

Council Chair Charlie 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, April 8, 2020 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zeran

ABSENT: Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

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

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Vento

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 0)

No items to report on the consent agenda

BUSINESS

Community Development – No reports

Environment – No reports

Management

2019-103: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute three contracts for legal defense related to Workers' Compensation claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,425,000.00 over a three-year term of the contracts.

It was moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 Atlas-Ingebretson, Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

Transportation – No Reports

Joint Reports of the Environment and Community Development Committees

2020-55 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 Spring Lake Park to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Spring Lake Park's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

2020-61 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 Centerville to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Tables 1 and 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Prior to final plan adoption, the City needs to update or revise the following items:
 - a. Correct inconsistencies between the text and Map 6-1 regarding roadway functional classification.
 - b. Correct the map reference regarding heavy commercial vehicle traffic counts.
 - c. Correct discrepancies in the Plan regarding the number of forecasted employees served by SSTS in 2040.
 - d. Revise the Plan to reflect extension of wastewater service to the Rice Creek Regional Park Reserve, including an intercommunity service agreement with Lino Lakes.
 - e. Incorporate the revised TAZ allocation table sent via email on August 5, 2019.
 - f. Include the approved Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) as an appendix.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Vento.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

2020-69 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 New Hope to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of New Hope's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

2020-72 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 Jordan to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing allocation to 294 units.
4. Advise the City that:
 - a. The Council's authorization of the City's Plan refers only to the 2040 planning period, and any references to post-2040 growth areas in Sand Creek Township are not included in any actions taken by the Council. The City may not put those portions of the Plan into effect.
 - b. At such time as the City acquires jurisdiction of the lands planned for future urbanization in township areas either through an Orderly Annexation Agreement or annexation by ordinance, the City will need to submit appropriate plan amendments to the Council for further review and action.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

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

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

2020-85 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 Hamburg to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comment in the Review Record for Surface Water Management.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

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

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Zelle, Zeran

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Gonzalez, Sterner, Wulff

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Information Item: Construction Workforce Development Model (Aaron Koski)

Aaron Koski, Senior Manager Workforce Development Dept gave a presentation on Construction Workforce Development Model.

Building Strong Communities is an apprenticeship preparatory program designed collaboratively between the Metropolitan Council Workforce Development department and Minneapolis Building Construction Trade Council, to meet construction industry demands by aligning community organizations, trade unions, project owners and contractors to provide construction apprenticeship pathway opportunities. Aaron gave an overview of the five phases which include: outreach and recruitment, readiness, industry overview and JATS visits, apprenticeship support, and placement. COVID-19 impacts to the program include program suspended March 16- end of phase 2, voluntary 4-week distance learning offered to participants, placement post completion of the program and the construction industry.

Chair Zelle had a question regarding construction impacts. Council members Atlas-Ingebretson and Muse had questions and comments regarding the diversity of trades, partnerships, labor unions and working with diverse communities. Council members thanked staff for the work they have done and continue to do.

2. Information Item: COVID-19 Response (Division Directors)

Mary Bogie, Deputy Regional Administrator started the presentation talking about the Council Incident Command Structure (ICS) and assignments, the daily Situation Reports (SitRep), employee data on telework/onsite, COVID-19 leave and self-insured coverage, and some financial impacts that include: Standard & Poors–Negative Outlook, Federal CARES Act, Transportation (MT and MTS) Ridership/Fare Revenues, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax, Contracted Services, Community Development Parks –State appropriations for Parks & Trails (revenue-based reductions), HRA – Tenant Rent Share and Environmental Services SAC –Housing Starts.

Division directors and general managers provided a SitRep summary.

Lisa Baraja, Director provided an update on Community Development stating they have moved to telework and continue to adapt to the environment, they made some changes in operations including HRA limited unit inspection, delayed park visitor study because of in person contact, and continue to work with grantees.

Leisa Thompson, General Manager provided an update on of Environment Services stating they are setting up additional communications, measures to support social distancing and cleaning. They have their own ICS that connects to the Council's. They continue to watch river levels and work on capital projects.

Nick Thompson, Director provided an update on MTS stating transit services is making changes in operations that minimize risk to exposer to riders and drivers. They continue to provide every trip that is requested, but ridership is down. Some changes for Metro Mobility and Transit Link including single rides, cleaning vehicles after each trip and provide grocery delivery service and food shelve delivery. Finance staff continue to work on grants and Federal CARES Act process. Planners continue to work on Regional Solicitation and Transportation Policy Plan (TPP).

Wes Kooistra, General Manager provided an update on Metro Transit stating they continue to improve essential service and minimize risk to drivers and operators included rear door entrance, increased cleaning, and provided operators with wipes and masks. They have made service changes and reduced hours of service. Some growing challenges are too many people using service for non-essential travel, supply cleaning products and workforce attendance is down. They are working on developing and planning strategies for recovery.

Mary Bogie provided an update on Regional Administration stating everyone including Procurement, Human Services, Finance, Information Service, and Communications are doing an outstanding job, provide support and have been very helpful.

Council member Vento asked if there are options to limit and enforce transit for essential riders only.

Council members had questions and questions regarding operator safety, biohazard and enforcing transit for essential riders only,

Council members thanked staff and expressed gratitude for the leadership and the work everyone is doing.

Council member Atlas-Ingebretson asked what routes have the most riders and issues with social distancing and requested ridership data on disparities.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Council member Chamblis requested a report on COVID-19 health disparities at a future meeting.

Chair Zelle thanked staff and expressed gratitude for the work being done. Phyllis Braxton from Pink Consulting was hired to do IDI work with Executive Team and Council Members.

Meredith Vadis, Regional Administrator asked the council members to look at the Council goals and send feedback to her. They started conversations with division staff and have received great questions and comments.

Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel thanked legal team and staff for the work they have done and continue to do.

Motion to adjourn by Lee, seconded by Vento

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 8, 2020.

Approved this 22nd day of April, 2020.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary