

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: May 8, 2024

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
- = present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

None.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-2)

1. **2024-2:** That the Metropolitan Council declare the property surplus for disposition, authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a fair market sale to City of Champlin, and to execute the termination of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of a Park & Ride Lot at 6020 117th Ave N in Champlin.
2. **2024-85:** That the Metropolitan Council ("Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") # 24I014 with the City of Brooklyn Park.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No Reports

Environment

1. **2024-106:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P355A with Polydyne, Inc., to provide polymer to the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$4,480,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Management

1. No Reports

Transportation

1. No Reports

Joint reports

1. No Reports

Other business

1. No Reports

Information

1. Regional Economic Framework Update (Baris Gumus-Dawes, Todd Grahams, Emma Dvorak)

Graham reviewed the 2020 Regional Economic Framework (REF).

Dvorak reviewed how the REF will be aligned with Imagine 2050.

Gumus-Dawes gave an update of REF 2025.

Council members discussed the importance of maintaining partnerships that were pivotal in the 2020 REF.

Although there are two distinct documents, Cederburg felt that the language used in each should mimic each other.

Carter felt the document could use some visual enhancements.

Lindstrom questioned EDA requirements for resilience. Gumus-Dawes discussed infrastructure for resilience.

Barber discussed cost of living analysis and noted wages are not keeping pace with inflation and needs to be included in the verbiage.

Barber suggested having Greater MSP come and introduce themselves at a future meeting.

Council members discussed transit changes and their impacts that need to be included.

Reports

Chair – none.

Council Members – Vento stated Ramsey County Corrections garden center is now open and has

a wonderful selection.

Lilligren discussed Native American Advisory Council and stated the May 1, 2024 kick-off event was great. He noted you can go to MUIDMn.org for more events – all are welcome.

General Council – none.

Regional Administrator – Ned Smith commended the Finance Team for their great work and reported on the Bond Sale yesterday that was very successful. There were 11 bids and we received \$60 million at 3.51%.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:02 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 8, 2024.

Approved this 22 day of May, 2024.

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