

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Johnson, Chamblis, Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff

Committee Members Absent:

Lee, Muse

Special Event: Metro Transit Chief of Police Swearing-In (Howie Padilla, 612-349-7089)

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 4:12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

The minutes was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Information Item: Fiscal Disparities Program: Tax-Base Sharing in the Metropolitan Area

Debra Detrick gave a presentation on the fiscal disparities program and tax-based sharing in the Metropolitan area. The fiscal disparities program shares part of growth in commercial-industrial tax base in the seven-county metro area. The tax-based sharing program was authorized by the legislature in 1971 and began in 1975. This program is relevant to the Council because: the region is known for this unique program, its connection to Council goals, the statutory role of the Council, and Livable Communities Act (LCA) funding. The statutory goals of tax-base sharing are to make orderly development more likely, share resources from growth, work for growth of the whole metro area, encourage environmental protection, help communities in different stages of growth, and to work within the existing system. Council Members had questions and comments about the provided map of the top 20 contributors and top 20 recipients of the shared pool. There was also discussion about urban expansion, growth and development as well as value of the tax-base and how that may shift a city from a contributor to a recipient. Council Members also had comments about and the history of LGA funding.

2. Information Item: Sewer Availability Charge (SAC)

Ned Smith gave a presentation on the Sewer Availability Charge (SAC). SAC is a one-time fee charged to local governments for new or increased capacity demand on the system. A general rule is that one single family home equals one SAC unit. Non-residential properties require a determination of the maximum potential wastewater capacity needed for the site. Capacity demand is not the same as flow; SAC provides capacity for the busiest day of the year. SAC is a way to keep sewer rates low; retail rates are 40% less expensive in this region compared to national rates. Council Members had questions and comments about the SAC appeals process as well as the SAC deferral process for small businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Bridget Toskey
Recording Secretary