

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, September 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Gonzalez, Muse

### CALL TO ORDER

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

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

No response: 1 Zeran

### 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 AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021, Council meeting.

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

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

No response: 1 Zeran

## **BUSINESS**

2021-227 JT SW: Proposed Action That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2021 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **Consent Agenda Adopted**

2021-221: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Cleary Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment and Land Conversion.
2. Approve the permanent release of the restrictive covenant on 2.21 acres of land and the temporary release of the restrictive covenant on 1.41 acres of land within Cleary Lake Regional Park – a total of 3.62 acres – in exchange for a channel stabilization project within Cleary Lake Regional Park.

2021-222: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Mississippi River Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment.
2. Approve the Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park Acquisition Master Plan Amendment.
3. Approve the release of the restrictive covenant on 0.33 acres of land within the Mississippi River Regional Trail in exchange for adding 0.33 acres of land with a restrictive covenant to expand the boundary of the Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park.
4. Require Anoka County, 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.

2021-223: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Big Marine Park Reserve Master Plan Amendment.

2. Approve the release of the restrictive covenant on 2.42-acres of land within the Big Marine Park Reserve in exchange for adding a restrictive covenant on 2.42-acres of land within the boundary of Big Marine Park Reserve.

2021-226: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Rosemount to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the population and household forecasts for the City upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing allocation for the 2021-2030 decade to 885 units.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, forecasts, and water supply.

2021-229: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, including the addition of two parcels detailed in this report and the supplemental information provided in the submittal letter dated June 7, 2021, with the exception of classifying existing tennis courts as "regional."
2. Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, 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.

2021-236: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2022 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.
2. Authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications.
3. Direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2021-239: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract 18P387 with North Shore Track Services, Inc., for Bass Lake Spur Freight Rail Maintenance and Repair to add \$611,678.53 for a total contract amount of \$2,295,151.01.

2021-242: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute Contract 21P107 with Paragon Development Systems, Inc. and Marco, Inc., to provide the Council with equipment from Cisco and Hewlett Packard host server hardware for the Industrial Control Systems (ICS) in an amount not to exceed a total of \$523,092.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cummings.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

**BUSINESS**  
**Community Development**

2021-225: 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 Ham Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City’s population forecasts downward and the employment forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
  - a. Revise the Plan to include the residential density as described in supplemental materials for the Multiple Use Options category prior to final Plan adoption.
  - b. Provide to the Council the date the Coon Creek Watershed District approves the final Local Water Management Plan, and the date the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan. We also request that the City provide the Council with a copy of the final adopted Local Water Management Plan in the final Plan document that the City adopts.
  - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Zeran.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

2021-234: That the Metropolitan Council: 1. Award six Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grants totaling \$420,750 as shown in the table below.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	921 West Broadway	\$75,000
City of Minneapolis	2415-2017 West Broadway	\$75,000
Brooklyn Park EDA	7701 Brooklyn Boulevard	\$75,000
City of South Saint Paul	Hardman Triangle Repositioning Initiative	\$45,000

City of Saint Paul	1490 7 <sup>th</sup> Street East	\$75,750
Brooklyn Park EDA	The Villas Townhomes	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$420,750</b>

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

2021-235: That the Metropolitan Council: 1. Award four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development PreDevelopment grants for \$356,500 as shown in the table below.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Bloomington	98th St Station	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	The Phoenix	\$75,000
City of Saint Paul	892 East 7th Street	\$75,000
City of Saint Paul	652-58 Sherburne Ave West	\$56,500

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

**Environment – Reports on consent agenda**

**Management**

2021-238 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P083 with Vision Service Plan (VSP) to provide voluntary vision services for all eligible Council employees in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

2021-232 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 110 (IBEW) effective for the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Lee.

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

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

Abstained: 1 Zeran

## Transportation

2021-241: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
2. Certify that the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being carried on in conformance with all applicable federal requirements of:
  - a. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
  - b. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
  - c. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
  - d. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
  - e. Section 1101(b) of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded projects;
  - f. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
  - g. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
  - h. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
  - i. Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and;

- j. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
- 3. Certify the TIP conforms to the provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding lobbying restrictions on influencing certain federal activities.
- 4. Find that the TIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, which is in conformance with applicable federal transportation and air quality regulations.
- 5. Find that the TIP meets all applicable federal requirements.
- 6. Find that the TAB provided adequate opportunity for involvement from the public, agency and transit operators through its regular process and public comment period.
- 7. Transmit the 2022-2025 TIP along with these comments to the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Sterner.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

**OTHER BUSINESS**

2021-246: That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Zelle’s recommendation to: 1. Establish an internal advisory Climate Work Group through December 31, 2022. 2. Appoint the following members to serve on the work group: Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson; Deb Barber; Chai Lee; Susan Vento; and Raymond Zeran

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Cummings.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

2021-253: That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2021-29, pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination or testing protocols for Council Members.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento.

**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: 2 Gonzalez, Muse

## INFORMATION

Metro Transit Safety and Customer Experience Updates (Wes Kooistra, 612-349-7510)

Wes Kooistra provided an overview of the work the Metro Council and Metro Transit are doing that supports the themes of the Citizens League Public Engagement report on transit safety. Some observations were the perception vs. reality of safety and opinions about safety. Wes also highlighted the goals and elements of the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan, which include five goals and four core elements. Metro Transit has added staff to clean vehicles and facilities, designing facilities for safety, including better bus stops, security-related features on LRT and BRT, transit center upgrades, and glass replacement. Service reliability on METRO transitway expansion, improving routes through speed and reliability projects, and operator hire. They are actively working to approve accurate transit information to improve service by real-time prediction engine, TRANSIT-alerts, real-time sign maintenance team, GTFS schedule data improvements, updated schedule pages, and Aira Pilot. Chief Frizzle provided an update on the transit security initiative stating they are increasing the presence and providing training. They will be adding Community Service Officers (CSOs) that will go through a tiered program, adding additional sworn officers, and real time information candidates. They are also focusing on employee safety and support improvements including offering training, resources, support program, operator barriers and Transit Safety and Security Committee.

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson asked why services and resources to engage with the youth population are not used consistently and stated and, we should increase the use of services, resources, and community relationships. Chief responded we have a long-standing relationship with Youth Link, Mothers Love, Mad Dad, and other community organizations and a contractual review is in process with procurement.

Council Member Barber expressed appreciation for leadership at Metro Transit, the Citizen League, the public, and Council for their work and continued improvements. Wes stated a lot of time and effort has been into this, but there is much more to do.

Council Member Johnson asked if there is a plan to keep Council Members up-to-date and see data and progress. Wes stated they hope to get additional direction for the Council they will bring more data, performance information, and situations information to the Council.

Council Member Wulff asked if we have the tools to catch the individuals who are causing damage to facilities or prosecute them. Chief Frizzle stated the real-time center is the tool they use and can view inside the light rails, CSOs can be there within minutes to identify individuals.

Council Member Chamblis said working with the Police Work Group has been helpful, and they have been discussing items including developing a work plan and monthly updates at the Committee of the Whole.

Chair Zelle expressed appreciation for the information and to staff.

## REPORTS

Chair Zelle no reports

Council Members no reports



Regional Administrator Mary Bogie stated they will be presenting the capital program and operating budget at the next Council meeting.

General Counsel no reports

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 22, 2021.

Approved this 13th day of October 2021.

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Recording Secretary