

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 March 11, 2020 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Johnson, Chamblis, Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Muse, Zeran, Lindstrom, Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

ABSENT

Vento, Lee, Fredson

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Zelle removed from the agenda business item 2020-83 (amended) under Other Business. Agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff.

Minutes were moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Invitation to interested persons to address the Council on matters not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred in the respective committees (each speaker is limited to a three-minute presentation).

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-9)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2020-7: That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to accept comments on proposed service changes outlined in the Orange Line Connecting Bus Study Concept Plan.
- 2020-28: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend a sole source contract with GIRO, Inc by \$216,255 to purchase the MinBus module for the HASTUS software system.
- 2020-51: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 19P219 with Kimley-Horn and Assoc. Inc. in the amount up to \$2,651,000 for engineering support services and structures inspections of existing and future structural assets from 2020 to 2024.

- 2020-62: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Southwest LRT Council Authorized Representative to negotiate and execute a change order with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture in the amount not to exceed \$11,413,550 to construct the Eden Prairie Town Center (EPTC) Station.
- 2020-73: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the first Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Eden Prairie (City), the grant subrecipient, related to the funding and construction of Eden Prairie Town Center (EPTC) Station as part of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project.
- 2020-74: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a multi-use trail to Anoka County's Osborne Road (CSAH 8) 4-to-3 lane conversion.
- 2020-75: That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project upgrading signals on E. 35th Street between Dight Avenue and Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis. NOTE: the location of this project, just east of Hiawatha Avenue has been corrected from the Transportation Committee business item, which had stated that the location was at the intersection of the Blue Line at E. 35th Street.
- 2020-81: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 19P187A for construction of Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Solids Renewal & Improvements, project numbers 805947 and 808920, with Shank Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$19,303,100.00.
- 2020-90: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and the Chair to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) to provide \$1,000,000 in support of the Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Community Development – Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment

- 2020-99 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract 17G000 with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to extend termination date to 2022 and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature in the amount of \$238,500.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried.

Management – No Reports

Transportation

2020-56: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 19P210 with Visual Productions Group, Inc., in the amount of \$1,797,436.00 for the design and manufacture of plastic Light Rail Vehicle passenger seating inserts to replace the current cloth covered seating.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried.

Joint Reports of the Management and Transportation Committees

2020-82 JT SW: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Reviews and accepts the public comment report related to body-worn cameras.
2. Reviews and adopts the Council Policy on body-worn cameras.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2020-102: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC):

District A – Michael Luseni
At Large – Andres Boland

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

Information: 2020 Equity Advisory Committee Workplans and 2019 Report-Out (Nelima Sitati Munene 763-273-4217, Leah Goldstein Moses 612-247-1973)

Nelima Sitati Munene, Co-Chair of the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC), and Leah Goldstein Moses presented the 2020 Equity Advisory Committee Workplans and 2019 Report-Out. The purpose of the Equity Advisory Committee is to advise the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region and meet the Council's equity commitments in Thrive MSP 2040. The EAC is comprised of 21 members, including four Council Members, eight community members from geographic districts, and nine community members who serve at-large. The EAC emphasizes system-wide rather than individual change. The EAC has a role in internal Council operations and external equity efforts. They support Council progress, make recommendations, and promote innovation. In 2019 the EAC welcomed and onboarded a new co-chair, four new Council Members and four new community members; they also bid farewell to first-seated committee members. In 2019 the EAC engaged in a strategic planning process; in collaboration with an external facilitator, they identified ongoing challenges and opportunities to move forward. The presenters also shared a draft 2020 workplan for discussion. Council Members had questions and comments about how and when the EAC can be involved with business items that are going through the committees and Council. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson shared the Equity Analyses Tool as an example; the tool first went through the EAC and then went to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC.) Council Members also requested back and forth communication: reports at meetings, periodic reports from the EAC as well as from the four Council Members who are on the EAC. Council Members shared

concerns of limiting the work of the EAC to just racial equity. The EAC members responded that accessibility is one of their top four concerns, and that they are just asking the Council to be intentional about racial equity. The framework is designed to be very intentional, prioritizing where the greatest disparities lie. Council Member Lilligren also mentioned as a reminder that the Governor asked Council Members upon appointment to focus on equity. Council Members also had questions and comments about the definition and intention of the framework, the process to bring things to the EAC and a reminder to leverage Office of Equal Opportunity staff to bring items to the EAC.

REPORTS

Chair: No reports.

Council Members:

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson attended the Forum of Workplace Inclusion. She reported that there were more participants from Minnesota this year as well as a reduction in participants. She reported good conversation about local issues.

Council Member Lindstrom shared that he and Council Member Fredson went on a ride-along with the Homeless Action Team (HAT) and would recommend this experience to all Council Members.

Regional Administrator: No reports.

General Counsel: No reports.

Motion to adjourn by Sterner, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 11, 2020.

Approved this 25th day of March, 2020.

Bridget Toskey
Recording Secretary