

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, September 5, 2012
4:00PM

Members Present: Chair Susan Haigh, Steven Chávez, Richard Kramer, Gary Van Eyll, Lona Schreiber, Wendy Wulff, Edward Reynoso, Jon Commers, Steven Elkins, James Brimeyer, Adam Duininck, Jennifer Munt, John Đoàn, Sandra Rummel, Adam Duininck, Edward Reynoso

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Special Presentation

Governor's Tax Reform Initiative – Commissioner Myron Frans, Dept. of Revenue

Commissioner Frans gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Governor's Tax Reform Initiative. Commissioner Frans has been giving this presentation to various groups around the state to promote it and gather feedback.

Governor Dayton is working on a tax reform to end the budget rollercoaster that has been going on for the last several years. The purpose of the tax reform is to simplify taxes, make them fairer, and promote economic growth. At 38.9%, property taxes make up the largest portion of Minnesota's tax revenue.

Governor Dayton will present a tax reform package to the legislature in 2013.

Commissioner Frans encouraged Council members to continue offering feedback and ideas through the Dept. of Revenue's webpage, www.revenue.state.mn.us/tax_reform or contact him directly at revenue@state.mn.us.

THRIVE MSP 2040: Developing Working Principles

Gary Van Eyll, Chair of the Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group, gave a brief update on their progress. Thrive MSP 2040 listening sessions have started and have been going well. Council members were encouraged to attend the session(s) taking place in their districts.

Summaries of the 2030 Regional Develop Framework, 2030 Parks Policy Plan, 2030 Transportation Policy Plan, and 2030 Water Resources Management Plan were distributed.

Barbara Raye facilitated a discussion to develop working principles and working goals. Large pieces of paper with various words on them were taped to the walls. The Council was told to use blue dot stickers to vote on which words they wanted to be associated with their work and the principles that will guide their work. The words and their votes are as follows:

Resiliency 0, Engagement 3, Stewardship 10, Innovation 1, Effectiveness 2, Flexibility/Adaptability 3, Connectedness 0, Community/Sense of Community/Sense of Region 6, Collaboration/Partnership 12, Sustainability 3, Alignment/Integration 2, Accessibility/Affordability 2, Responsiveness 0, Prosperity/Livability/Vitality 13, Competitiveness 6, Economic Opportunity 10, Equity 11

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary