

Minutes

Special Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: July 8, 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

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the special meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole 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 Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Blue Line Extension Project Update

Metro Transit Interim Blue Line Project Director/Deputy General Manager, Capital Programs Nick Thompson presented this item. Thompson noted that there is an Xcel transmission line underneath 10th Street that would need to be relocated and that staff are already working with Xcel. Council members discussed the importance of the anti-displacement work and Thompson clarified details as it relates to the \$10M legislative money, local match responsibility and the Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program board's responsibilities. Carter, Toni noted the importance of clearly defining what is mitigation versus anti-displacement and Thompson responded that mitigation will be defined in the EIS and that some anti displacement work might be beyond what would be eligible in the project. Chair Zelle and Metropolitan Council Regional Administration Ryan O'Connor noted that anti-displacement work will come from all levels of government and is not relying solely on the \$10M legislative funding. O'Connor informed Council members that this fall a sales tax use policy will come before this board that will help form a 30 year vision that is defined and sustainable. Council members discussed the history of ridership and cost estimates related to this project.

Adjournment



Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:05 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 8, 2024.

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