

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Cummings, Barber, Johnsons, Chamblis, Ferguson, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Muse, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Slawik called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Muse to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, March 20, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

INFORMATION

1. People Sheltering on Transit Overview

Lt. Ruberto and Metro HRA Director, Terri Smith presented on this topic. Lt. Ruberto talked about the connection between chronic health conditions and homelessness, safety concerns for operators, staff, passengers, and riders experiencing homeless. He discussed the challenges and working towards a solution. Metro Transit Police Department Homeless Action Team (HAT) started in 2018 and connects with unsheltered light rail riders. They bring many people to Winter Safe Space every night and build community trust. Terri Smith gave background and history of the Council's role in affordable housing, partnerships, housing challenges and regional efforts to end unsheltered homelessness. The Council members discussed ongoing concerns for the unsheltered, how can we work with partners and continue to find resources.

2. Metro Transit Service Development Overview

Adan Harrington and Wes Kooistra presented on this topic. Adam gave a presentation on Metro Transit Service Development and what they do. The Service Development provides quarterly services changes, short and long-term projects, internal and external coordination. He also discussed the planning process and standards for each route type. Wes Kooistra gave a presentation on the proposed Green Line service adjustments and next steps. The proposed Green Line service adjustment is to eliminate four trips per weekday, approximately between 2-4am, but continue 24-hour weekend service. There will be further review of customers, maintenance, safety and cost factors. Council members had questions and concerns regarding the service adjustment and impacts on the unsheltered and communities.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Musa.

Motion carried

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary