

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: February 28, 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, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle 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 Lilligren, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

AFSCME union members spoke to the Council about ongoing bargaining efforts.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2024-31: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment 1 to Subordinate Funding Agreement #19I034G with the City of Woodbury for construction of non-project activities concurrent with the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,136,383.69
2. 2024-33: That the Metropolitan Council approve the Administrative Process for Minor Long-Range Plan Amendments with one amendment to modify the boundary change dollar limit to \$750,000 total as described in the Updated Attachment 1 of this report (below).
3. 2024-40: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Contract 19M152 with Twin Cities & Western Railroad (TCWR) for freight rail flagging services to add \$4.25 million for a total amount not to exceed \$13.75 million.
4. 2024-42: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached parameters Resolution 2024-2, which authorizes the Regional Administrator, or Deputy Regional Administrator, to execute a

project loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), in substantially the form as the attached draft agreement, and authorizes the issuance and sale of the supporting General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note securing the loan, in substantially the form as the draft Note referenced in the Resolution.

5. 2024-44: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute agreement 23I029 with Hennepin County for the County's construction of METRO E Line BRT station platforms in conjunction with the County's University and 4th Roadway Improvement Project in the amount of \$2,550,000.
6. 2024-46: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 22P150 with Trapeze Software Group, Inc., to provide scheduling software in an amount not to exceed \$1,702,555.
7. 2024-48 SW: That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as follows:
 - Increase the cost and change the intersection treatment from a signalized intersection to a roundabout at for Carver County and MnDOT's CSAH 10 and CSAH 41 intersection projects;
 - Decrease the cost of MnDOT's I-694 drainage project; and • Increase the cost of MnDOT's pier repair project on US952A.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No reports

Environment

1. No reports

Management

1. 2024-60 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento.

Morales brought up negotiation timelines.

Motion carried.

Transportation

1. 2024-47: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source contract 24P004 with Cubic Transportation Systems to upgrade technology and devices including ticket vending machines (TVMs), rail smart card validators (RSVs), Point of Sale systems, as well as handheld inspection devices, new technology smart cards, and spare parts for a regional fare collection system in amount not to exceed \$37.7 million.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

2. 2024-50 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 6 of the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Metro Transit as

required by 49 CFR Part 673

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

3. 2024-59 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 3 of the Agency Safety Plan for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

1. No reports

Other business

1. **2024-61:** That the Metropolitan Council approve David Yakes as the District D appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, to fill the open Commissioner seat that was created by the redistricting process. The following term will run until the first Monday in January 2027.

It was moved by Chair Zelle, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Preliminary Local Forecasts to 2050: Todd Graham

Council members asked about preservation and restoration, modeling, and the nuances of preliminary and approved forecasts. Council members commented on the aging population and climate impacts.

Reports

General Counsel Bloodhart reported on the Great Day in Transit experience.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 28, 2024.

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