

MINUTES

Metro Management Council

Thursday, April 28th, 2021
3:31 PM – 4:45 PM
County Admin Building
415 N Dakota Ave

Members Present: Mayor Paul TenHaken, Commissioner Gerald Beninga, and Council Member Rick Kiley

Attendees: David Bixler, Matt Burns, Aimee Chase, Craig Dewey, Drew DeGroot, Justin Faber, Tom Huber, Ben Kyte, Matt McAreavey, Scott McMahon, Ona Reker, Monte Watembach

1. Determination of Quorum and Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Commissioner Beninga, to approve the agenda. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. Public Input

None.

3. Approval of Minutes dated December 16, 2020

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Commissioner Beninga, to approve the minutes dated April 08, 2021 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Resolution #21-01, Employee Benefits

Director McMahon shared Metro Communications Agency currently contracts with TASC for the management of employee Health Savings and Flexible Spending accounts. The current provider (TASC) made institutional changes which impacted their ability to provide the same level of service Metro is accustomed with. Director McMahon shared he and Business Manager Reker have been in contact with a local vendor (DAKOTACARE Administrative Services, Inc.). DAS has many years of experience and expertise in providing these services. Director McMahon shared Metro has a good history with DAS and Metro contracted with DAS in the past for Flexible Savings Account management services. Director McMahon requested Resolution #21-01 be adopted authorizing Metro Communications Agency to transfer management of these benefits from TASC to DAS effective June 1, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Beninga, seconded by Council Member Kiley, to approve Resolution #21-01, Employee Benefits, changing the agency's Flex and Health Savings Account management to DAKOTACARE Administrative Services effective June 1, 2021. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Declaration of Surplus Property

Director McMahon shared Metro Communications Agency identified several assets which are no longer needed by the agency which included hard drives being removed and several chairs that had been extremely used. Director McMahon requested the approval for disposal of these assets under SDCL 6-5-5 which allows local governments to lease, sell, give, or otherwise convey real and personal property to other units of government; and SDCL 6-13-1 which allows local governments to surplus and dispose of property by appropriate motion.

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Commissioner Beninga, to approve the declaration of agency assets identified as surplus and authorize appropriate disposal under SDCL 6-5-5 and 6-13-1. Motion carried

6. Presentation of 2022 Budget

Director McMahon and Deputy Director Chase addressed the council regarding the 2022 budget, providing additional details and addressing questions as presented at the April 8, 2021 budget presentation.

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Mayor TenHaken, to approve the 2022 budget as presented.

Mayor TenHaken amended the motion to remove the addition of four 911 Operators as projected for years 2023-2026, while keeping the grant dollars for the addition of four operators, along with a part-time Business Support position, and Division Supervisors in 2022. Commissioner Kiley seconded the amendment. 2 yeas, 1 nays. Amendment carried.

Mayor TenHaken asked for vote on the motion as amended: 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

7. Executive Session for the purposes of and as authorized by SDCL §1-25-2 (1), (3) and (4)

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Commissioner Beninga, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.