Minutes
Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: April 19, 2023  Time: 4:00 PM  Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:
☒ Chair, Charlie Zelle
☐ Judy Johnson, District 1
☐ Reva Chamblis, District 2
☒ Tyrone Carter, District 3
☒ Deb Barber, District 4
☒ Anjuli Cameron, District 5
☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 6
☒ Robert Lilligren, District 7
☒ Yassin Osman, District 8
☒ Diego Morales, District 9
☒ Peter Lindstrom, District 10
☒ Susan Vento, District 11
☒ Gail Cederberg, 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 Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council’s Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 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 April 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council’s Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

Information
1. Local Planning Stories: Planning for Climate Change
   Eric Wojchik, Planning Analyst, Community Development, introduced Rachel Workin, City of Fridley, and Emma Struss, City of Bloomington. Workin and Struss were invited to share the stories of their cities’ work on climate change initiatives.

   Rachel Workin began with an overview of the work in Fridley. Fridley has a strong park focus and is a Mississippi River community. Emma Struss then shared an overview of Bloomington’s work on sustainability and reaching climate goals. Wojchik then facilitated a discussion with both presenters, with questions regarding the challenges that cities face, data supporting the work, and the next big initiative for each city.

   Council members had questions and comments regarding data, rebates, energy efficiency and home values, tree removal cost, and the role of data, incentives, and equity within sustainability work. They also discussed the cities’ role in working with small businesses, best practices for transit- oriented development, and outreach and engagement.

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’s Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19, 2023.
Approved this 3rd day of May 2023.

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