

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: March 26, 2025

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
- Vacant, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement was read by Chair Zelle.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Morales, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No public comment.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-8)

1. **2025-40:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon in Saint Paul in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.
2. **2025-58:** That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 20P073A with Kennedy & Graven that will add \$500,000 for a total contract value not to exceed amount of \$1,185,222.45.
3. **2025-69:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Midtown Greenway Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.
 2. Require MPRB, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.
4. **2025-72:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P174 with Purafil, Inc., to provide odor control media in amount not to exceed \$4,233,000
5. **2025-76:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 23P027 with Microsoft that will add \$258,000 for unified support services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$769,264.
6. **2025-77:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Coon Rapids to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, and Land Use.
7. **2025-78:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize Scott County to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the County's forecasts.
 3. Advise Scott County to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Water Resources.
8. **2025-79:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Eagan to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater and forecasts.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

No reports.

Environment

No reports.

Management

1. **2025-50 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2025 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye	14	Johnson, Chamblis, Dr. Carter, Barber, Pacheco, Lilligren, Osman, Morales, Lindstrom, Vento, Lee, Carter, Wulff, Chair Zelle
Nay	0	
Absent	2	Cameron, Cederberg

CM Wulff called out a discrepancy on the Committee Report. The “Summary of March 12, 2025, Management Committee Discussion/Questions” information got switched with the information listed under the “Summary of March 17, 2025, Community Development Committee Discussion/Questions”. The Committee Report has since been corrected, and the agenda has been revised to reflect that an item was changed after publication.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-74:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 23P221 with 21Tech LLC, to provide consulting services for the implementation of Hexagon EAM with software licensing and support in an amount not to exceed \$7,826,252.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter.

Motion carried.

3. **2025-75:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P051 with SHI International for Microsoft licenses, support of Windows, Office 365, SharePoint and Azure cloud services in an amount not to exceed \$32,500,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. **2025-30:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the discontinuation of 50 bus routes as outlined in Network Now framework and endorse the Network Now framework.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

No reports.



Information

1. Public Art in Transit (Mark Granlund, 612-349-7499)

Mark Granlund presented about the public art installments around the Metro. The Council members were interested in the anti-graffiti technology that was used, and commented on how wonderful it was to see the buses and bus stops wrapped in artwork by some of our local artists. Overall, the Council members seemed to agree that the art installations were a great way to engage the community and get community members involved and more aware of the work the Council is doing.

Reports

Chair Zelle reported that the Gold Line opened on March 22, 2025. He noted the success of the grand opening and thanked staff for their hard work. RA O'Connor then mentioned Governor Walz' announcement about state workers to be working in the office 50% of the time starting June and how, although we are a cabinet agency and separate from the state, the Council considers staffing needs regularly based on where we are versus where we were. The last announcement was regarding Amtrak and some service interruptions due to the need for maintenance, and how buses will be substituted temporarily for several of the trains.

CM Vento announced that she is looking at May for when she may be retiring from the Council.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:06 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 26, 2025.

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