

# Special Meeting of the Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Charlie 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, November 4, 2020 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

**ABSENT:** Johnson, Muse

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:06pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

Not Recorded: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Sterner

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Zelle noted that a roll call vote is not needed for approval of the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee.

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

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

Not Recorded: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Sterner

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 3)**

**Consent Agenda Adopted**

- 2020-276: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract in the amount of \$575,000 for Solid Waste and Recycling Material Removal.
- 2020-283: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to make ongoing maintenance, hosted services and support service payments as Sole Source purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$5,428,603. This includes installed software and hardware as listed on the attached 2021 Information Services Sole Source Vendor list.
- 2020-289: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, GA to provide Clarifloc polymers CE-817 and CE-2179 at unit prices of \$0.12 per pound and \$1.00 per pound respectively delivered to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant. This contract will be for a period of five years with the total procurement not to exceed \$15,100,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

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

- Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
- Nay: 0
- Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

**BUSINESS**

Community Development

2020-238 SW: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award seven Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants as shown Table 1, totaling \$8,500,000; and
2. Authorize its Community Development Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Recommended Projects	Applicant	Points	LCDA Amount Requested	Proposed LCDA Funding
Juxtaposition Arts Campus Redevelopment	City of Minneapolis	90.07	\$1,105,000	\$1,105,000
Cornerstone Village	Brooklyn Park EDA	76.68	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Stryker Senior Housing	City of Saint Paul	76.09	\$500,000	\$500,000
The Gardens at Bryn Mawr	City of Minneapolis	75.05	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Vista 44	City of Hopkins	74.90	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Texa Tonka	Saint Louis Park EDA	71.48	\$465,000	\$465,000
Rise on 7	Saint Louis Park EDA	70.43	\$1,604,600	\$1,430,000

<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>\$8,500,000</b>
Total Available	\$8,500,000
Total Remaining	\$0

It was moved by Lilligren seconded by Vento.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

Environment – Reports on consent agenda

Management

2020-280: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Cash Flow Financing Plan (the “Plan”) for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Transit project (the “SWLRT”) during the years of 2020-2030, such Plan being comprised of the following:

1. Issue General Obligation (Revenue) Grant Anticipation Notes (the “G.O. GANs”) at various dates, and in various amounts, to provide cash to cover expenses for the SWLTR project, pending receipt of federal grant payments, and separately present each GANs issuance resolution to the Council for approval;
2. Without limit to frequency, borrow from the Council internal investment pool in a maximum amount of up to \$60 million at any one point in time;
3. Utilize Metro Transit available bond arbitrage reserve dollars to fund interest expense on internal borrowings (loans) when such expense is the net of cumulative project interest on borrowings (loans) less cumulative project interest revenue not associated with the G.O. GANs; and,
4. A report on the Plan’s results will be provided quarterly to the Management and Transportation Committees.

Council member Ferguson is a general obligation of

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Lee.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay:

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

2020-282: The Metropolitan Council adopt the three attached parameters Resolutions 2020-20, 2020-21 and 2020-22 authorizing the issuance, sale and award of general obligation debt within established financial parameters, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and execution of necessary documents to secure the financing.

Resolution 2020-20 authorizes the Council to issue a Grant Anticipation Note of approximately \$125 million which will be new debt. Resolution 2020-21 authorizes the Council to issue approximately \$17.22 million of General Obligation Transit Refunding bonds. Resolution 2020-22 authorizes the Council to issue approximately \$36.14 million of General Obligation Wastewater Refunding bonds.

The individual bond issues are comprised of the following:

New Debt:

\$125.0 million General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs), Series 2020C

Refunding Debt:

1. \$17.22 million General Obligation Transit Refunding bonds, Series 2020D (2009A and 2010E)
2. \$36.14 million General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020E(2010F)

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Sterner.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay:

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

Transportation - Reports on consent agenda

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-263 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 Loretto to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
  - a. When available, provide to the Council the date the Watershed Commission approved the Local Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan.
  - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, land use, and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Loretto's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Strongly encourage the City to develop and implement an I/I mitigation plan to reduce the future risk of work plan assignments by the Council when the use of the storage ponds is no longer available for peak flow attenuation.
3. Advise the City to revise its City Code Section 412.35 to require the disconnection of existing, non-compliant clearwater connection sources once they are identified.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

2020-264 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 Saint Paul to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the sewer-serviced forecasts for the City to show that the entire population and household forecasts will be sewer-serviced in 2030 and 2040, as shown in Table 2 of the Review Record.
3. Prior to final plan adoption, advise the City to implement the following advisory comments in the Review Record:
  - a. Revise Appendix B to remove the reference to Robert Street as a project identified in the 2040 TPP list of transitways.
  - b. Correct the designations of two Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) corridors.
  - c. Address comments regarding the mapping of freight information on Map T-15.
  - d. Address comments regarding the modification of Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) employment allocations.
  - e. Incorporate the Department of Public Works Five Year Capital Plan summary in the Implementation Chapter.
4. Advise the City to:
  - a. Once completed, submit to the Council a copy of the revised Chapter 50 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code regarding standards and specifications for SSTS accompanied by a copy of the Resolution adopting the new Rule.

- b. Within 60 days after receiving DNR final approval, the City must adopt the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Plan and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.
- c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record regarding employment and household forecasts during future comprehensive plan amendments.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

- 1. Approve the City of Saint Paul’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
- 2. Prior to final plan adoption, advise the City to:
  - a. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record to correct the summary of Chapter 41 of the City’s Legislative Code that pertains to the separation of stormwater and sanitary sewer systems.
  - b. Include a copy of Chapter 41 in its final submitted version to the Council.
- 3. Require the City to submit GIS datasets related to the local wastewater system when it becomes available.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Fredson.

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

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Muse

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. Information Item: 2020 Election

Judd Schetnan, Director of Government Affairs provided an update on 2020 Election, current status on races in Metropolitan area and counties and the next session we’ll be looking at projected budget deficit, COVID-19 response and redistricting of Metropolitan Council. Judd also thanked staff, Metro Transit and Brook Bordson for their work on the bonding bill.

**REPORTS**

Council Member Fredson expressed gratitude for staff who worked on capital investment and bonding bill.

Council Member Lilligren thanked staff and noted the new voter turnout record in Minneapolis.

Council member Atlas-Ingebretson also thanked staff for the work they’ve done.

Acting Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel Ann Bloodhart reminded Council Members and staff to contact legal department if they get served.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of November 4, 2020.

Approved this 18th day of November 2020.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary