

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: January 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

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Chamblis 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 Wulff, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No public comment.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-6)

1. **2024-313:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 24P194A-D for Cultural Assessment and Planning Services for a cumulative amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	24P194A	\$850,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	24P194B	\$850,000
Bolton and Menk, Inc.	24P194C	\$675,000
The 106 Group	24P194D	\$625,000

2. **2024-333:** That the Metropolitan Council approves the 2025 Non-Represented Plan changes effective December 21, 2024, incorporating the revisions as summarized

below.

3. **2024-343:** That the Metropolitan Council:

- Approve the Phalen-Keller Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment.
- Require Saint Paul, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

4. **2024-346:** That the Metropolitan Council:

- Award five Tax Base Revitalization Account grants totaling \$2,261,200 as shown in Table 1 below.
- Authorize its Executive Director of Community Development 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	2211 Broadway St NE	\$251,600
Applicant	Environmental Site Investigation Projects	Recommended Amount
South Saint Paul EDA	Wakota Crossing Investigation	\$44,400
Applicant	Contamination Cleanup Projects	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	Cheatham Apartments	\$1,326,500
Minneapolis	Rise Up Center	\$274,500
Saint Paul	42 Water Street W	\$364,200

5. **2024-347:** That the Metropolitan Council:

- Award four multifamily rental Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$2.5 million.
- Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Multifamily Rental Proposals (units directly assisted by LHIA)

	Project	City/Applicant	New/Preserved Affordable Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
1	Melrose Commons	City of Medina	50	\$450,000
2	Penn Station	City of Richfield	57	\$850,000
3	Southview Estates	City of Bloomington	47	\$700,000
4	The Warren Apartments	City of Minneapolis	61	\$500,000
	TOTAL			\$2,500,000



6. **2024-348:** That the Metropolitan Council approve attached resolution 2024-27, adopting Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 adopted by the City of St Anthony for participation in the Livable Communities Act programs for 2025-2030.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

No reports.

Environment

No reports.

Management

No reports.

Transportation

No reports.

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

1. **2024-17:** Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (Chair Zelle, 651-602-1453)

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Community Relations Activity Summary and Look Ahead (Sam O'Connell, 612-373-3815)

- Presentation

The Community Relations group went over what they have been working on and the progress they made in 2024, including:

- Holding a Committee of the Whole meeting in community at the Minneapolis American Indian Center in Minneapolis
- The group also reported on their goals for 2025, including:
- Completing District Investment Sheets, which will eventually be an interactive tool that will allow people to look up facts by district to see the changes in their areas
- Council member onboarding and action plans
- The adoption and implementation of the Regional Development Guide
- Continued work to expand Tribal Consultation and Native Communities work, and update the tribal policy
- Meetings with townships, cities and counties
- Collaboration with local, state, federal and partner organizations for meetings and speaking engagements



A discussion followed with the council members offering up their goals and things they would like to see in 2025, including:

- Making as many visits as they can locally, i.e.: townships, etc., within their districts
- Taking tours of other cities in other districts to learn about areas outside of their own
- Take a look at the way we engage those most affected by the changes we make and our policies and look at compensation
- Receive email reminders about Metro Mayors' meetings
- For Met Council leadership to find, and take advantage of, opportunities to get out to the districts that are further out to learn more about those areas and for Council visibility in those areas
- To be informed on how issues raised during public comment, and those brought to council members and then forwarded on to the Met Council, are resolved.
- Work to build a new model for how we respond to the opioid and homelessness/unsheltered crisis where we pool our resources with partner agencies to find a solution

Reports

No reports.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:13 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 8, 2024.

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