

## Council Chair Zelle

## Council Members

Abdirahman Muse	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					

Immediately prior to the meeting, Chair Zelle was sworn in.

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda was moved by Vento, seconded by Sterner

**Motion carried.**

Minutes was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff

**Motion carried.**

### PUBLIC INVITATION

Public invitation to comment on the proposed Metro Transit Police Department Policy on use of body cameras and topics not on the agenda. There were no comments.

Public invitation to comment on items not on the Council agenda. There were no comments.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 3)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-345: That the Metropolitan Council:
  1. Approve a grant of up to \$435,925 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 5.27-acre Higgins property located at 10530 Holly Lane North in the City of Maple Grove for the Rush Creek Regional Trail.
  2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
  3. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$170,245 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital

Bonding Program for costs associated with their local match.

4. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

2. 2019-363: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Eden Prairie to place the 10197 Eden Prairie Road Comprehensive Plan Amendments into effect.

2. Find that the amendment is inconsistent with Natural Resource policies in *Thrive MSP 2040*, and that urbanization of the parcel is inadvisable. Urbanization at even low residential densities can result in the permanent loss of the site's existing diverse ecological integrity with the process of grading for buildable homesite(s), provision of necessary support infrastructure, and the inevitable introduction of invasive vegetative species into the area.

3. Strongly encourage the City to:

a. Reconsider the development of this property due to the limited development capacity and the potential for environmental degradation on and adjacent to the site.

b. Complete further analysis to determine the level of development that is suitable for the site including environmental review, steep slopes, bluffs, tree removal and replacement, cultural/archeological studies, and shoreland and floodplain information.

c. Collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other entities that consider the overall environmental and aesthetic conditions of the Refuge and its surroundings.

4. Advise the City to implement the additional advisory comments in the Review Record for Natural Resources.

3. 2019-364: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award one Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development grant as shown in Table 1 below, totaling \$1,250,000.

2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council

Table 1. Recommended Projects

Project Name	Applicant	Points	LCDA-TOD Funding
Lexington Project	Saint Paul	94.20	\$1,250,000
<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>\$1,250,000</b>
Total Available			\$3,068,200
Total Remaining			\$1,818,200

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Barber

**Motion carried.**

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development**

2020-16 SW: That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Resolution 2020-1 adopting the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account Affordable and Lifecycle Housing Goals adopted by the City of Little Canada to participate in the Livable Communities Act for calendar year 2020.

Council Member Vento reported the City of Little Canada is excited and grateful for the opportunity to be part of Livable Communities Act.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento

**Motion carried.**

**Environment** – No Reports

**Management** – No Reports

**Transportation** – No Reports

### **Joint Reports of Environment and Community Development Committees**

2019-310 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 Rosemount to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, the City must adopt the MRCCA Plan, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

Approve the City of Rosemount's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner

**Motion carried.**

2019-352 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 St. Francis to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's sewer-serviced forecasts upward as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the Affordable Housing Need Allocation to 213 units.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Surface Water Management, Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of St. Francis's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Zeran

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### 1. Engaging with People Experiencing Homelessness

Terri Smith, Ryane Ottengheime Leifheit and Brooke Blakey gave a presentation on Engaging with People Experiencing Homelessness. Terri Smith began the presentation on Metro HRA Overview, Background, Working Towards Solutions, and 2020 Partnership. Ryane presented the Homeless Action Team (HAT) and discussed the HAT Training Topics and Community Oriented Policing. Brooke presented Metro HRA Partnership and Investments, Delivery of Services, Metro HRA Services including Housing Placement, Post Move Services and Results. Each presenter shared a success story. These successes are the result of partnership and collaboration.

General discussion included Council Members thanking Metro Transit staff, Metro Transit Police, HAT Team and Council staff for all their work they have done, continuing to build partnership, collaboration and resources and suggested Metropolitan Council to share our information, best practices and stories regionally and statewide. Some Council Members shared stories, experiences and facts of people experiencing homelessness.

### 2. Quarterly Southwest LRT Project Update,

Jim Alexander began the presentation with a Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project update including Overall Project Schedule, 2019 Major Milestones, Real Estate Relocation Status, 2019 Construction Progress, Activates, Construction Photos, 2020 Construction Look Ahead, and Light Rail Vehicle Update, Contracts, and Systems Contracts. Tracey Jackson presented the DBE Update including DBE Achievement of Professional Services, Construction, Project Totals, Civil DBE Payments as of Oct. 31, 2019, Participation by Ethnicity, Gender, State, DBE Activities by LMJV and the DBE & Workforce Advisory Committee. John Vang presented Workforce goals, MDHR project monitoring, Workforce Participation Cumulative: Women, People of Color, LMJV Workforce actives, the Construction Training Fair on January 22, 2020 and Civil Workforce Zip Code Report. Sam O'Connell gave an update on Communications and Outreach including Construction Communications, Metrics, Business Outreach and 2020 Upcoming Outreach Activities.

Council Members gave thanks to staff for the work they are doing and for providing information and data. There were comments and general discussion on planning for groundwater, pedestrian tunnels, staging materials, financial equity, and outreach for construction training.

## **REPORTS**

Council Members: None

Chair: Gave thanks to staff for the work they do.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried.**

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 8, 2020.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary