

Council Chair Charles Zelle

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Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

Not Recorded: 1 Zeran

### AMENDED AGENDA APPROVED

Chair Zelle noted that a roll call vote is not needed for approval of the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Lee, seconded by Wulff. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

Not Recorded: 1 Zeran

### BUSINESS

Joint Report of the Management, Community Development and Transportation Committees.

2020-304 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2020 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

Council members and staff made comments and had discussion on the significant cost savings, low bond rates and thanked staff.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Lee .

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

Not Recorded: 1 Zeran

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 7)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2020-277: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator through the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Council Authorized Representative to negotiate and execute a change order for Contract 15P307A with Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV) in an amount not to exceed \$10,045,134.47 for earthwork related to the construction of a Corridor Protection Barrier.

2020-290: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award, negotiation and execution of sole source contract with Trapeze Software Group Inc. not to exceed \$10,341,807 for ongoing support and maintenance services for the TransitMaster transportation system.

2020-291: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award, negotiation and execution of sole source contract with Ubisense America LLC not to exceed \$682,285 for ongoing support and maintenance services for the Ubisense Smart Space propriety software platform.

2020-292: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for calendar 2021 grants from the counties of Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey.

Operating (Base and Non-Annual Share)

- METRO Blue Line LRT Est. \$14.4M
- Hennepin County - Est. \$14.4M
- METRO Green Line LRT Est. \$14.0M
- Hennepin County – Est. \$8.4M

- Ramsey County – Est. \$5.6M
- Northstar Commuter Rail Est. \$3.8M
- Anoka County – Est. \$3.1M
- Hennepin County – Est. \$0.7M

2020-294: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Sherburne County Regional Railroad Authority for subsidy funding of Northstar Commuter Rail 2021 operations.

2020-297: Proposed Actions:

1. Authorize the City of Corcoran place its Tavera comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
3. Advise the City that if parcels in the Agricultural Preserve Program expire and the City wishes to change the land use guiding from one unit per 40 acres, a comprehensive plan amendment will be required.
4. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for regional parks and forecasts

2020-314: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for South St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant Reconveyance Lift Stations L65 and L74 Improvements, MCES Project No. 809093, with S.M. Hentges & Sons for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$2,547,881.00.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

**BUSINESS**

Community Development

2020-303: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Stillwater to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City’s forecasts for households and population upward as shown in Table 1 in the Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 303 units.

4. Find that the amendment renders the City's comprehensive plan inconsistent with the Council's housing policy and that the City is therefore ineligible to participate in Livable Communities Act programs.
5. Advise the City:
  - a. That to be consistent with Council housing policy, the City needs to increase the inventory of land guided to support the development of low- and moderate-income housing for the 2021-2030 decade by at least 14 units by guiding enough residential acres with sufficient minimum densities.
  - b. To implement the additional advisory comments in the Review Record for regional parks and housing.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

2020-312 SW: That the Metropolitan Council revise the 2020 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan to increase the funding availability for the Local Housing Incentives Account by \$1 million.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

## B. Environment

2020-313: That the Metropolitan Council approve the awarding of \$400,000 in state bond funds that were appropriated to the Council in 2018 for a grant to the City of Loretto consistent with the Grant Program Guidelines shown on Attachment A and authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a grant with the City to connect its existing wastewater collection system to a force main in City of Independence.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

### C. Management – No reports

### D. Transportation

2020-287: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Accept the Public Comment Report on the 2020 update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, and
- Adopt the revised final 2020 update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

### E. Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-299 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Little Canada to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 72 units.
4. Advise the City to:
  - a. Provide to the Council the date that the Watershed approved the Local Water Management Plan, and the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan. Provide the Council with a copy of the final adopted Local Water Management Plan that will be included in the final Plan document that the City adopts.
  - b. Revise the forecasts in the Plan prior to final Plan adoption, as described in the Forecasts section of the Review Record.
  - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for water supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

2020-300 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of East Bethel to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the Community Designation for the Southeastern portion of the City to Diversified Rural from Rural Center as shown in Figure 3 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
  - a. When available, provide to the Council the dates the WMOs approved the final Local Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the final Local Water Management Plan, and a copy of the final Local Water Management Plan if it differs from the draft version contained in the City's August 26, 2019 formal Plan submission.
  - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Wastewater, Water Resources, Land Use, and Water Supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Zeran.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

2020-301 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Blaine to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's sewer-serviced forecasts upward as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Land Use, Water Supply, and Historic Preservation.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Blaine's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Implement the advisory comments in the review record for wastewater.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

2020-302 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Long Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
  - a. When it is available, provide to the Council the date the City adopted the final Water Resources Management Plan.
  - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Roadways, Water Supply, and Housing.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Long Lake's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Require the City to submit to the Council a copy of any new or amended fully executed intercommunity agreements for filing with the City's comprehensive sewer plan on record at the Council.
3. Require the City to submit to the Council the locally adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to be included with the City's Comprehensive Sewer Plan on file at the Council once completed.
4. Strongly advise that the City address I/I sources within its collection system and mitigate so that peak flow discharges are within the limits as defined in the Council's Water Resources Policy Plan (Table A-2, p. 62). The City should be aware that any future discharge into the regional wastewater system that exceeds the Council's standard PFF, violates Council's Policy and will result in the assignment of an I/I mitigation work plan(s) as outlined in the Council's Regional I/I Mitigation Program.
5. Require the City to submit a copy of the ordinance requiring the disconnection of existing foundation drains, sump pumps, and roof leaders from the sanitary sewer system, along with the resolution adopting the Ordinance, for filing with the City's comprehensive sewer plan on record at the Council.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

## **REPORTS**

Chair Zelle stated there will be a Council meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and provided an update on the Minneapolis request for additional police support.

Council member Lindstrom shared that Abdullahi Abdulle, the first black and the first Muslim immigrant, elected to New Brighton City Council was a graduate of Metropolitan Council Urban Scholars Program.

Acting Regional Administrator, no report.

General Counsel, no report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of November 18, 2020.

Approved this 9th day of December 2020.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary