

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting Date: August 9, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

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
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Gail Cederberg, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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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:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Brown and Caldwell	22P375A	\$8,670,000
Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC.	22P375B	\$8,160,000
TKDA and Associates, Inc.	22P375C	\$3,000,000
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	22P375D	\$7,500,000
SEH, Inc.	22P375E	\$6,670,000
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	22P375F	\$3,330,000
CDM Smith, Inc.	22P375G	\$6,000,000
Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.	22P375H	\$6,000,000
CNA Consulting Engineers	22P375I	\$1,000,000
Brierley Associates Corporation	22P375J	\$1,000,000
106 Group	22P375K	\$340,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	22P375L	\$330,000

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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