

Council Chair Charles Zelle

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Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01pm on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Muse

AGENDA APPROVED

Chair Zelle noted that a roll call vote is not needed for approval of the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Cummings seconded by Vento. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Muse

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

2020-218: The Metropolitan Council approves the updated Accessibility Policy

2020-226: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award, negotiate and execute a contract with HealthPartners in an amount not to exceed \$4,491,260 (\$3,672,494 fixed costs plus \$818,766 Council-estimated pass-through expenses) to provide onsite clinic administrative services for a period of five years, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Muse

BUSINESS

Community Development – No reports

B. Environment – No reports

C. Management – Reports on consent agenda

D. Transportation – No reports

E. Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-225 JT: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Hopkins to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. When available, provide to the Council the dates the two Watershed Districts approved the final Local Water Management Plan (LWMP), and the date the City adopted the final LWMP.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Hopkins's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Muse

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information Item: SWLRT Project Update and Federal Transit Administration Full Funding Grant Agreement Status

Jim Alexander, SWLRT project director began the presentation with a Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project update including overall project, civil construction update, real estate acquisition status, relocation status, and Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) update. Tracey Jackson, senior manager presented the DBE and Workforce Update including Equity Commitments to the Region, DBE Achievements as of June 30, 2020, Civil Contract DBE Disaggregated, civil workforce participation percentage, LMJV workforce good faith efforts, and DBE site visits. Sam O'Connell gave an update on construction outreach and Communications, construction resources: area maps and social media metrics.

Chair Zelle and council members thanked staff, teams, council members, local funding partners for their work on this project. Council member Cummings expressed excitement and gratitude to staff and states this is an incredible project that benefits people who are dependent on transportation, businesses and workforce, housing and economic impact. Council member Ferguson stated it's disappointing we have record unemployment amongst people of color not achieving goals. Council member Barber expressed excitement and stated she is impressed with the progress of the project and asked a question regarding the critical FFGA timing. Council member Chamblis stated we should use this project as a model for development across the region and Blue Line extension. Council member Johnson thanked staff, council member Barber and Ferguson for their leadership. Council member Fredson expressed appreciation for the job creation as a result of the project.

2. Information Item: 2020 Water Supply Planning Report to the Minnesota Legislature

Lanya Ross, environmental analyst highlighted the contents in the report, next steps for water supply planning and background. In 2005, the Metropolitan Council was directed by Minnesota Statutes 473.1565 to carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Council fulfills this role by developing and maintaining a base of technical information; developing and periodically updating a metropolitan area master water supply plan; and making recommendations for clarifying roles and responsibilities, streamlining decision-making and approval processes, and funding. The Metropolitan Council does this work in consultation with Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy and Technical Advisory Committees (MAWSAC and TAC). The Metropolitan Council submits reports to the legislature regarding its findings, recommendations, and planning activities to be included in the Minnesota Water Plan, and five-year interim reports are provided as necessary.

Council members Lindstrom spoke about the significant water and financial savings for business and homeowners and encouraged council members to check with their cities to see what they are doing to save money.

REPORTS

Chair Zelle: None

Council member Vento stated the Environmental Quality Board approved the 2020 State Water Plan and had presentations on the Minnesota Sands project in Fillmore county and 2020 Pollinator Report.

Acting Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 9, 2020.

Approved this September day of 23, 2020.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary