

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, August 12, 2020 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zelle called the meeting to order at 4:01pm on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Fredson,

Not Recorded: 1 Lee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Chamblis. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Fredson

Not Recorded: 1 Lee

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2020-186: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve the Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan, with approval of the proposed boundary adjustment of 179.85 acres being contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment currently under development.
 2. Require that the Agency update the Master Plan to remove the characterization of the parcel north of 141st Avenue North as “surplus”.
 3. Require Three Rivers Park District, prior to initiating any new development of the park reserve or the Crow River Regional Trail adjacent to or in the vicinity of the park reserve, to send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council’s Environmental Services Division for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the existing and planned regional interceptor system and other critical wastewater infrastructure.
- 2020-187: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$326,625 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 0.97-acre Berning property located at 26260 141st Avenue North in the City of Rogers for Crow-Hassan Park Reserve, contingent on Council approval of the July 2020 Special Budget Amendment, Business Item 2020-182 JT.
 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 \$108,875 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.
- 2020-188: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$261,525 to Washington County to acquire the 41.15-acre Kulvich property located at 11523 Grey Cloud Trail South in the City of Cottage Grove for Grey Cloud Island Regional Park, contingent on Council approval of the July 2020 Special Budget Amendment, Business Item 2020-182 JT and on the anticipated closing date occurring before the purchase agreement expiration date.
 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
- 2020-189: That the Metropolitan Council:
1. Approve a grant of up to \$291,960 to Ramsey County to acquire the 0.6-acre Spencer property located at 5600 Otter Lake Road in White Bear Township for Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park, contingent on Council approval of the July 2020 Special Budget Amendment, Business Item 2020-182 JT.
 2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
 3. Consider reimbursing Ramsey County up to \$97,320 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Bonding Program for costs associated with their local match.
 4. Inform Ramsey County 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.
- 2020-195: That the Metropolitan Council approve the triennial FTA and EPA DBE Program goals.

2020-198: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease for a 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse space located at 2550 Walnut Street, Roseville, Minnesota to store light rail vehicles and system parts. The initial lease term will be five (5) years and 2 months, effective October 1, 2020.

Council policy requires Lease Agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

2020-202: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide regular route transit service under the East, West, Crosstown contract 20P099, from December 5, 2020 through November 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$29,468,600.

2020-207: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Emergency Declaration (#52) for COVID-19.

2020-209: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. Execute a one-year extension of the Upass agreement with the University of Minnesota for student participants for the period of August 29th, 2020 to August 31st, 2021, and;
2. Execute a one-year extension of the Metropass agreement with the University of Minnesota for staff and faculty participants for the period of October 1st, 2020 to September 31st, 2021, and;
3. Execute a one-year extension of the Campus Zone Pass agreement with the University of Minnesota for staff and faculty participants for the period of August 26th, 2020 through August 31st, 2021.

2020-211: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Justification for the Declaration of Emergency #63 by Environmental Services for repair to Interceptor 1-MN-320 located under Van White Memorial Boulevard and 5th Avenue North in Minneapolis.

2020-214: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Lake Elmo to place its Applewood Pointe comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for transit.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Fredson

Not Recorded: 1 Lee

BUSINESS

Community Development – Reports on consent agenda

B. Environment – Reports on consent agenda

C. Management – Reports on Consent Agenda

D. Transportation – Reports on Consent Agenda

E. Joint Report of Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-208 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 Chaska 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. Advise the City to provide the dates that the watersheds approved the LWMP, the date the City adopted the final LWMP, and a copy of the final LWMP if it differs from the version dated April 2020 that was submitted with the updated Plan

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Chaska's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Fredson

Not Recorded: 1 Lee

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2020-223: That the Metropolitan Council:

2. Accept the attached public comment report and adopt the revised Final Draft of the Regional Economic Framework.
3. Commit to an ongoing partnership with the Center for Economic Inclusion and the Minneapolis Saint Paul Economic Development Partnership (GREATER MSP) regarding the implementation, monitoring, and future updates to the Regional Economic Framework.
4. Direct Council staff to engage the Equity Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis with regard to implementation of, and future revisions or amendments to, the Regional Economic Framework.
5. Direct Council staff to help ensure that collaboration among regional stakeholders occurs whenever organizations utilize the Regional Economic Framework to develop programs or solicit funds.
6. Request that staff from each of the partner organizations to prepare joint quarterly reports on the implementation of the nine strategic priorities identified in the Framework, including the use of EDA funds awarded to entities in the region.
7. Use the Regional Economic Framework to guide technical assistance to local governments and other entities throughout the region.

Michael Larson, Senior Planner in Community Development gave a presentation on the overview of the Regional Economic Framework (REF), the process to develop the framework, overview of how they responded to the feedback received during public comment period, findings, and proposed actions.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren.

Twanna Black, Center Economic gave thanks staff and to all for your leadership and partnership. Looking forward to all to come for our region!

Peter Frosch thanked the team for the work and leadership and continue to work together.

Council Member Johnson thanked fellow members and looking forward to the process.

Chair Zelle appreciates the work done by Council and staff and stated there is more work to come.

Council Member Lee joined the meeting at 5:04pm

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye:	15	Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle
Nay:	0	
Absent:	1	Fredson
Not Recorded:	1	Lee

2. Information Item: Council Presentation - Divisional Level Operating Budget (Mary Bogie 651-602-1359 and staff)

Marie Henderson, Acting Chief Financial Officer provided an introduction and overview of the preliminary 2021 operating budget and levies and stated there will be changes between the adoption of preliminary budget and levies on Aug. 26, 2020 and adoption of final budget and levies before Dec. 20, 2020. Staff from each division level provided an overview of the proposed operations, general funds, funding sources, advancing equity, COVID summary and financial impacts, fiscal cliff, and CARES Act one-time funds.

Maria Henderson presented the Council levy authority, levies strategy, proposed 2021 property tax levies, Livable Communities Levies (grant programs), general purposes levy, the proposed advancing equity four goals that were established in Council retreat, impact on taxpayer and the overall proposed operating budget and each divisions budget.

Lisa Barajas, Director of Community Development provided an introduction and overview of Community Development budget and how they advance equity. Heather Aagesen-Huebner, Director of CD and MTS gave a presentation on COVID summary and financial impacts, METRO HRA structural deficit, overview of the proposed operations, general funds, and funding sources.

Leisa Thompson, Director of Environmental Services provided an introduction and overview of Environmental Services budget, three roles; protect public health, environment and foster economic growth of the region and talked about goals preserving customer level of service in COVID including finance, health, safety and environment, and customer service. Ned Smith, Director of Environmental Service Finance presented the level of service, operation sources, wastewater outstanding debt, and peer agencies debt per capita.

Wes Kooistra, General Manager of Metro Transit and Nick Thompson, Director of Metro Transportation Services (MTS) provided an introduction and overview of Metro Transit and MTS budget. Ed Petrie, Metro Transit Finance Director presented the basis for budget development Council Policies & Actions, forecasts and legislation, state general fund appropriation, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST), tracking financial outlook, and COVID impact summary. Heather gave a presentation on the CARES Act regional allocations, budget framework, Metro Mobility challenges, contracted service ridership, advancing equity, operations, operations sources and budget.

REPORTS

Chair Zelle stated Bottineau has been in the news, the Federal Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) has been advanced for Southwest LRT and we will be scheduling check-in meetings with council members.

Council member: None

Acting Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel Ann Bloodhart stated they participated in the Twin Cities Diversity in Practice program and had a first-year law clerk.

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

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 12, 2020.

Approved this August day of 22, 2020.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary