

Council Chair Nora Slawik

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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 27, 2019 4:01p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Vice-Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 4:01PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner.

Minutes was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-49: Authorize the purchase of four motor trucks and four axles sets for the Type 2 Light Rail Vehicles (LRV's) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.
2. 2019-51: Consent to an easement to allow Dakota County to issue a 4.04-acre utility easement to Great River Energy to upgrade the existing 69-kV transmission line to a double circuit 115-kV transmission line.
3. 2018-334: Approve the updated Bylaws of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (see Attachment 1), changing the regular meeting of the Commission to the first Thursday of each month and making other housekeeping changes.

It was moved by Johnson seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2019-28: Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Robert Piram Regional Trail, Various Easements, City of Saint Paul

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried.

2019-59 Project Based Voucher Award Recommendations

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried

Environment – No Reports

Management

2019-53 Labor Agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local #432 (Full-Time Police)

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried

2019-57 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Legal Services Contract Sole Source 2nd Amendment with Kennedy and Graven (17P225)

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried

2019-58 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Legal Services Contract Sole Source 3rd Amendment with Best & Flanagan (16P296)

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2019-56: Mall of America Curve Replacement

It was moved by Barber seconded by Ferguson.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Transit Project Status Update

MarySue Abel gave a presentation on the overview of the Blue Line Extension. CMs had questions and discussion around BNSF agreement with Metropolitan Council. Charles Carlson gave a presentation on the overview of BRT Systems and the three types of BRT defined in Council Policy, Orange Line BRT, Gold Line BRT, and Rush Line BRT. Nick Thompson, Director of MTS gave a presentation on the overview of Riverview Corridor project. CMs had questions around the route, engagement and input we received.

TPP Amendment #2

Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director of MTS gave an overview of a TPP amendment that will need action April 24. There are two separate amendments that change its scope of work; Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project to extend line and add station in Woodbury and I-94 in Maple Grove Amendment extend the axillary lane with a cost increase. Council members had discussion and questions regarding public comment process and MNPass. Public hearing to occur on April 2, 2019.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Barber—Attended a Scott County tour and it was well attended. Attended Roseville Business Council with Chair Slawik, CM Wulff, Fredson. Presented Met Council 101 and Transit Funding with CM Lindstrom.

Sterner—Attended Eagan State of the City address at the new Vikings Training Stadium. Made connections with CMs and Mayor and has a meeting scheduled with city manager of Burnsville.

Altas-Ingebretson—Attended a Transportation Talk with Chair Slawik and CM Zeran. The event was well attended.

Fredson—Attended an event at Allianz Field with Chair Slawik and CM Lee. Shared a comment the Transportation Committee and Environment Committee employees were recognition

Lee—Met with Newport Mayor and had a discussion on I/I.

Johnson— Attended the Plymouth State of City and is continuing building relationship. A meeting scheduled to meet with the Maple Grove Mayor and city of Edina.

Gonzalez—Meeting with Woodbury City Manager

Regional Administrator: Reported Chair Slawik is in DC with Blue Line Now Coalition. Friday, March 29th the Chair will be in St. Cloud visiting New Flyer with Congressman Emmer. Mentioned the Council employee recognition is in the Fall. Reported CM Johnson was part of Greater MSP event and recommends the CMs read the Headquarter Economy book. Shared how she is grateful to hear presentations are helpful and we stream the meeting online.

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 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 27, 2019.

Approved this 3rd day of April 2019.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary