

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: September 24, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Deb Barber
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Vacant, 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

- Mark Jenkins, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Victor Obisakin, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
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Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Tyronne Carter.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No public comments were made.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-13)

1. **2025-127:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Pipefitters Union, Local Union No. 455, ALF-CIO, effective for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2028.
2. **2025-220:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Release the draft amendment to the 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan for public comment.
 2. Authorize a public comment period from September 24, 2025, to November 17, 2025.
 3. Conduct a public hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2024, at the regularly scheduled Metropolitan Council meeting.
3. **2025-222:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City to place its 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 water supply.
4. **2025-225:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Adopt the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program with a budget of \$11,124,064.
 2. Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for receipt of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds.
5. **2025-227:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 18M120 with e-Builder Inc. that will increase the contract value by \$240,333 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$5,110,334.
6. **2025-228:** That Metropolitan Council approve releasing the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update, replacing the existing aviation elements of the TPP, for public review and comment.
7. **2025-230:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Find that the amendment changes the City's forecasts as described in Table 1 of the Review Record.
8. **2025-231:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
 1. Authorize the City of Bayport to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
 2. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 and Imagine 2050 community designations for the amendment site from Rural Residential to Suburban as shown in Figure 2a in the Review Record.
 3. Advise the City:
 - a. The Council expects the City to continue coordination with the developer and Washington County, to ensure that the planned Middle St. Croix Valley Regional Trail is accommodated as a part of this development.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Regional Parks and Trails, Transportation, Land Use, and Water Resources.
9. **2025-232:** That the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Approve the 2026 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual 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 PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

10. **2025-233:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution Number 2025-21 for the Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program:
 1. Authorizing acceptance of the grant award of \$30,914,448 from Minnesota Housing; and
 2. Authorizing the Executive Director, Community Development, to negotiate and execute the Contract Grant Agreement and other documents required by Minnesota Housing.
11. **2025-234:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes binding Builder’s Risk Property Insurance, related to the Green Line Extension, in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.
12. **2025-235:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Livable Communities Act program design presented in Attachment 1: 2026-2027 Fund Distribution Plan for calendar years 2026 and 2027.
13. **2025-236:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule as shown in Table 2 for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2026.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No reports.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. No reports.

Transportation

1. **2025-238 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 23P201 with Transportation Plus, Inc. that will increase the contract value by \$650,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$4,131,500.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

Joint Reports

1. No reports.

Other business

1. **2025-241:** That the Metropolitan Council approve and make effective on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the following standing and advisory committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.
 - a. Management Committee: Johnson (Chair), Pacheco (Vice Chair), Cederberg, Jenkins, Lilligren, Morales, Osman
 - b. METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee: Barber (Chair), Chamblis, Cameron, Osman (Alternate)
 - c. METRO Blue Line Extension Project Development Board: Barber (Chair), Chamblis, Cameron (Alternate)



- d. METRO Green Line Extension Corridor Management Committee: Barber (Chair), Tyronne Carter, Lilligren, Cameron (Alternate)
- e. METRO Green Line Extension Executive Change Control Board: Barber (Chair), Tyronne Carter, Lilligren (Alternate)
- f. METRO Gold Line Executive Change Control Board: Barber (Chair), Lee, Jenkins (Alternate)
- g. METRO Purple Line Corridor Management Committee: Barber (Chair), Lee, Lindstrom (Alternate), Cederberg (Alternate)

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried.

- 2. **2025-253:** That the Metropolitan Council release the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for a public comment period from September 25, 2025, to October 17, 2025.

Peter Wilfahrt and Gillian Greenberg provided an update of the draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which will be open for public comment. Staff walked through the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory data by sectors and projections. Staff also discussed workforce analysis, which is a required component of the Climate Pollution Reduction grant. Staff will continue to engage with community organizations involved in the Community Climate Collaboration as well as Steering Committee.

For the public comment period, an online portal for feedback will be available on the Council’s website. Council efforts will align with how the Council collects public comments for other areas of the Council.

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Obisakin.

Motion carried.

Information

- 1. No reports.

Reports

Chair Barber thanked Council Members for their support and leadership. In addition, Chair Barber thanked staff for their help with onboarding during this transition.

As a member of the Metropolitan Urban Indians Directors, Council Member Lilligren attended the State Urban Indian Communities Legislative Summit. This summit is the first ever event that state agencies banded together to engage specifically with urban Indian communities. Sponsors and participants came from different parts of the state, particularly those from non-federally recognized regions such as Duluth.

Council Member Chamblis shared that the September 17, 2025 Community of the Whole meeting took place in Champlin, MN. Mayors from Champlin, Columbia Heights and Brooklyn Park were part of the discussion panels with Council Members Chamblis and Morales. The theme was focused on planning and the Council heard from city leaders about their needs and what cities are looking forward to and how to partner with the Council.

Council Member Jenkins highlighted his participation in Great Day in Transit this week. Council Member Jenkins gave a shout-out to frontline staff who greeted everyone. They were cheerful and are great transit representatives for the region.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:37 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 24, 2025.

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