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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 400p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff.

The May 8, 2019 meeting minutes was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

The February 27, 2019 meeting minutes, as amended, was moved by Muse, seconded by Vento.

BUSINESS

Information Item: Legislative Session

Judd Schetnan gave an update on the 2019 legislative session and a transportation package that is acceptable to the Council will advance to the House and Senate during special session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Item 1)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-97: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Condemnation Legal Services Master Contracts (19P037).

Business Item 2019-97 was removed by Sterner for discussion and more information. After the discussion the business item was approved.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2-5)

2. 2019-98: Railroad Liability Insurance for Northstar Operations.
3. 2019-104: Elimination of Route 614 Services.
4. 2019-108: Bus Rapids Transit (METRO Gold Line) Right of Entry, Resolution 2019-6.
5. 2019-111: Bus Farebox Replacement and Equipment Upgrade.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Development

1. 2019-89: The Metropolitan Council: Approve a grant of up to \$217,065.20 to the City of Saint Paul to acquire the 0.89-acre McKinney parcel located at 1298 Arlington Avenue East in the City of Saint Paul for Phalen-Keller Regional Park; Inform the City that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner

Motion carried.

2. 2019-113 SW: The Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator or their designee to execute 21 grant agreements totaling \$16,666,668 with the Regional Park Implementing Agencies as indicated in and in accordance with Attachment 1.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento

Motion carried.

3. 2019-114 SW: The Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-8 (attached) to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Muse

Motion carried.

4. 2019-115 SW: The Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-9 (attached) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to submit a Letter of Interest for the Moving to Work Program expansion under the Rent Reform cohort.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner

Motion carried.

Environment

1. 2019-110: That the Metropolitan Council approves the process for 2019 stormwater management grants described in Attachment A and authorizes staff to advertise the availability of grant funding and solicit applications for the 2019 grants.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by

Motion carried.

Management – Reports on Consent Agenda

Council Member Johnson shared the results of General Obligation Transit Bonds sales.

Transportation

1. 2019-119: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution 2019-10 to set the regular meeting schedule of the Transportation Committee, effective beginning July 1, 2019.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

Motion carried.

Joint Reports

2019-105 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee (CDC):

1. Authorize the City of Orono to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) into effect.
2. Advise the City:
 - a. That if changes are made to the City's water supply plan resulting from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) review of the Plan, the City will need to provide the Council and the DNR with the updated information.
 - b. To provide the date the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan (LWMP) to the Council when that Plan is approved. A copy of the final adopted LWMP that will be included in the final Plan document must be submitted to the Council, if it differs from the draft version the Council reviewed.
 - c. To revise Table 7 of the DNR template to reflect the fact that there are several systems in Orono, because the Water Supply chapter of the plan still shows inconsistent information from the Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) submitted to the DNR.
 - d. To consider the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, and Housing.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee (EC):

1. Approve the City of Orono's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council Workforce: Composition, Trends and Initiatives

Marcy Syman presented the Council Workforce demographics, workforce composition, trends and initiatives, workforce facts, and what the Council is doing to increase workforce diversity. Marcy also talked about the Workforce Development Department program.

Council Members had comments and questions regarding bus operators shifts and the challenges with setting schedules, engagement, sourcing, recruitment and workforce diversity. There were questions asked regarding the hiring process, the interview questions and internal hiring.

Council members also requested the data to be desegregated.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Atlas-Ingebretson: Attend the Unity Iftar event and thought it was well attended and a great event.

Cummings: Thanked all staff and Council Members for all they have done.

Vento: Attended City of Hugo water reuse program celebration and is impressed with the community.

Lee: Attended the Coon Rapids Dam tour and appreciates the past Council's work they did on Parks Equity.

Gonzalez: Attended Unity Iftar event and met Metropolitan Council employees and elected officials who were in attendance. It was a well-planned and attended event.

Chamblis: Attended Think Again Workshop.

Lindstrom: Encourages the Council to attend the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant tour on June 4.

Wulff: Attended Apple Valley State of the City Address with Council Member Sterner.

Chair: Attended Robbinsdale Walking Tour with Council Member Lilligren. Chair also attended SWLRT DBE Workforce Advisory Committee and EQB meeting.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 22, 2019.

Approved this 31st day of May, 2019.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary