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[Christopher Ferguson](#)

[Judy Johnson](#)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Slawik, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Muse, seconded by Vento.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Muse.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-42 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute five master contracts with a duration of four years, each valued at \$250,000 to the following firms: Toltz, King, Duvall Anderson and Associates; LHB, Inc; Stanley Consultants, Inc.; Hallberg Engineering, Inc.; Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc.
2. 2019-44 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 12 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) with the Hennepin Co. for construction support services in the total amount not to exceed \$650,000.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Muse.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Community Development – No Report

Environment – No Report

Management – No Report

Transportation

2019-54 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope of MnDOT's I-35W pavement rehabilitation project.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Informational Item: Met Council Budget 101 was presented by Deputy Regional Administrator and CFO Mary Bogie.

Chair Slawik commented on the benefits of Governor Walz's budget proposal for One Minnesota. Lee asked about HRA and the housing vouchers, if the Met Council ever asks cities and counties to take more vouchers. Bogie said this is a policy discussion for the Council to have. Fredson asked why we rely on implicit price deflator versus consumer price index. Bogie said it is written in statute. Fredson asked for clarification on legislative funding. Bogie said we are under the maximum limit only because we have no need to levy for the highway right of way program. Bogie added that the Council is levying to the maximum with Livable Communities and General Purpose. Lilligren asked about unevenness between years of reserves applied to the transportation structural deficit. Bogie replied that the deficit and available reserves are applied by fund and year. Bogie said that Metro Mobility is driving the deficit and does not have available reserves, while Bus has reserves to improve its financial position.

REPORTS

Chair: Chair Slawik reported that she visited with Regional Council of Mayors on Monday, Cummings and Lindstrom attended as well and Governor Walz's transit proposal was discussed. Chair Slawik shared that she is part of the Itasca Housing group and there is a focus on workforce housing, she will attend a meeting tomorrow. Chair Slawik thanked the new Council Members for their good questions as they start to work together.

Council Members:

Barber – Barber let Council Members know they will be invited to Transit Driver Appreciation Day and encouraged them to attend and get to know the operators.

Sterner – Sterner shared that he visited with Inver Grove Heights City Council and they will have a new Community Development Director that he will meet with soon.

Regional Administrator: No Report

General Counsel: No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 13, 2019.

Approved this 27th day of March 2019.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary