Metropolitan Council

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: May 3, 2023	Time : 4:00 PM	Location: 390 Robert Steet
Members Present:		
☐ Chair, Charlie Zelle☑ Judy Johnson, District 1	 ☑ John Pacheco Jr., District 6 ☑ Robert Lilligren, District 7 ☑ Yassin Osman, District 8 ☑ Diego Morales, District 9 ☑ Peter Lindstrom, District 10 	 ☑ Gail Cederberg, District 12 ☐ Chai Lee, District 13 ☒ Toni Carter, District 14 ☒ Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 ☒ Wendy Wulff, District 16
Reva Chamblis, District 2Tyronne Carter, District 3		
□ Deb Barber, District 4		

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried**.

Information

1. Q1 Metro Transit Police Department Safety and Security Action Plan Updates

Lesley Kandaras, Interim General Manager, Metro Transit, and Metro Transit Police Chief Ernest Morales III introduced the Safety and Security Action Plan (SSAP) updates. They began with a new promotional video from Metro Transit for the SSAP, as well as an overview and the context of the SSAP. Chief Morales gave an update on patrol operations and current crime statistics, including calls for service, Group A crime, and Code of Conduct violations. There have been expanded patrols at transit facilities, an update to the CompStat reporting system, and a comprehensive and long-term patrol plan in development. Council members had questions and comments regarding the definition of simple assault, numbers of repeat offenders, tracking offenses and outcomes, hiring process changes, and the transit ambassador program. Council members also discussed the public safety budget, young offenders, the number of offenders versus the number of crimes committed, long-term relationships with other local police departments, and community engagement.

Pam Steffen, Manager, Customer Relations, shared information about customer engagement and partnerships, including developing site specific community relations plans to enhance the impact of supplemental security. Drew Kerr, Senior Manager, Public Relations, gave an overview of safety and security communications, including both internal and external engagement. Council Members had questions and comments about authentic community

discussions and engagement, and marketing for the SSAP.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of May 3, 2023.

Approved this 17th day of May 2023.

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