

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

Abdirahman Muse

Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Judy Johnson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

No response: 1 Wulff

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

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021, Council meeting.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

PUBLIC INVITATION

Troy Kunze, City of Vadnais Heights resident, and Erinn Robovsky, Parks, Recreation and Trail Commission and resident shared their concerns about the Vadnais Heights 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the amendment to the land use change for a portion of the undeveloped property from Industrial to City Center. They disputed the legitimacy of the future land use map in figure 3 of review file 22137-4 and stated the map was approved without due process and added to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. They would also like parks and trails removed from comprehensive plans.

BUSINESS

2021-277 JT SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2021 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	16	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	0	

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-21)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2021-248: That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (“SFA”) No. 01 (#211147A) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) for the METRO Purple Line (formerly Rush Line) Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”) for an amount not to exceed \$1,015,000, contingent upon Council approval of the 4th quarter Budget Amendment and changes to the Authorized Capital Budget for the Project on November 10, 2021.
- 2021-249: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 07 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for an amount not to exceed \$1,472,060.
- 2021-250: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 15 to the Master Funding Agreement (MFA) #121021 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for 2022 SWLRT staff support in an amount not to exceed \$1,924,101.
- 2021-265: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Emergency Declaration for purchase of COVID-19 saliva Take Home and On-site Testing kits and access to 37 clinic locations for PCR testing in the amount of \$1,835,000.00.
- 2021-271: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to make ongoing maintenance, hosted services and support service payments as Sole Source purchase

orders in an amount not to exceed \$5,496,600. This includes installed software and hardware as listed on the attached 2022 Information Services Sole Source Vendor list.

- 2021-272: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for operating assistance on the Orange Line Connector expansion bus route in the amount of \$1,920,000.
- 2021-274: 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 2022 operations. Operating
- Northstar Commuter Rail \$1,073,433
- 2021-276: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached resolution changing certain designated position titles in the Minnesota State Retirement System unclassified plan.
- 2021-282: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with North Central Bus Sales for up to 91 replacement buses and 20 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$9,812,000.
- 2021-284: That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 19P122 with Gillig LLC to purchase up to 2 forty-foot buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,000.
- 2021-287: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 20P289A with Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. to provide solid waste services at MCES facilities for an amount not to exceed \$2,381,085.
- 2021-288: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute the contract amendment for contract 15I103 with the University of Minnesota for continuation of educating citizens of the Twin Cities metro area about lawn water conservation by reinforcing current outreach efforts and creating new educational materials for homeowners in the form of online videos, signs, pamphlets, and inperson workshops. This amendment will be in the amount of \$378,745, for a total contract not to exceed value of \$969,950.
- 2021-289: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes a Public Hearing on January 5, 2022 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, MCES Project No. 809800.
- 2021-290: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P189 with Pioneer Power for Construction of the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Stabilization Facility and Solids Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$4,622,202.
- 2021-292: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
1. Authorize the City of Burnsville 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.

2021-293: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Hamburg to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 Community Designation of the newly annexed areas from Agricultural to Rural Center as shown in Figure 2 of the Review Record.
3. Find that the amendment does not change the City’s forecasts.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for water supply.

2021-294: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Vadnais Heights 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.

2021-295: Proposed Action:

1. Authorize the City of Ramsey 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 renders the City’s comprehensive plan inconsistent with the Council’s housing policy, and that the City is therefore considered “not in good standing” for the purposes of the Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs.
4. Advise the City:
 - a. To be consistent with Council housing policy, the City needs to re-guide additional acres expected to develop in the 2021-2030 decade to a land use with a minimum density of 8 units per acre or raise the minimum density of an existing land use to 8 units per acre to accommodate a minimum of 233 additional units.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for land use and housing.

2021-299: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) Master Utility Agreement (MUA) #21M086 with Qwest Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,590,809.

2021-300: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute operating grant agreements for the calendar year 2022 with the Funding Transitway Counties of Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey to receive funds in 2022.

- METRO Blue Line LRT \$14,333,949
 - Hennepin County - \$14,333,949
- METRO Green Line LRT \$14,846,785
 - Hennepin County – \$8,908,071
 - Ramsey County – \$5,938,714
- Northstar Commuter Rail \$5,763,662
 - Anoka County – \$4,691,621
 - Hennepin County – \$1,072,041

2021-302: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a three-year service agreement with the City of Maple Grove for the service period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

At the request of Council Member Ferguson, Business Item 2021-294 was removed (without objection) from the consent list. Council Member Ferguson then moved the consent agenda subject to moving Business Item 2021-294 to non-consent, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

BUSINESS

Community Development

2021-308: That the Metropolitan Council adopt payment standards as shown in Table 1 for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2022.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2021-294: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

4. Authorize the City of Vadnais Heights to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
5. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
6. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

This business item was removed from the consent agenda to non-consent for discussion.

Lisa Barajas Executive Director, Community Development stated this item was on the consent agenda at the Community Development meeting, and they hadn't received any concerns prior to this amendment. Because of the size of the amendment, it exceeds our administrative threshold.

Council Member Ferguson asked how people share their concerns before further in the process. Lisa stated staff has been engaging with the residents on an issue not related to this amendment, and they were not aware of this particular issue. Council Member Vento thanked the residents for their remarks and stated Council employees have been engaging with them on other development concerns. Council

Member Johnson appreciated the public input and explained how the process works. Council Member Wulff said local city councils have a lot of authority over land use and stated the Council approves the plans because it's not a substantial departure from the regional system plans.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Environment

2021-291: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P009 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. to construct the Lift Station L24 Renovation and Forcemain 7020 Replacement, Waconia Forcemain 7508 Phase 3, in an amount not to exceed \$19,059,145.54.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Management

2021-309 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Collier, a Vaske Computer Company, an Oracle Platinum partner, to provide Oracle maintenance and support services in an amount not to exceed \$4,153,776.19.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Transportation – Reports on the consent agenda

Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2021-270 JT SW: 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 Robbinsdale 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 City's affordable housing need allocation for 2021-2030 to 101 units

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the Robbinsdale's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Incorporate Chapter VII of the City Code for Public Utilities as part of the final locally adopted version of the Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	16	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	0	

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-312: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

Local government (Planning, economic or community development) – through July 2023

- PeggySue Imihy – Management Analyst, City of Hopkins

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	16	Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	0	

REPORTS

Chair Zelle: None

Council Members Fredson expressed gratitude to everyone involved in getting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed and signed.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 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 10, 2021.

Approved this 8th day of December.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary