

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: June 26 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 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Chair Zelle announced the Information Item on today’s agenda for the Art + Policy Update will be postponed and held at a future date. Council Members did not have any comments or other changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Toni Carter, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

No one wished to speak.

Joint Reports

1. **2024-110 JT.** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2024 Unified Budget as amended as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Johnson; seconded by Morales.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	9	Johnson, Chamblis, Pacheco, Osman, Morales, Vento, Toni Carter, Wulff, Zelle
Nay	0	
Absent	8	Dr. Tyrone Carter, Barber, Lilligren, Cameron, Lindstrom, Cederberg, Lee, Dolkar

Consent Business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-11)

1. **2024-128:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 21P271 with RailPros Field Services for flagging services to add \$243,000 for a total contract value not to exceed \$553,000.
2. **2024-129:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to;
 - Enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2025 to provide funding for public commuter rail services in Sherburne County, Minnesota, for an amount up to \$1.7 million per year.
 - Execute the attached Resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2025.
3. **2024-140:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Approve a grant of up to \$112,973 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 5-acre parcel located at 160th Street East and Pleasant Avenue in Hastings, MN for the Vermillion River Greenway Regional Trail (Hastings).
 - Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
4. **2024-142:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 24P038 with Siemens Mobility, Inc., to provide thirty-one replacement pantographs for the Siemens, Type 2, Light Rail Vehicles (LRV), in an amount not to exceed \$905,758.
5. **2024-143:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P366B with J.M .Fiber Optics, Inc., to implement a real-time sign replacement solution in an amount not to exceed \$1,897,715.
6. **2024-151:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P244 with Border States Industries Inc. to provide programmable logic controller parts for Environmental Services water resource recovery facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,081,473.30.
7. **2024-154:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Ramsey to sell a part of one parcel purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan number L0502 for the agreed upon value and forward those funds to the Council in partial satisfaction of this loan.
8. **2024-158SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to adjust two projects.
9. **2024-159SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to increase the cost and change sponsorship for parts of an interchange improvement project at US 169, CSAH 9, and MN 282 in Jordan and add a new locally funded roundabout.
10. **2024-160:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy version six.
11. **2024-161:** That the Metropolitan Council. Adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 - Authorize the City of Lake Elmo to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 - Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.

- Revise the *Thrive MSP 2040* community designation for the amendment site from Rural Residential to Emerging Suburban Edge as shown in Figure 2 in the Review Record.
- Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Water Resources.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-157:** That the Metropolitan Council
 - Award four Tax Base Revitalization Account grants totaling \$1,469,200 as shown in Table 1.
 - Authorize its Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Toni Carter

Motion carried.

2. **2024-141:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 - Award a grant of up to \$431,250 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to acquire a 5.5 acre parcel located at 142nd Avenue in Dayton, MN, for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail.
 - Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson

Motion carried.

Environment

No Reports

Management

No Reports

Transportation

1. **2024-148:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a MnDOT administered Grant Agreement 241026 which will provide \$2,902,100 in matching funds from MnDOT's IIJA Discretionary Match Program and applied toward Metro Transit's awarded FTA FY23 Low or No Emissions grant.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales

Motion carried.

2. **2024-150:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P171 with Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc. to provide construction services for the Hopkins Rail Support Facility in an amount not to exceed \$14,141,521.82.



It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

- 3. 2024-162SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize scheduling and conducting public hearings for the METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on July 16, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at NorthPoint Conference Center, 1256 Penn Avenue North, Suite 5200, in Minneapolis and on Tuesday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Brooklyn Park Library, 8500 West Broadway Avenue in Brooklyn Park.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Osman.

Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager of Capital Programs, announced that these public hearings are open to all and encouraged any Met Council members to attend if they are available. These hearings are for the public to offer their comments on the SDEIS, which will all be documented. We also will be taking public comments by email, web, and phone calls. Comments will be accepted through August 6.

Thompson summarized the SDEIS and what is covered. The SDEIS will cover the environmental impacts of the proposed alternative for the Blue Line Extension. This includes chapters on noise, vibration, impacts to climate, environmental justice, natural resources and other items. Any items that have adverse impacts we will seek to mitigate. This public hearing is to take public comment on this document.

Motion carried.

Other business

No other business

Reports

Chair – Chair Zelle reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold a ceremony and event at our office building tomorrow to announce grants for areas around the country.

Council Members:

– Council Member Vento shared that she recently attended a meeting at South St. Paul which was information sharing and a great way to learn about the community. During the meeting, they ended up having a lock down due to an outside emergency issue. It was an experience to go through and Vento hopes that the Council’s facilities have current plans for emergency issues. Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel, reported that Met Council does have an emergency preparedness plan. Employees are currently in the process of taking classes to keep up to speed on these plans.

- Council Member Pacheco reported that he attended the first orientation meeting of the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC). Council Members Pacheco, Osman and Toni Carter attended as well. Looking forward to the coming year for this committee.

Regional Administrator. Ryan O’Connor announced that Metro HRA received notice from HUD – we received a rating of high performance for 2023. This is the 20th straight year for achieving this high-performance rating.

O’Connor jointly presented with Lisa Barajas, Executive Director of Community Development, on 6/24 to the American Planning Association chapter talking about the role of the Metropolitan Council.



Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned 4:45 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 26, 2024.

Approved this 10th day of July 2024.

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