

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: October 18, 2023

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 Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Imagine 2050 Draft Definitions for Equity and Environmental Justice

Angela R. Torres, Senior Manager, Regional Planning, Maia Guerrero-Combs, Senior Planner, Livable Communities, and Sarah Gong, Researcher, shared draft definitions for "equity" and "environmental justice."

The equity definition is: Equity at the Metropolitan Council means that historically excluded communities—especially Black communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color— have measurably improved outcomes through an intentional and consistent practice of adapting policies, systems, services and spending so that they contribute to the repair of both historic and ongoing injustice.

The environmental justice definition is: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Justice (EJ) framework defines 'Environmental Justice' as the right for all residents to live in a clean, safe environment that contributes to a healthy quality of life.

Council members then broke into small groups for discussion and to provide feedback on these definitions. Each small group then reported their discussions to the full Council.

2. Scenario Planning: Water Findings

Judy Sventek, Manager, Water Resources, Jen Kostrzewski, Assistant Manager, Water

Resources, Lanya Ross, Environmental Analyst, Water Resources, and Walter Atkins, Engineer, Environmental Services, presented scenario planning and water findings. Sventek began with an overview of water resource policy and the system plan update. Staff then reported on surface water findings, water supply findings, and wastewater system findings.

Council members had questions and comments regarding water quality standards for water quality standards, best management practices, the groundwater supply limit, regional centers, incentivizing large lots, and cost impacts of regionalization.

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's Committee of the Whole meeting of October 18, 2023.

Approved this 1st day of October 2023.

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