

# Minutes

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting date:** July 17, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- E 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
- E Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- E Diego Morales, District 9
- E Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- E Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

## Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole 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 Lilligren seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Special meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

## Information

1. 2023 Population Estimates (Matt Schroeder, Principal Researcher, Research, 651-602-1513)

CM Vento asked how we compare with other regions in terms of growth patterns – requested follow up on this from the presenter. Follow up: Are our rental policies a factor in these migration trends? The presenter responded that our growth of the 25 largest metro areas is in the middle. Regarding the impact of metro policies, we'll be hearing more about that later in the year. Last question: What impact does the proposed legislation re: local zoning/housing with the missing bill agenda have on our future growth and where do we as a council fit into that? What is our position? CM Vento asked to have a CoW discussion on these items. Also, prior to legislative session, we should map out if we have talking points and/or how we respond if this comes up at the municipal level.

CM Dolkar asked about luxury housing trends and Lisa Barajas responded.

CM Cedarburg asked if SLP building a lot of apartment buildings means we may see folks leaving Mpls/St Paul and moving there, which would leave vacancies in those cities. Did factors like this contribute to people moving to Lake Elmo? Answer from the presenter was that migration data is hard to come by and tends to be imperfect, however, most moves are a short distance, and there is migration into our big cities as well, but not enough to offset those leaving to nearby suburbs. The declining average household size has been affected by the migration from Mpls/St Paul.

CM Dr. Carter asked the presenter what he sees for us in regard to climate change and its impact and to what degree. The presenter responded that it is hard to say with all the wild cards, but that the Great Lakes area may see the effects the most over the long term. Lisa Barajas also responded saying that we will see more local changes because we experience those impacts differently across the region, i.e.: where water sits on the landscape making some land accessible, but other land not able to be developed. We have been talking about how to plan for these impacts with local governments, such as reducing our emissions. We are already experiencing the effects here on the ground in this region. So, we need to adapt to the changes, including determining where we will be able to put developments.

CM Vento asked if the baby boomers transitioning to memory care, age 55 and up facilities and those types of housing are affecting the spatial balance. The presenter responded that much of the multi-family housing in the suburbs is this type of housing. Many of these types of housing may be changed over to 4-plexes and such to accommodate the needs once the boomers no longer need as much of this housing.

CM Wulff asked if we have a list of housing (single family, multi-family) by the region and whether all the manufactured homes have lots with them, etc. The presenter responded that he can get that information.

## **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of July 17, 2024.

Approved this 7th day of August 2024.

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