

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: April 24, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

- Susan Vento, District 12
- 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 Vice-Chair Chamblis called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

Four people registered to speak to the Metropolitan Council regarding West Broadway, Lowery Station and the Blue Line Extension.

1. Donna Sanders spoke to the lack of outreach regarding the West Broadway project. She stated 90% of residents are against the LRT on Broadway, and claims the road is too narrow and displacement will be too significant. She commented on the poor Outreach information distributed such as a map with no details.
2. Steve Westman commented on the dangerous design of the Blue line at the Lowry station. The X design with two tracks atop a hill down to hospital requires trenching, reduces parking and a lack of signage.
3. Jerome Johnson, a retired transit economist encouraged support for a bus ramp along Broadway and the Senate take a time-out for opportunities to build out to the north and suburbs.
4. Kristal Porter on behalf of the West Broadway Business Area Coalition commented on her safety concerns with the line design and the proximity to the YMCA. She commented on the lack of other resources this area has a high volume of visitors. She expressed her frustration due to the lack of responses and the year long disruption.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-6)

1. **2024-63:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Shoreview to sell one parcel purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund loan number L0614 for the agreed upon value, forward those funds to the Council in satisfaction of this loan, and direct staff to write-off the remaining loan balance.

2. **2024-89:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$406,722 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to acquire approximately 11 acres located at 9826 East Point Douglas Road South in Cottage Grove, MN, for the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

3. **2024-90:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$680,486 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to acquire approximately 41 acres located at 24236 Union Trail in Belle Plain, MN, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

4. **2024-97:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 20P040 with Waste Management of Minnesota for pick up and disposal of solid waste, recycling, and organic streams for a total contract value not to exceed \$857,500.

5. **2024-100 SW:** That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to adjust two projects:

1. Increase the cost of Inver Grove Heights's CSAH 32 reconstruction and change the project sponsor to Dakota County;
2. Increase the cost of MnDOT's I-94 bridge repair project.

6. **2024-107:** That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2024 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Modification as described in this report.

2. Direct staff to submit the final PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for parks, transportation, and forecasts.

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.



Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. **2024-91:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve funding 22 projects totaling up to \$2,055,500 for the Regional Parks and Trails System 2024 Equity Grant Program, as shown in Table 1 of this report.
 2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements and associated amendments on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried.

Environment

1. **2024-80:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 23P092A-C for wastewater treatment plant environmental permitting assistance, for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000 in service areas and amounts.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-81:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for the design and construction of access improvements to Interceptors 1-MN-310 and 1-MN-330 for an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cederberg.

Motion carried.

Management

No reports.

Transportation

1. **2024-95:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 24P077 to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig to purchase eight 40-foot electric buses and six electric bus chargers for the Council's regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 13,713,087.00. That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 24P077 to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig to purchase eight 40-foot electric buses and six electric bus chargers for the Council's regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 13,713,087.00.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-98:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 23P142 to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig to purchase twelve 40-foot electric buses and

sixteen electric bus chargers for the Council's regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 20,449,000.00. It was moved by Barber, seconded by Toni Carter.

Motion carried.

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

2024-111: That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) Seats:

Yahye Mohamed District B

Samiira Isse District C

Zakariya Abdullahi District E

Brittany Clausen District F

Mercedes Yarbrough At Large

Carmeann Foster At Large

Mitchel Hanson At Large

Melissa Favila At Large

Janine Lukes At Large

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Osman.

Motion carried.

Information

none

Reports

Regional Administrator O'Connor commented on the Metro Wastewater treatment tour CM Toni Carter, CM Tyrone Carter and he attended lead by ES staff. He stated the tour was remarkable and learned of future needs.

Regional Administrator O'Connor also mentioned the city of North Oaks' withdrawal of their amendment and commended staff for their work.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 24, 2024.

Approved this 8th day of May 2024.

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