

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Cummings called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Sterner to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

There was no public comment.

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-6)

1. **2023-281:** That the Metropolitan Council: (1) adopt the attached Resolution No. 2022-22 expressing the Council's findings and guiding policies with regard to expenditures that comply with the public purpose doctrine; and (2) direct the Regional Administrator to implement new and update existing procedures with reasonable parameters in accordance with Resolution No. 2022-22.
2. **2023-300:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the partial release of a restrictive covenant on 0.23-acres of land within the City of Anoka in exchange for a partial repayment of Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Number L0903 (RALF Loan L0903).
3. **2023-322:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment for an amount of \$2,000,000 with Insight Public Sector, Inc., to purchase network equipment for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,000,000
4. **2023-323:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an updated version of FM 2-2 Finance and Asset Management Policy, reflecting the references to Resolution No. 2022-22 expressing the Council's findings and guiding policies with regard to expenditures that comply with the public

purpose doctrine.

5. **2023-329:** That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I054C (the “SFA”) with Washington County (“the County”) for reimbursement of costs for traffic signal systems for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“the Gold Line Project”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,701,040.00.
6. **2023-339:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Maple Grove to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Revise the City’s forecasts and sewer-serviced forecasts in 2020 and 2030 as shown in Tables 1 and 2 of the Review Record.
 3. Revise the City’s affordable housing need allocation for 2021 -2030 to 2,015 units.
 4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater and Forecasts

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

Community Development

1. **2023-340:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Award four multifamily rental and five single family ownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$3.5 million.
 2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Multifamily Rental and Single-Family Ownership Proposals (units directly assisted by LHIA)

	Project	City/Applicant	New Affordable Units	Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
1	Carver Place	Carver County CDA	60		\$450,000
2	Native American Community Clinic (NACC) Housing	City of Minneapolis	83		\$750,000
3	Prairie Pointe Apartments	Scott County CDA	42		\$350,000
4	Whittier Community Housing	City of Minneapolis	40	45	\$950,000
	Sub-total Rental:		225	45	\$2,500,000
5	Northside Home	City of Minneapolis	3		\$185,000
6	Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	Ramsey County CED		16	\$400,000
7	Preserving Affordable Tracks to Homeownership (PATH)	Washington County CDA		3	\$90,000
8	Homeownership within Reach	City of Minneapolis	2		\$125,000
9	Homes within Reach (HWR)	City of Minnetonka		10	\$200,000
	Sub-total Ownership:		5	29	\$1,000,000
	TOTAL		230	74	\$3,500,000

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.



2. **2023-341:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award six (6) Tax Base Revitalization Account grants totaling \$2,077,600 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Applicant	Seeding Equitable Environmental Development	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	1301 W Lake	\$28,900
Applicant	Environmental Investigation	Recommended Amount
Saint Paul	892 7 th Street E	24,900
Applicant	Contamination Cleanup	Recommended Amount
Saint Paul Port Authority	Hillcrest	\$750,000
Rogers	Rogers Main Street Redevelopment	\$231,400
North Saint Paul	7 th Ave Redevelopment	\$179,000
Brooklyn Center	North 100 Business Park	\$863,400
Total Recommended (All Grant Categories)		\$2,077,600

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

Council Member Vento moved to amend the business item as staff learned that one of the applicants would no longer be moving forward with their application. Council Member Vento moved to amend the item as follows:

1. For the Proposed Action point 1, amend the language to read: Award four multifamily rental and four single family ownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$3.1 million.
2. In Table 1, strike the Ramsey County CED Project for \$400,000, change the Sub-total Ownership to \$600,000 and the Total to \$3,100,000.

The amendment was seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried as amended.

Council Member Vento noted that the organization that withdrew their application, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, is an active participant in the program and will return next year.

Environment

1. **2023-308:** That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to remove the permitting exemption for dental clinics so that MCES can implement general permits to dental clinics in our service area that fall under EPA’s Dental Office Point Source Category (40 CFR Part 441).

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-309:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P270 with Black and Veatch Corporation to provide Owner’s Agent Services for designbuild delivery of the new Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$9,998,952.



It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-331:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P268 with Midwest Training Associates, to provide training services in an amount not to exceed \$555,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Management

1. Reports on consent agenda.

Transportation

1. Reports on consent agenda.

Information

1. 2050 RDG Values & Vision – Draft

Michael Larson, Planning Analyst, Community Development, led a discussion regarding the draft 2050 Regional Development values and vision. The proposed structure for the values is succinct, clear, short form statements. The core values that guide the work are equity, leadership, accountability, and stewardship. Council members broke into small groups to discuss values; they reviewed the proposed structure and language, and then each group reported out to the larger group. Regarding equity, Council members shared feedback including healing ingrained race-based disparities, success, well-being, programs that heal and repair past harms, the overall tone, and negative language around equity. Regarding leadership, Council members shared feedback including appreciation for leaders that are trying to reach stated goals, the importance of integrity, attracting and retaining leadership talent, and positive improvement rather than negativity. Regarding accountability and stewardship, Council members had comments about the connection between accountability and stewardship, replacing stewardship with sustainability, stewardship as in how resources are managed, and holding strong positions based on evidence.

Larson then shared information about the vision statements, which address cross-cutting regional issues of equity, climate, natural systems, and public health, safety, and wellbeing. Council members then broke into small groups to discuss the vision statements. Regarding equity, Council members shared feedback including marginalized groups, individuals who are struggling with mental health issues, cultural assets of communities, and community-defined vision. Regarding climate, Council members shared feedback including appreciation of the strong statements and words such as “eliminating,” current climate and snow removal. Regarding natural systems, Council members included an appreciation for the inclusion of agriculture and urban farming, and questions around the definition of high-quality landscapes. Regarding public health, safety, and wellbeing, Council members had comments including both place-based and metaphorical access and culturally oriented communities.

Reports

The Council Members, Regional Administrator, and General Counsel did not have any reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Certification



I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 11, 2023.

Approved this 25th of January 2023.

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