

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: June 10, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robin Hutcheson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Jenkins, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

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 Hutcheson called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:02 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No public comments were made.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-5)

1. **2026-85:** That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2027 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 17, 2026, at 4:00pm.
2. **2026-87 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to make the following project adjustments:
 - Increase the cost of MnDOT's Lowry Hill Tunnel electrical systems replacement and moving it from 2026 to 2027.
 - Decrease the cost of, and add two funding sources to, Coon Rapids' CSAH 1 interchange at MN 610 in Coon Rapids.
 - Increase the cost and update the scope of MnDOT's I-494 mobility and safety project.
3. **2026-88 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to make the following project adjustments:
 - Add culvert work, move the project to fiscal year 2026, and increase the cost of Sherburne County's CSAH 33 reconstruction project.
 - Increase the cost of Sherburne County's County Road 44 reconstruction and safety improvement project.
4. **2026-98:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 26P146 with Peller Technologies d.b.a. Paragon Development Systems to provide computer equipment and lifecycle management support service for a contract not to exceed amount of \$11,000,000.
5. **2026-101:** 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 for 2040, but may affect forecasts for 2050 if land use guiding and supply do not adjust for forecast expectations during the 2050 planning cycle.
 3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Housing, and Wastewater.

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Lilligren.

Motion carried.

Closed Session

1. **2026-112:** Maple Hill Estates Litigation Settlement (Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel)



Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel; Darcy Erickson, Associate General Counsel; and LisaBeth Barajas, Executive Director of Community Development presented the item.

It was moved by Jenkins, to close this meeting to the public to discuss attorney-client privileged matters. Chair Hutcheson stated that the meeting could be closed to discuss attorney-client privileged matters pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) to Business Item No. 2026-112 that would be discussed during the closed portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lilligren.

Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, the meeting was closed to the public and discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters began at 4:09 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Closed session discussions were concluded at 5:06 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Ryan O'Connor, Ann Bloodhart, George Henry, Darcy Erickson, LisaBeth Barajas, Lidiya Girma, Jason Tintes, Ben Johnson, Megan Burchett and Maika Boeckel.

Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters Regarding a Matter Entitled 2026-112: Maple Hill Estates Litigation Settlement. Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel; Darcy Erickson, Associate General Counsel; and LisaBeth Barajas, Executive Director of Community Development presented. There was a discussion of attorney-client privileged matters related to this business item in closed session.

Re-Open Meeting: It was moved by Jenkins, and seconded by Toni Carter, to re-open this meeting to the public to complete the remaining business on the agenda. **Motion Carried.** Meeting re-opened to the public at 5:06 pm.

1. **2026-112:** Maple Hill Estates Litigation Settlement (LisaBeth Barajas, Executive Director, Community Development; Ann Bloodhart, General Counsel; Darcy Erickson, Associate General Counsel)

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement in the Maple Hill Estates Litigation.

Motion Carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

1. No reports.

Environment

1. No reports.

Management

1. No reports.

Transportation

1. No reports.

Joint Reports

1. No reports.

Other Business

1. No reports.

Information

1. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Reevaluation Update (Ashanti Payne, Megan Solberg)

Ashanti Payne, Director of Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs (OCR SB) and Megan Solberg, Senior Manager of OCR SB presented the item and provided updates of the DBE reevaluation and certification process.

Payne provided an overview of the DBE Program which is a federal initiative and applicable to federally funded projects at the Council. The OCR SB administers the DBE Program in the region for the Council and participates in Minnesota Unified Certification Program (MNUCP) that performs DBE certification.

Solberg discussed the USDOT Interim Final Rule (IFR) which has impacted the DBE Program certification requirements. The IFR paused Council procurements and there were significant policies and procedural updates and changes to move forward. Presenter shared information and data on the reevaluations and certifications the Council processed and closed with plans and goals for future.

Council Members thanked the presenters for their work and navigating the changes. Council Members asked questions about the changes in demographic makeup compared to prior pool and made comments on analyzing the impact and providing opportunities and stability. Council Members asked clarifying questions on the reevaluation data, triennial goals, disparity studies, and interpretation of IFR ruling. Chair closed with additional comment on the process to final rulings and thanked the presenters for their work with the program.

Reports

Chair Hutcheson highlighted the June 17 Committee of the Whole will be in the community. Council Member Johnson has been involved with the planning and Chair thanked the Community Relations team for working hard to organize the event. The event topic will be about common values and collective hopes through local and regional planning and will be joined by Maple Grove Mayor Mark Steffenson, Maple Plain Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Corcoran Mayor Tom McKee, Vice Chair Cameron, Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Three Rivers Park Commissioner Marge Beard, and Maple Grove Transit Administrator Mike Opatz.

Council Member Dr. Carter attended and spoke at the Minnetonka Mills wall raising which is a 12-townhome collaborative between Habitat for Humanity and Homes Within Reach, and Council's Livable Communities provided over \$500,000 funding towards the project.

Regional Administrator did a video shoot at East Metro bus garage last week during shift opening and highlighted better success with electric buses and interviewed a bus operator who won the Bus Rodeo recently. Regional Administrator hosted the Councilwide Town



Hall in the morning from Environmental Services at Metro Plant and highlighted the first time hosting from Metro Plant.

General Counsel thanked the Regional Administrator for thanking the lawyers at the Councilwide Town Hall.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:57 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 10, 2026.

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