

# Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

## Committee Members Present:

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

## Committee Members Absent:

Johnson, Zeran

## CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Zeran

Not Recorded: 0

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Gonzalez to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Johnson, Zeran

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## INFORMATION

1. Initial 2050 Regional Planning Discussion (Michelle Fure, 651-602-1545; Sara Maaske, 651-602-1588)

Michelle Fure, Manager, Communications, and Sara Maaske, Senior Communications Specialist, gave an overview of the regional planning process, planning cycle and timing. The goals for the meeting were to share a high-level understanding of the regional planning process and timeline; listen to Council member expectations and interests; provide time for discussion about policymaking goals; and plan for future conversations and work to guide the regional plan process. Fure gave an overview of system plans and comprehensive plans, including the regional plan, which includes land use,

systems, and census data. Other related plans are the regional parks plan, Transportation plan, water resources plan, housing plan, and water supply plan. These plans provide comprehensive and system policy guidance for local and state government. The goal for this planning cycle is to better coordinate the regional plan and system plans. Council members then had a discussion activity facilitated by Fure and Maaske. Council members noted that the white board was difficult to read. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson offered to share information tracking resources offline.

The first question was “What does it look like to be an effective steward of regional resources?” Council Members discussed this question within the categories of communication, leadership, planning, and stewardship. Council members had comments that included transparent engagement, servant leadership, adaptation to unforeseen changes, and outcomes and accountability to reduce disparities. The second question discussed was “What’s going well and should keep moving forward?” Council members discussed positive accomplishments including the upcoming opening of two new wastewater treatment plants, shared mobility, and innovation in response to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Council members then had a discussion about the positive outcomes of meetings and committee interviews that had been held virtually. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson noted that the requirements for in-person and virtual meetings are set through state statute and change would need to come from the Legislature.

Fure and Maaske plan to share the notes from this meeting with Council members, as well as share with the planning teams so they have a sense of priority based on comments from Council members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Bridget Toskey  
Recording Secretary