

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting Date:** April 26, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7            | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present                   |

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Vice Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Council Member Chamblis noted that the posted agenda has been amended to move business item 2023-93 SW from the consent agenda to non-consent. Council Members did not have any other comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by W. T. Carter, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public Invitation

No public comment.

## Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-5)

- 2023-70:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 19P173C with Infojini, Inc., to provide the Council with qualified, diverse candidates for temporary staffing assignments that increases the total value by \$500,000, for a revised not to exceed aggregate amount of \$4,720,000.
- 2023-74:** That the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract 22P382A with Fitch, Johnson, Larson, P.A., 22P382B with McCollum, Crowley, P.A. and 22P382C with Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson, for legal defense work related to workers' compensation claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,425,000.
- 2023-80:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Bloomington to sell five parcels purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan numbers L0804, L0402, L0406, L0607 and L0606 for the appraised values and forward those funds to the Council in satisfaction of these loans, and direct staff to write-off the remaining loan balances.

4. **2023-90:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 19P173A with Masterson Staffing Solutions to provide the Council with qualified, diverse candidates for temporary staffing assignments that increases the total value by \$1,500,000, for a revised not to exceed aggregate amount of \$4,720,000.
5. **2023-94 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three projects.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

### *Community Development*

1. **2023-87:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to:
  1. Develop and submit a Notice of Intent to Participate as the lead agency, a grant application, and related materials for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.
  2. Negotiate and execute the cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried.**

### *Environment*

1. **2023-83:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 23P036 with Siemens-Energy to provide replacement parts, repair, installation, and commissioning services for a steam turbine generator in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.

**Motion carried.**

### *Management*

1. **2023-79:** The Metropolitan Council adopt parameters Resolutions 2023-2, 2023-3 and 2023-4 which authorize the issuance, sale, and award of general obligation debt within established financial parameters, incurrence of related issuance expenses, and execution of documents necessary to secure the financings.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Council Member W.T. Carter asked for the term of the bond. Mark Thompson, Director of Treasury reported on the length of the bonds.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2023-89:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the insurance premium related to the Council's Blanket Builders Risk Property Insurance Program, provided by Liberty Mutual, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by T. Carter.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2023-84:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local #203 (Supervisors –

Sergeants/Lieutenants), effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff.

**Motion carried.**

### ***Transportation***

1. **2023-24:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Engineering Services Consultant (ESC) contract #22P103A with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for consultant services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension (BLRT Project) in an amount not to exceed \$96,375,448 and issue Limited Notice to Proceed #1 in an amount of \$9,300,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Council Member Johnson shared that she will be voting no on this item as she feels more robust discussion and briefing is needed. Council Member Barber shared more information about the steps of the agreement. Based on CM Johnson's comments, Council Member Dolkar asked if there is any discussion about changing the mode of the Blue Line; this is not currently being formally considered. Council Member Wulff asked about funding sources.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2023-25:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Project Management Services Consultant (PMC) contract #22P103B with WSP USA, Inc. for consultant services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension (BLRT Project) in an amount not to exceed \$24,185,383 and issue Limited Notice to Proceed #1 in an amount of \$1,500,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by T. Carter.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2023-26:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Risk Management Services Consultant (RMC) contract #22P103C with HDR, Inc. for consultant services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension (BLRT Project) in an amount not to exceed \$3,216,641 and issue Limited Notice to Proceed #1 in an amount of \$240,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by W.T. Carter.

Council Member Dolkar asked for an overview of timelines for the Blue Line Extension. Nick Thompson, Interim Executive Director, Regional Transit Infrastructure, and Chris Beckwith, Project Director, Blue Line Extension, gave a brief overview of the contracts and grant agreements.

**Motion carried.**

4. **2023-75:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P336 with HNTB to provide construction cost estimating services for the METRO Green Line Extension Project in an amount not to exceed \$12,708,234.98.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Pacheco.

Council Member Wulff asked if this action will result in additional project costs.

**Motion carried.**

5. **2023-93 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend three projects.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cameron.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson to amend the proposed action as follows.

That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend three projects as shown in the amended business item.

Council Member Vento noted that MnDOT requested changes to the funding amounts due to a price increase in the bus purchase item within the business item. The amended item increases the project amounts with federal and state funds as shown.

**Motion carried to amend the proposed action.**

**Motion carried as amended.**

### ***Joint Reports***

1. **2023-62 JT:** that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
  - Recommendations of the Community Development Committee
    1. Authorize the City of Afton to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
    2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Water Supply.
  - Recommendation of the Environment Committee
    1. Approve the City of Afton's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried.**

### ***Other Business***

1. **2023-100:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the special and advisory committees, commissions, and boards assignments as shown in the business item, as recommended by the Chair and pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by W.T. Carter.

**Motion carried.**

### **Information**

1. Labor Strategy

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by T. Carter to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.03, subdivision 1 to discuss labor strategy.

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was closed at 4:53 p.m.

The following staff were present for the closed session: LisaBeth Barajas, Ann Bloodhart, Mary Bogie, Charles Carlson, Marcy Cordes, Brian Funk, Georges Gonzalez, Lesley Kandaras, Greg Ricci, Bridget Toskey.

The meeting was reopened at 6:10.

### **Reports**

Council Members, Regional Administrator, and General Counsel did not have any reports.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 26, 2023.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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