Call to Order
A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Approved
Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation
Tom Darling, Jonathan Poppele, Karen Sprattler, Carolyn Will, Bob Cattanach, and Mark Hoppe provided comment about the proposed Summit Avenue Regional Trail.

Consent Business
No consent business.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

**Community Development**

1. **2023-168 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
   1. Authorize the City of St. Francis to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
   2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
   3. Find that the amendment is inconsistent with Thrive MSP 2040 policies for residential density in the Diversified Rural portion of the City.
   4. Find that the amendment is inconsistent with 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan policies
for preserving natural resources outside the Long-Term Wastewater Service Area.

5. Strongly encourage the City to consider the application of ordinances that are consistent with the Council’s Flexible Residential Development Ordinance Guidelines in cases in which the City may wish to consider densities greater than 4 units per 40 acres.

6. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use and Water Resources.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Environment**

1. **2023-165:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 22P375A-L for interceptor engineering services with cumulative not to exceed amount of $52,000,000 as follows:

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It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Morales.

**Motion carried.**

**Management**

No reports.

**Transportation**

1. **2023-134:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the METRO F Line Final Corridor Plan to establish the number and location of stations included in the project.

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

Council Members asked that Council and Metro Transit staff continue to work closely with business owners as the project progresses.

**Motion carried.**

**Information**

1. **2024 Preliminary Budget and Levies**

Marie Henderson, Acting Chief Financial Officer, introduced the 2024 preliminary operating budget and levies. The proposed 2024 levy is $94.17 million, and the proposed operating budget is $1.37 billion. The total General Fund operations budget is $116.4 million, the Regional Administration operating budget is $97.7 million, the Community Development operating budget is $27.3 million, the ES operations budget is $204.5 million, and the
Transportation operations budget is $752.7 million. The Council will be asked to adopt the preliminary budget and levies on August 23, 2023, the public comment drafts on October 25, 2023, and the final budget and levies on December 13, 2023.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding Council reserves, Sewer Accessibility Charges (SAC), timing for next steps, full time employee (FTE) number revisions, the policy for fund balance, and passenger travel demand between modes of transit.

Reports
General Counsel Ann Bloodhart introduced the first year law clerk Madeleine Kim. The Chair, Regional Administrator, and Council Members did not have any reports.

Adjournment
Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Certification
I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 9, 2023.

Approved this 23rd day of August 2023.

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