

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting Date:** June 8, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Deb Barber, District 4
- Molly Cummings, District 5

- John Pacheco, District 6
- Robert Lilligren, District 7
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8
- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Francisco Gonzalez, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public Invitation

Mark Hughes shared his concerns regarding Metro Mobility experiences and service hours in Shoreview. Leng Xiong from We-R-OneMn addressed the Council about transportation, unexpected experiences, the population blamed for it and his explanation of the cause.

## Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-4)

1. **2022-73:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contracts 22P001A with Brendel & Zinn, LTD., 22P001B with Arthur Chapman Kettering Smetak & Pikala, P.A., and 22P001C with Lommen Abdo, P.A., for legal defense services related to tort and property damage claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.
2. **2022-136:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract #22P030 with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors LLC, to provide municipal advisory services for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
3. **2022-149:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes a public hearing for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant services buildings & site improvements projects 805998 and 808923, Contract 21P015.
4. **2022-159:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Emergency Declaration for repairs

of the sink hole and Interceptor 7015 A&B in Brooklyn Park.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried.**

## **Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees**

### ***Community Development***

1. No reports

### ***Environment***

1. **2022-148:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute Contract 21P010 with Shaw-Lundquist Associates, for the expansion and remodeling of the Regional Maintenance Facility (RMF) in the amount not to exceed \$18,844,080.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento.

**Motion carried.**

### ***Management***

1. **2022-147:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Pipefitters Union, Local Union No. 455, AFL-CIO, effective for the period May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Muse.

**Motion carried.**

### ***Transportation***

1. **2022-97:** That the Metropolitan Council ratify Emergency Declaration #85 for Bass Lake Spur West Tie Replacement for the METRO Green Line Extension Project to North Shore Track Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$439,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Cummings.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2022-133:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 21P251A with Braun Intertec Corporation, Contract 21P251B with American Engineering Testing, Inc., Contract 21P251C with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and Contract 21P251D with WSP USA, Inc., for environmental assessment and investigation services to support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in the amounts of \$250,000 each, for a total not to exceed a value of \$1,000,000.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Chamblis.

Council Member Barber stated this is important to bring to the Council, and this was a creative way that provided work to DBE and small businesses. Council Member Chamblis expressed appreciation for the successful procurement and spiting the master contract for more opportunities for DBE and small business participants.

**Motion carried.**

## **Information**

1. Community Designations (Raya Esmaeili, 651-602-1616)

Raya Esmaeili, Senior Planner presented the Community Designations project, background, and why it is important. She noted the current Thrive MSP 2040 map includes the community



designations, which are grouped into urban and rural service areas, and five factors. The process for the project is an iterative process throughout the year, and two main components are engagement and analysis. They have gathered an external focus group with local staff in different communities and an internal focus group with staff from all technical areas. She provided a timeline with an anticipated adoption by the Council in December 2022 and deliverables.

Council Member Vento had concerns about how we balance our authority role as it relates to water quality and availability. Council member Johnson asked if communication would continue with communities after the focus group.

### Reports

No reports

### Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 8, 2022.

Approved this 22nd day of June 2022.

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