

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** January 24, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, 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 4:04 p.m.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## Information

1. Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Update (Brian Ryks, CEO of MAC)

Johnson brought up the airport's positive impact on the economy. Cameron shared insight from serving as the Met Council liaison to the MAC.

## Consent business

1. **2024-1:** That the Metropolitan Council: approve the attached resolution changing certain designated position titles in the Minnesota State Retirement System unclassified plan.
2. **2024-3:** That the Metropolitan Council: consent to a temporary license agreement between the City of Shoreview and FRANA Companies Inc. for the purpose of parking.
3. **2024-6:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  - Approve a grant of up to \$568,655 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 10.62-acre parcel located at 4420 Dodd Road in Eagan for the Veterans Memorial Greenway Regional Trail.

- Allow the County to convey 3.2 acres of the property, valued at \$16,000, to the City of Eagan in exchange for a more efficient lake management approach and to save \$80,000 in assessments; retain a greenway corridor easement on approximately 0.14 acres of the conveyed property; and require a Council Agreement and Restrictive Covenant only on the easement portion of the conveyed property.
  - Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
4. **2024-7:** That the Metropolitan Council:
- Approve a grant of up to \$801,150 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an 11.4-acre parcel located at 15406 Territorial Road in Maple Grove, MN, for the Rush Creek Regional Trail.
  - Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
5. **2024-8:** That the Metropolitan Council:
- Approve the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment.
  - Approve the Cedar Lake Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Amendment.
  - Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager prior to initiating any construction.
  - Advise Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to consider implementing the recommendations for solar resources and transportation in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.
6. **2024-11:** That the Metropolitan Council: authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P201 with Transportation Plus, Inc. to provide Airport Employee Dial-a-Ride Service in an amount not to exceed \$3,165,000.
7. **2024-17:** That the Metropolitan Council: authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P040 with Tab Products Co. LLC, to provide document scanning services in an amount not to exceed \$582,940.
8. **2024-18:** That the Metropolitan Council: adopt FM 14-3 Vendor Suspension & Debarment Policy.
9. **2024-38 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council: adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the TIP as follows:
- Reduce the project length of MNDOT's MN 13 signs and catch basin reinforcement project in Savage and Burnsville;
  - Increase the cost of, and add transportation management services (TMS) to, MnDOT's MN 36 mill & overlay and auxiliary lane extensions project in Roseville, Maplewood, and Little Canada; and
  - Remove the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) designation and reduce the total project of MnDOT's districtwide bituminous pavement crack treatments project (SP # 8825- 1132)
10. **2024-39 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council: adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of, and remove curb ramps from, Inver Grove Height's ADA curb ramp project.

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.



## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### *Community Development*

1. No Reports

### *Environment*

1. No Reports

### *Management*

1. Reports on Consent Agenda

### *Transportation*

1. **2024-5:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  - Find the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2024 projects with potential environmental effects.
  - Find that the 2024 CIP projects are in conformance with the region's Aviation System Plan in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan and consistent with Council policy.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter, Tyronne.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-14:** That the Metropolitan Council: authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 11 to the Capital Grant Agreement with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (Contract # 18I094) to add \$100,000,000 bringing the total grant amount to \$1,078,080,704 and extend the grant term to January 31, 2025, to fund METRO Green Line Extension Project.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Carter, Tyronne.

Johnson noted the Hennepin County action.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-20 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council: authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) Contract 23P182 with HDR Engineering for environmental consulting services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension (BLE) Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,858,246.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Morales.

Barber, Vento, Johnson, and Wulff voiced concerns. Barber and Johnson asked that the report come to the Council prior to going out for municipal consent. Chair Zelle noted the cost benefit analysis for large investments. Johnson asked for an update on the Transitway Advancement Policy and municipal engagement. Chamblis brought up the Corridor Management Committee discussions that have taken place along the way. Pacheco noted that information received by March would not pose a lengthy delay.

Motion carried.

### *Joint reports*

1. No reports

### *Other business*

1. **2024-32:** That the Metropolitan Council: approve the following appointments to the METRO



Blue Line Extension Project Decision Board (PDB). The following terms run until December 31, 2030:

- Charlie Zelle
- Reva Chamblis
- Alternate – Anjuli Cameron

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter, Toni.

Johnson noted that this is a positive example of learning from the past.

Motion carried.

## Reports

No further reports.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 24, 2024.

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