award priorities.

## BUSINESS

### Community Development

2020-122: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of St. Mary's Point to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. To be fully consistent with Council housing policy, strongly encourage the City address the following prior to final plan adoption:
  - a. Include consideration of two additional widely accepted tools: Community Land Trusts and inspection programs.
  - b. Clearly and directly link identified housing needs to the available tools.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Gonzalez.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

2020-133: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Sunfish Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Ferguson

**Environment – No Reports**

**Management**

2020-121: The Metropolitan Council adopt the attached parameters Resolution 2020-5 and 2020-6 authorizing the issuance, sale and award of general obligation debt, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and execution of necessary documents to secure this

financing. The Council is issuing two separate bond issues in the amount of \$88.8 million which is all new debt. The individual bond issues are comprised of the following:

Capital Purposes:

1. \$8.8 million General Obligation Parks Bonds, Series 2020A
2. \$80 million General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B

It was moved by Ferguson seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council Member Ferguson joined the meeting and stated staff did a great job working with rating agencies to keep credit rating down.

Mary Bogie, Deputy Regional Administrator stated she had a call with the rating agencies, and they are interested in our plans for the future and thought we did a great job with presentations.

## Transportation

2020-128: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute amendments to two of the three master contracts for Condemnation Appraisal Services for the Southwest LRT Project as follows:

- Integra Realty Resources (17P253A) to add \$75,000 for a new total not to exceed \$570,000; and
- Patchin Messner Dodd & Brumm (17P253B) to add \$325,000 for a new total not to exceed \$825,000.

Council Member Barber proposed move that the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute amendments to two of the three master contracts for Condemnation Appraisal Services for the Southwest LRT Project as follows:

- Integra Realty Resources (17P253A) to add \$75,000 for a new total not to exceed \$570,000; and
- Patchin Messner Dodd & Brumm (17P253B) to add \$325,000 for a new total not to exceed \$825,000.

It was moved by Chamblis to amend the motion to change the not to exceed amount of the Integra Realty Resources contract (17P253A) from \$570,000 to \$575,000, seconded by Cummings.

**Motion (as amended) carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

Johnson gave point of order stating there was only one motion; we should vote on the motion as amended again.

**Motion as Amended carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

2020-143: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award, negotiate and execute a sole source amendment 1 to 15P154 with Trapeze Software Group Inc. to extend the contract term to December 31, 2020 and add \$751,046.00 to bring the total contract value to \$7,105,000.

It was moved by Barber seconded by Sterner.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

### **Joint Reports of Environment and Community Development Committees**

2020-118 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Cologne to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use, Surface Water Management, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Cologne's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2020-2019 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of New Germany to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of New Germany's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. Information Item: SWLRT Project Update

Jim Alexander began the presentation with a Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project update including Overall Project Schedule, FFGA update, SWLRT LRT Fleet, Light Rail Vehicle 301: Final Detailing, Real Estate Acquisition Status, Relocation Status, and Civil Construction update. Tracey Jackson, senior manager presented the DBE Update including Equity Commitments to the Region, Civil DBE Payments as of Feb. 29, 2020, Civil DBE Participation Demographics and State, 51 DBEs on SWLRT Civil, Workforce Participation Percentage, Workforce Participation Cumulative, and DEB & Workforce Advisory Committee. Sam O'Connell gave an update on Communications and Outreach tools, Construction Resources: 2020 Schedules, Trail Detours, Construction Information workgroups (CIW), and CIW Feedback.

Cummings asked if the Type 2 and Type 3 vehicles hold the same number as passengers. Jim Alexander stated seats were reduced from 66 to 60 seats on type 3 to accommodate accessibility. Chamblis asked if seats are cloth or plastic. Jim Alexander stated the vehicles will be equipped with plastic seats.

Atlas-Ingebretson and Chair Zelle acknowledge staff for being flexible and appreciate the work they are doing. Atlas-Ingebretson and Zeran had questions and comments in regard to workforce goals and requested to get desegregated data. Tracey Jackson stated the data is coming from Human Rights and she will have to request data and work with DBE advisory committee and bring back to a future meeting.

#### Information Item: COVID-19 Update

Mary Bogie, Deputy Regional Administrator gave an update on COVID-19, SitRep summaries and budget impacts. Wes Kooistra, General Manager of Metro Transit provided an update on Metro Transit and future planning including travel changes, customer experiences, budget, and reliability and safety are top priority for public health and general security. Wes thanked Mary for her leadership.

Council members had questions regarding medical equipment and plans for employees when they return to work.

Chamblis stated she is appreciative for the work being done and encourages Metropolitan Council to be flexible and creative to resolve issues.

Lindstrom gave an update on a report from Environment Committee. Wastewater can provide valuable public health information about the communities including COVID from left over RNA in the wastewater. We have a partnership with BioBot collecting wastewater from treatment plants across the nation and this process is called Sewage Surveillance.

## REPORTS

Council Members:

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson provided an update on MPOSC meeting stating they had a great conversation on bridging facilities and activities engaging people across the Regional Parks System. She's excited about the partnership with DNR and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks Trails related to streetlight data.

Council Member Sterner indicated he hasn't missed any council meeting since we started WebEx meetings, but the minutes show he was absent.

Chair: None

Deputy Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 13, 2020.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary