

## **Minutes of the**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

#### **Committee Members Present:**

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

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Ferguson, Fredson, Wulff

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Slawik called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Muse to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION**

##### Arterial BRT Overview

Charles Carlson and Katie Roth gave an overview of the Arterial BRT program, project goals, what makes BRT better, the status of the current Arterial BRT project, next steps and the Network NEXT plan. The Network NEXT plan is a process and plan that integrates service improvement, BRT network next steps, and other functional plans. Project goals include for a faster, more reliable ride, frequent all day, everyday access to network of destinations and a dignified, improved experience at the station and on board.

Council Members had comments and questions regarding funding for the BRT projects, where will future lines be located, how can communities get involved in the planning process and understand BRT. Engaging with community organizations, stakeholders and bridge communities we don't have resource for.

##### Introduction of Transit Planning Basics and Future Transit Planning Efforts

Thomas Wittmann from Nelson Nygaard gave a presentation about transit planning, tradeoffs, considerations in transit planning and next steps. He discussed what makes transit successful and how can service strive to reflect customer values. Thomas also, talked about the eight elements to help determine the regions values and why they are important. There will be a workshop in the future.

Council Members received vision for success handout and were asked to answer the questions and share their vision.

Council Members had comment and questions regarding equity and the need to be clear on what equity is and build on what is already in place. The more knowledge we have about equity the better planning we can do to meet the needs of people. There was also discussion around public benefit.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary