Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2018  4:00PM  Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE
Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Tchourumoff

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
It was moved by Munt, seconded by Rodriguez.

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BUSINESS
Community Development
2018-206 SW  Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the Malcolm Yards Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Advise the City to work with the Council to determine an updated forecast for its 2040 comprehensive plan update that incorporates stronger than forecasted market demand and changes in guiding land use. Advise the City that the Council requires the incorporation of density ranges into its land use policy to determine conformance and consistency with *Thrive MSP 2040*, the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*, and the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*. Advise the City to implement the additional advisory comments int the Review Record for Forecasts, Land Use, and Housing.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Dorfman.

Environment
2018-200  Accept the report of the 2016-2017 SAC Task Force, discharge the Task Force, and thank them for their work and input.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried.

Management
2018-158  Approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Policy 3-4-6 Inclusion of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program, and that the Metropolitan Council expand the MCUB program in order to increase the inclusion of small disadvantaged businesses in the Council’s procurement activities as articulated in Council policy and procedures.
Elaine Ogilvie and Micky Gutzmann gave a brief presentation on MCUB.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2018-197  Authorize the Regional Administrator to: enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2019 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota for an amount up to $1.5 million; execute the attached resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for Calendar Year 2019.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2017 Population Estimates

Matt Schroeder presented the 2017 population estimates. The official state government population estimates are used to allocate local government aid, local street aid, tax-base sharing under the Fiscal Disparities Act, and some forms of regional parks funding. It also helps Council staff track growth and development in the region. The 2017 population estimate is 3,075,563; an increase of 225,996 people from 2010. The average household size is 2.51. Vacancy rates are dropping region-wide and there is a need to fill the gap in housing production. More information on this topic can be found on the Council’s website at www.metrocouncil.org/populationestimates.

Divisional Level Operating Budget

Mary Bogie and representatives from each division presented the preliminary 2019 operating budget and levies. The proposed Regional Administration budget for 2019 is $71M which includes the $4.6M for Thrive initiatives. The proposed 2019 property tax levies is $87.0M. The general fund operations proposed budget is $82M. The Community Development operations budget is $18M. The Transportation operations budget overall is $593M, with Metro Transit at $472M and Metropolitan Transportation Services at $121M. The Environmental Services operations budget is $157M. The Council’s overall preliminary budget is $1.1B, and levy is $87M. The Council will be asked to adopt the public comment drafts on October 24, 2018 and will be asked to adopt the final budget and levies on December 12, 2018.

REPORTS

Council Members: None

Chair: None

Regional Administrator: Introduced Cyrenthia Jordan, the Council’s new Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16PM.
Certification
I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 8, 2018.

Approved this 22nd day of August 2018.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary