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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Johnson, Chamblis, Barber, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Muse, Zeran, Vento, Gonzalez, Lee, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was moved by Sterner, seconded by Muse.

The minutes was moved by Johnson, seconded by Sterner.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Russ Adams, Executive Director for Alliance for Metropolitan Stability suggested the Council think about what kinds of policies we can leverage to encourage equitable outcomes and innovation in practice at the July retreat.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2019-103: That the Metropolitan Council approve a sole source contract amendment for Property Owner and Tenant Advisory Services with Wilson Development Services (14P265A) to increase the contract amount by \$50,000 for a total contract amount of \$350,000.
2. 2019-109: That the Metropolitan Council approve resolution 2019-7 authorizing the Regional Administrator to apply for Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program funding for 2020 and 2021 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to support Transit Link service. 2019-120 SW: 2019-2022 TIP Amendment: I-35W Stormwater Storage Project
3. 2019-121 SW: That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the project description and add an additional bridge rehabilitation for MnDOT's MN Highway 5 concrete pavement and bridge rehabilitation project.
4. 2019-122: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Century Link Master Utility Agreement (MUA) to add \$2 million for a new total utility relocation reimbursement amount not to exceed \$3.5 million.
5. 2019-123: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the

CenterPoint Energy (CenterPoint) Master Utility Agreement (MUA) to add \$200,000 for a new total utility relocation reimbursement amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

6. 2019-130: That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$1.5 million from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program for costs it incurs for development in Lake Waconia Regional Park; and Inform Carver County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that it will reimburse the County and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
7. 2019-138: That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Canadian Pacific Connecting Track Agreement (CTA) to add \$300,000 to the agreement reimbursement of AT&T utility relocation costs. With this amendment, the total CTA agreement is not to exceed \$799,000.
8. 2019-142: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 87 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$6,823,464.
9. 2019-144: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Justification for the Declaration of Emergency for relocation of Interceptor 8352 at BNSF rail crossing with Town Line Road Trail (south of TH12) in Maple Plain.
10. 2019-152: That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2020-2024 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five Year Plan and 2020 Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

It was moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Zeran.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Development

2019-128: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Hidden Falls – Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan.
2. Require that the City of Saint Paul, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, 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 regional interceptor system.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Chamblis.

Discussion: Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson shared that she has had conversations around commitment to communities to make ensure they have access for ceremonial activities. CM Lee talked with Mike Homan St. Paul Parks and is proud of the work they've been doing working with the native people.

Motion carried.

2019-129: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,700,000 to Carver County to acquire the 89.81-acre Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority property located in the City of Chanhassen for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
3. Inform Carver County that an additional appraisal supporting the \$5.1 million value must be completed by March 21, 2020, and the County must close on the property within one year from the appraisal date.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner.

Discussion: Council Member Barber is excited this is moving forward and it is a great deal to the county. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson recognized Deb Jenson for the work she has done and for her service.

Motion carried.

2019-131: That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the 2019 Fund Distribution Plan for the Competitive Equity Grant Program for the Regional Parks System.
2. Recommend that as the equity program moves forward, additional money be provided to create awareness of the Metropolitan Council's emphasis on expanding equitable usage of the Regional Parks and Trails system.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson.

Discussion: Council Member Lilligren commented on the second part of the item that it was supported unanimously by Community Development Committee and thanked the staff.

Motion carried.

2019-148: 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 West Lakeland Township to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the Township's forecasts upward, as shown in Table 1 in the Review Record.
3. Advise the Township to:
 - a. Update the maps and text in the Plan to reflect the Prairie Island Indian Community's purchase of land and application for Federal trust designation.

Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Surface Water Management, Forecasts, Land Use, and Housing.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

2019-149: 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 Hennepin County to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the County's forecasts upward for the unincorporated areas of Fort Snelling as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the County to:
 - a. Adopt its MRCCA Plan within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, the Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, and Water Supply.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Muse.

Motion carried.

Environment

2019-163 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Hopkins and the Metropolitan Council, MC 12I025.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson

Motion carried.

2019-164 SW: That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for project Coon Rapids L34 Improvements, MCES Project No. 805560, Contract No. 18P373, with Magney Construction, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$5,204,448.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lee

Motion carried.

