Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021  4:00 p.m.  Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE
Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Members Absent:
Cummings, Lilligren

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Aye:  14  Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay:  0

Absent:  2  Cummings, Lilligren

Not Recorded:  1  Atlas-Ingebretson

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 were moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:  14  Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay:  0

Absent:  2  Cummings, Lilligren

Not Recorded:  1  Atlas-Ingebretson

CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-13)
Consent Agenda Adopted

2021-163: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Ramsey County’s Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require Ramsey County, prior to initiating any development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council’s Environmental Services Division.

2021-169: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 20P261 with Insight Public Sector, Inc., for the refresh of network equipment in an amount not to exceed $6,000,000.

2021-171: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes to bind coverage of its property insurance effective 8/1/21- 8/1/22, in an amount not to exceed $3,650,000.

2021-172: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Contract 16P298 with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for Construction Monitoring for Contaminated Materials to add $3,116,522 for a total contract amount of $6,115,508

2021-175: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment with Kleen-Tech Services for janitorial services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant that will increase the total contract value by $108,676 for a revised contract value not to exceed amount of $607,868.

2021-177: That the Metropolitan Council adopts Resolution 2021-18 authorizing the acquisition of temporary easements for the Maple Grove Interceptor 900416 Replacement project and staff to initiate condemnation proceedings.

2021-179: Proposed Action

1. Authorize the City of Blaine to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.

2021-180: Proposed Action

1. Authorize the City of Burnsville to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the population, households, and employment forecasts for the City upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Revise the City’s affordable housing allocation for the 2021-2030 decade to 384 units.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.

2021-181: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Waconia to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.

2021-182: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Farmington to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.

2021-183: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Rosemount to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transit, Forecasts, and Land Use.

2021-185: That the Metropolitan Council revise the 2021 Annual Livable Communities Act Funding Availability to increase the funding available for the Local Housing Incentives Account by $4 million.

2021-194 SW: That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to increase the cost and scope of MnDOT’s I-35W turnback in Bloomington.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Cummings, Lilligren

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

BUSINESS
Community Development – Reports are on consent agenda

Environment

2021-176: That the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2022:

- Regional Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of $249,955,000;
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): $2,485;
• Temporary SAC: $1.25 per thousand gallons;
• Industrial Capacity Charge: $2.21 per thousand gallons;
• Industrial Strength Charge: $.274 per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
• Industrial Strength Charge: $.137 per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
• Brewery Strength Charge: $.859 per barrel;
• Standard Load Charge: $60.24 per thousand gallons;
• Holding Tank Load Charge: $11.40 per thousand gallons;
• Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: $77.46 per thousand gallons;
• Collar County Load Charge: $75.24 per thousand gallons;
• Strength component of Industrial Load Charge $.4130 per excess pound of TSS;
• Strength component of Industrial Load Charge $.2065 per excess pound of COD;
• Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: $15.00 per thousand gallons;
• Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and
• Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Surcharge Exceedance Rate: $461,000 per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Cummings, Lilligren

Management

2021-149: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge No. 77 effective for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Cummings, Lilligren

Transportation — Reports are on consent agenda

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees
2021-167JT: 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 Birchwood Village to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, and Wastewater.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Cummings, Lilligren

2021-168 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 Champlin to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City’s forecasts upward/downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City’s affordable housing need allocation for 2021-2030 to 201 units.
4. Advise the City that within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, the City must adopt the MRCCA Plan, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Cummings, Lilligren

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-188: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC):
2021-189: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

Appointments through July 2022

Chair (At-Large)
- Mayor Marylee Abrams – City of Maplewood

Vice Chair (Selected from the current committee members)
- Elise Durbin – Executive Director of the Carver County CDA

Appointments through July 2023

Community Engagement (Community organizing, arts-based engagement, engagement strategy)
- Josie Shardlow – Community Engagement Manager with City of Brooklyn Park
- Mala Thao – Philanthropic Advisor at the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

Environment (Integration of natural and water resources in development, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice)
- Vanessa Perry – Planning Director, Minnesota DNR Development (Equitable development strategies, new development, redevelopment)
- Jamie Thelen – CEO, Sand Companies

Local government (Planning, economic or community development)
- Linnea Graffunder-Bartels – Senior Community Development Specialist, City of Oakdale

Transportation (Development relationship, transportation specialty, multimodal transportation)
- Darrell Washington – MnDOT, Office of Transit and Active Transportation, Transportation Program Supervisor

Site Design (Landscape architecture, land planning specialty, urban design, public space design)
- Bruce Chamberlain – Stanek, Principal
- Mauricio Ochoa – Project Architect, DJR Architecture, Inc.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Fredson, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
INFORMATION
1. Information Item: Regional Forecast Update: Population and Employment Growth to 2050

   Todd Graham, principal researcher gave a presentation on the forecasts and the regional planning cycle, updated regional forecast to 2050, the main demographic trends, how we do forecast, employment growth, population growth, and why forecasts change: 2021 update.

   Council member Ferguson had questions regarding workforce development, education, and employment and how employers can mitigate mismatches that might be occurring now. Council member Johnson stated we should share this and work with Greater MSP and Center Economic Inclusion. Johnson also stated it’s interesting to see regional comparison. Council member Atlas-Ingebretson would like the report to show data on indigenous people and the employment data be desegregated by race and ethnicity. Council member Lindstrom requested more data on the climate change induce migration projections, Council Muse asked how we navigate the barrier between overqualified candidates and the workforce if they do not have the network. Council member Vento stated the legislator with support from the Governor’s office did a great job with the efforts to establish the Age-Friendly Communities Program in Minnesota and to contact her for more information. Council member Chamblis stated the information is interesting and would like to continue the conversation. She would also like to get more details on birth and migration rates. Chair Zelle stated this is great work and report.

REPORTS
Chair Zelle stated he attended the Minneapolis Chamber Breakfast meeting.

Council Members: No reports

Regional Administrator Mary Bogie highlighted upcoming agendas in August and stated staff spent over 8700 hours helping out the State with Covid response the past year.

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Certification
I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 28, 2021.

Approved this 11th day of August 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary