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Section

- 1 Chair; appointment, officers, selection; duties and compensation.** Strikes requirement for annual budget to account separately for compensation, travel, and expenses for the chair and members, and that compensation or reimbursement will be made only when budgeted.

Other law governing the council's budget, section 473.13, subdivision 1, requires in part that "on or before December 20 of each year, the council shall adopt a final budget covering its anticipated receipts and disbursements for the ensuing year and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget. The budget shall state in detail the expenditures for each program to be undertaken, including the expenses for salaries, consultant services, overhead, travel, printing, and other items. The budget shall state in detail the capital expenditures of the council for the budget year, based on a five-year capital program adopted by the council and transmitted to the legislature."
- 2 Regional administrator.** Strikes reference to certain personnel that the regional administrator does not have appointment authority over: the performance and budget analysts, provision for which is repealed in the bill, and employees of offices that at the time this provision was enacted (1994) were being merged into the council.
- 3 On metro agencies.** Strikes obsolete reference to the council making appointments to the cable communications board. Section 238.43, subdivision 5, referred to in the stricken language, required the appointments to be made in 1985, if necessary.
- 4 Best value procurement alternative.** Strikes the list of types of vehicles that are "transit vehicles" and defines transit vehicle to mean any rolling stock. Rewrites sentences to be more concise.

Section

- 5 Rules (metropolitan significance).** Strikes a date that has passed and modifies a word to be consist with other uses in chapter 473. Section relates to proceedings for proposed matters of metropolitan significance.
- 6 Parks.** Strikes language related to obsolete HUD program.
- 7 Affordable, life-cycle housing opportunities amount (Metropolitan Livable Communities Act – MLCA).** Strikes dates and language tied to dates that have passed.
- 8 Affordable and life-cycle housing requirement (MLCA).** Strikes a date that has passed and reference to a subdivision repealed in the bill.
- 9 Sources of funds (MLCA).** Strikes obsolete language and specific dates that have passed.
- 10 To metro local governments (parks and open space system).** Corrects the reference to refer to implementing agencies for the regional park system. The implementing agencies are defined in section 473.351, subdivision 1, to mean the counties of Anoka, Washington, Ramsey, Scott, Carver, Dakota, the city of St. Paul, the city of Bloomington, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the Three Rivers Park District.
- 11 Ride sharing (transit system).** Strikes the requirement that the council establish a ride-sharing advisory committee. The council has general authority to establish advisory committees.
- 12 Obligations; additional authority (transit system).** Strikes obsolete language related to siting of a new bus garage.
- 13 Contracts (transit system).** Strikes permissive language related to route planning and scheduling in a specific area.
- 14 Acquisition of transit systems.** Strikes language relating to advertising contracts dating back to take-over of the private transit system by the former MTC in the 1970s.
- 15 Employer contributions for certain employees (transit system).** Updates the name of the agency division.
- 16 Gifts, grants, loans (wastewater system).** Strikes language relating to federal grants no longer available.
- 17 Surplus property (wastewater system).** Strikes language governing sale of surplus property that is based on port authority law. The council has general authority in section 473.129, subdivision 7, to “acquire, own, hold, use, improve, operate, maintain, lease, exchange, transfer, sell, or otherwise dispose of personal or real property, franchises, easements, or property rights or interests of any kind.” And the council has specific authority and procedures in section 473.5111 for disposition of wastewater interceptors it no longer needs for the regional system.

Section

- 18** **No conflicting zoning, fiscal device, official control (Metropolitan Land Planning Act – MLPA).** Strikes date that has passed.
- 19** **Plan review (MLPA).** Strikes dates that have passed and inserts reference to decennial review required.
- 20** **Plan preparation (MLPA).** Strikes date that has passed.
- 21** **Town planning (MLPA).** Strikes dates that have passed.
- 22** **Repealer.** Repeals:
- 473.123, subd. 7, authority for council to hire performance and budget analysts
 - 473.13, subd. 1c, annual budget section that is a report on consultants
 - 473.23, requirement to inventory all public buildings in the metropolitan area, assess their condition and whether there is underused space; requirement that the council review and comment on school use of joint powers for sharing facilities
 - 473.241, council authority to develop a data center
 - 473.243, authorizing the council to coordinate emergency services and shelter planning in the metropolitan area
 - 473.244, listing topics of study and research that the council may engage in
 - 473.254, obsolete provision of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act, local housing incentives account
 - 473.315, subd. 2, language enacted in 1974, relating to then-immediate development of regional recreational and open space
 - 473.326, 1977 authority to issue bonds for Como Park Zoo
 - 473.333, 1974 authority for the council to offer a grant to a local government to acquire recreation open space and if no local government acquires the property, the council may and then must convey it to a local government to develop and operate
 - 473.375, subd. 9, authority to establish advisory committees. Section 473.127 gives the council the same general authority.
 - 473.382, requirement that the council ensure local government participation in transit planning and development. This was enacted originally for the Regional Transit Board, abolished in 1994. The council's role as the metropolitan planning organization for transportation encompasses much of this same function.
 - 473.388, subd. 8, service incentive, relates to opt-out funding when it was property taxes

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- 473.392, service bidding for transit. The council uses a request-for-proposals process for transit services, not competitive bidding.
- 473.516, waste facilities, contracting for sludge disposal
- 473.517, subd. 9, authority to establish an advisory committee. Section 473.127 gives the council the same general authority.
- 473.523, authority of the wastewater division manager to contract without council approval if the contract is for less than \$100,000.
- 473.535, capital improvement budget for wastewater system. Section 473.13 also requires it.
- 473.852, subd. 11, school district definition. The provision requiring school districts to submit capital improvement programs to the council was repealed in 2003 and so the definition is unnecessary.