Management – No Reports

Transportation

2019-124: That the Metropolitan Council declare three parcels, acquired by the Council and no longer needed for transit operations, as surplus; authorize disposition of the surplus parcels consistent with Council policy and Federal regulations.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Vento

Motion carried.

Joint Reports

2019-133 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 Plymouth to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) into effect.
2. Revise forecasts as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation to 679 units.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in Review Record for Water Supply.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Plymouth's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson

Discussion: Council Members had discussion around surplus property and what other opportunities there are for the property and ways to utilize the proceeds from the sale. Council Member Vento commented that this is importation for City of Vadnais Heights, and they would like to get the project going. Council Member Wulff commented that the funds should be put back into the system. There was discussion on the process to change Council policy and request a list of policies. Council Member Lee thanked Russ Adams for opening remarks and his example.

It was questioned by Zeran, seconded by Johnson

Motion carried.

2019-134 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 Medicine Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in Review Record for Transportation and Housing.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Medicine Lake's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. Advise the City to submit a copy of the final adopted ordinance that requires the disconnection of any identified prohibited discharges to the sanitary sewer system.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Johnson

Motion carried.

2019-135 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 Mahtomedi to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.

2. Revise the City's forecasts as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Mahtomedi's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Gonzalez

Motion carried.

2019-136 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 Victoria to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide the dates each of the Watersheds approved the LWMP, and the date the City adopted the final LWMP, along with a copy of the final adopted LWMP that will be included in the final Plan document that the City adopts if it differs from the one contained in the Plan submitted to the Council on February 7, 2019.
 - b. Add the following housing tools the following housing tools to Table 6-1 and connect them to housing needs prior to final adoption of the Plan: Creation, use of a local HRA, CDA, or EDA, or partnership with a County HRA, CDA or EDA; and Housing Improvement Areas
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Forecasts.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Victoria's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Barber

Motion carried.

2019-137 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 Burnsville to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Strongly encourage the City to address all widely known housing tools in order to be fully consistent with Council housing policy. The following tools should be considered in the Plan before final adoption: local 4d tax program, partnership with local NOAH preservation partners, consideration of a community land trust.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Sterner

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Information Item: SWLRT Project Update

Jim Alexander gave an update on Southwest LRT Construction, Communications and Outreach. He discussed the coordinating with project partners and have reoccurring meetings, construction activities including: installing sheet piles, demo at Southwest Station, clearing, installing pipes, vibration monitoring, tree removal in Kenilworth Corridor, pier protection work at 394 and Cedar Lake Trail, temporary concrete batch plant, the first rails delivered and discussed 2019 look ahead. The Council continues to work with FTA on funding and we just received bids on Systems Contract. Jim talked about construction communication and outreach, digital metric highlights, construction bulletin, business outreach and upcoming outreach activities.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding the letter of no prejudice, habitat around the construction areas and the bike detour.

Information Item: Tribal Consultation Policy related to Governor's Executive Order 19-24

Michelle Fure, Claudia Fuentes and Sara Maaske gave a presentation on the Tribal Relations Policy, why we're developing a policy, engaging tribal communities, executive orders, what the policy is, engagement and practical experience and the next steps.

Council Members had questions and comments on the next steps and timeline, the policy and approval process, sacred sites, how they can get involved, provide feedback and add to the policy, they recommend Equity Advisory Committee review the policy, and we provided training to staff. Council Members also gave praise to Michelle and staff.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Vento: Has city meetings coming up and enjoys meeting the local leaders.

Muse: Somali Festival is this weekend.

Johnson: Participated in the Citizens League Young Leaders Vision Project and had a great experience.

Sterner: Met with Inver Grove Heights regarding affordable housing and attended a diversity picnic in Burnsville and enjoyed being in the Pride Parade.

Atlas-Ingebretson: Attended Southwest LRT Places Committee meeting and Cedar Lake Park Friends Group.

Chair: Attended the Chief of Police Interview, Urban Scholars Roundtable and Operators Ovation Brunch.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lee.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 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 26, 2019.

Approved this 1st day of July 2019.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary