

Council Chair Charles Zelle

Council Members

Abdirahman Muse

Deb Barber

Kris Fredson

Molly Cummings

Phillip Sterner

Reva Chamblis

Susan Vento

Chai Lee

Francisco J. Gonzalez

Judy Johnson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

John Pacheco Jr.

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Fredson

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Absent: 1 Fredson

No response: 2 Lee, Vento

### 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

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022, Council meeting.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

No response: 1 Vento

### BUSINESS

2022-62 JT: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2022 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Barber.

Chair Zelle confirmed the change in the capital component in the amendment for the SWLRT is coming from federal funds.

Council Member Wulff stated Hennepin County wanted the route and was okay without state funding and believes we are putting future transportation funding at risk by transferring money out of our general fund for transit without support from the legislator and others. She is voting no.

Council Member Cummings appreciates Council Member Wulff's comments, and we need to keep the project moving forward. It's a critical investment in a robust transit system, and delays raise the prices. She will vote yes.

Council Member Johnson stated we need to keep the project moving forward and will have more discussions with local partners in the coming months. She said there needs to be discussion and review about how projects come to the Council.

Council Member Barber stated they will begin the process of how the Council receives projects.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 1 Wulff

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)**

2022-53: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require Saint Paul, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

2022-54: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$262,500 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 1.22-acre Haider property located at 17700 Dayton River Road in the City of Dayton for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council

2022-65: That the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt RF 7-2 Use of Council Property Policy version 3

2022-66: That the Metropolitan Council approve Metro HRA Administrative Plan Revision – Mobility Demonstration Program Waiting list preference as described in the proposed revisions.

2022-67: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment of contract 17G000 with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to extend termination date to 12/31/2022 and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature in the amount of up to \$100,000.

2022-69: That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2022-7 that authorizes access to properties for survey, environmental testing, geotechnical investigations including subsurface utility engineering, and archeological investigations in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapters 473.129, Subd. 9 and 117.041.

2022-70: That the Metropolitan Council approve a request by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to consolidate access along Highway 13, construct a grade separated interchange at Dakota Avenue, and modify frontage roads, subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council if there are any significant changes in the design of the proposed project.

2022-71: That the Metropolitan Council approve a request by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to replace the Rum River Bridge on US Highway 10 with added auxiliary lanes along with a conversion of the existing diamond interchange at Ferry Street to a single point urban interchange (SPUI) in the City of Anoka, subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council if there are any significant changes in the design of the proposed project.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lee.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle  
Nye: 0

**BUSINESS**

Community Development – Reports on consent agenda

Environment

2022-83 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Agency Relocation Agreement 1048770 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Interceptor 1-MN-320.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle  
Nye: 0

Management

2022-63: The Metropolitan Council adopt Parameters Resolutions 2022-04, 2022-05 and 2022-06 which authorize the issuance, sale, and award of general obligation debt within established financial parameters, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and the execution of necessary documents to secure the financing.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

2022-64: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source amendment to the legal services contract with Venable, LLC (Venable) to support METRO Green Line Extension Project (Project) activities in an amount not to exceed \$8.25 million, with a total contract value of \$10.75 million, and extend the term of the contract through 2027.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Cummings.

Council Member Muse asked if there is a commitment from the firm to use diverse expertise and what is the demographic makeup of the legal team that works on behalf of the Council.

Jim Alexander stated this is a specialty field with the assistance on the legal front and said there was an assessment on whether there should be DBE participation in the contract and it was determined there wasn't use for this contract due to the specialty of the nature.

Council Member Muse said this is an opportunity to give money to DBE experts and will vote no.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

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

Nye: 1 Muse

Transportation

2022-45: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P290 with Schmitt & Sons Transportation, Inc. to provide regular route transit service under the Bloomington, Edina, and Roseville Area Fixed Route Transit Services in an amount not to exceed \$29,255,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lindstrom.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

2022-51: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P284 with Kimley Horn, to design the replacement of switch heaters, and special trackwork on the METRO LRT Green Line and Blue/ Green Line in downtown Minneapolis in an amount not to exceed \$1,342,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

2022-58: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 12 to Contract 14P125 with AECOM for Advanced Design Consultant Services to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$10.6 million for a total contract amount not to exceed \$151 million.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

2022-59: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract 18P018 with Braun Intertec Corporation for Quality Management Services to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$7.8M for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43.8M. This authorization is contingent upon Council approval of the 2022 Budget Amendment – METRO Green Line Extension Budget Amendment (2022-62 JT).

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Johnson.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Pacheco, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nye: 0

## Reports

Chair Zelle: None

Council Members: None

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:41p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 23, 2022.

Approved this 13th day of April 2022.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary