

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

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Peter Lindstrom

Raymond Zeran

Robert Lilligren

Wendy Wulff

Christopher Ferguson

Judy Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Muse

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:02pm on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded:2 Atlas-Ingebretson, Sterner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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 Chamblis, seconded by Lindstrom.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded:1 Sterner

BUSINESS

1. Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) presentation: Recovery Through the Pandemic (Brian Ryks, CEO of MAC).

Metropolitan Airports Commission CEO Brian Ryks presented this item. He provided an overview of MAC, impacts around COVID and the capital improvement project plans.

Council member Chamblis asked how they come up the unplanned passengers forecast. Council member Johnson asked if MAC is still working with MSP and community leaders and if there is risk for the new routes and Chair Zelle asked about the industry and if there will be a reduction in hubs or consolidate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-9)

Consent Agenda Adopted

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| 2021-1 | That the Metropolitan Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve the Ramsey County Rice Creek North Regional Trail Master Plan without the proposed boundary adjustment and proposed acquisitions.2. Advise Ramsey County that the proposed boundary adjustment and associated 2,407.24-acre acquisition should be submitted to the Metropolitan Council as a system additions request in the next Regional Parks Policy Plan update, currently estimated for 2024.3. Require that Ramsey County, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.4. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments regarding Transportation as described in this report. |
| 2021-6 | That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a quit claim deed with 2JM, LLC in the amount of \$650,000 for a surplus parcel of land. |
| 2021-7 | That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 20P061 with Brasco International in the amount not to exceed \$523,700.00. |
| 2021-8 | That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Token Transit, Inc., to develop and host a Metro Transit mobile application for a total procurement value not to exceed \$912,000, over a term of five years. |
| 2021-17 | That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Excelsior for the construction of street and utility improvements as part of the MCES Excelsior Lift Station L20 project. |
| 2021-18 | Proposed Action <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Authorize the City of St. Louis Park to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect. |

2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

2021-19 That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on March 1, 2021 March 15, 2021 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809700.

2021-28 SW That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for 12 "Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

2021-29 SW That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to extend the project limits of MnDOT's CSAH 13 roundabout project at Line Avenue in Elk River.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

BUSINESS

Community Development

2021-2 That the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2021 Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability attached to this report.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Environment – Reports on consent agenda

Management

2021-9 That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Transit Managers and Supervisors Association (TMSA) effective for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Council member Fredson had a questions in regards the 1-year contract and cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

Not Recorded:1 Gonzalez

Transportation

2021-10 That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2021 projects with potential environmental effects.
2. Find that the 2021 CIP projects are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan and consistent with Council policy

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Ferguson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

2021-12 That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to include \$214 million in federal funding to 56 projects evaluated through the Regional Solicitation in the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Metropolitan Transportation Services Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Process Manager Steve Peterson presented this item.

Council member Barber expressed thanks to staff and people who participated for the work put into the Regional Solicitation.

Council member Wulff expressed concern about the geographic distribution and in the future have a fair distribution of project throughout the region.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

2021-13 That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to include \$33.2 million in federal funding to 26 projects evaluated through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Solicitation in the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

OTHER BUSINESS

2021-25 That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):

Chair – James Hovland
District E – Christopher Geisler
District F – Mary Giuliani Stephens
District G – Bill Lindeke
District H – Peter Dugan

E Alternate – Choua Que Vang
F Alternate – Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger
G Alternate – Shannon Watson

2021-35 That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Chair – David Fenley
District A – Sam Jasmine
District B – Christopher Bates

District C – Patsy Murphy
District D – Ken Rodgers

It was moved by Lee seconded by Fredson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Muse

INFORMATION

Information Item: 2021 Legislative Report

Director of Government Affairs Judd Schetnan presented this item including an update on 2021 session, November Budget Forecast, Governor's Budget, Regional Park System, Environmental Services Finance and Policy, Transportation Finance and Policy, and 2021 Session Timeline.

Council member Sterner had a question about the number of bills being released. Council member Zeran had a question in regard to solar on landfills and if we are supporting MPCA to move solar projects. Council member Chamblis thanked Chair Zelle and Judd for their efforts to decriminalize the citations and council member Atlas-Ingebretson agreed and stated the criminalization also has a huge impact on minors. Council member Lilligren asked when the confirmation hearings will begin.

REPORTS

Chair Zelle mentioned in February the Council will be confirming committee assignments and council member should reach out if they have questions or changes.

Council Members: None

Acting Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 27, 2021.

Approved this 10th day of February 2021.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary