



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Council Chambers

4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Members present:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Mary Hill Smith, Russ Susag, Peggy Leppik, , Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Chris Georgacas, Rick Aguilar, Daniel Wolter, Brian McDaniel

Members absent: Tony Pistilli, Jules Smith, Annette Meeks, District 14 Vacant

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:03 p.m. It was moved by Susag seconded by Leppik to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by M. Smith seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 14, 2006. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

No one asked to address the Council regarding matters not on today's agenda.

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Committee Consent List

[2007-55](#) - Authorization to Award Contract for Armored Car Service

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Wolter

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with GARDA, Inc. to provide armored car service as specified and at the bid prices for a three-year period."

Motion carried.

[2007-62](#) - Procurement of Metro Mobility Buses and Other Small Fleet Buses

It was moved by Susag and seconded by Wolter

"That the Metropolitan Council Regional Administrator be authorized to execute purchase agreements from the following vendors for small buses in dollar amounts not to exceed:

1. North Central Bus Sales (437102) for 25 Metro Mobility buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,173,000;
2. North Central Bus Sales (437102) for one Regional Fleet bus not to exceed \$84,000;

3. Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. (437103) for 55 Metro Mobility buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,986,000.”

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

[2007-67](#) - Award of Bids on \$7,415,000 of Revenue Radio Refunding Bonds, Series 2007D; Resolution No. 2007-08; and \$10,160,000 of General Obligation Transit Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2007E; Resolution No. 2007-09

It was moved by Scherer and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. adopt Resolution 2007-08 awarding the bid on the sale of \$7,265,000 of Revenue Radio Refunding Bonds, Series 2007D, to the firm of PNC Capital Markets at a true interest rate of 3.6779 percent; and
2. adopt Resolution 2007-09 awarding the bid on the sale of \$10,110,000 of General Obligation Transit Refunding Bonds, Series 2007E to the firm of LaSalle Financial Services, Inc. at a true interest rate of 3.8458.”

Motion carried.

Report of the Transportation Committee

[2007-65](#) - Principles for Central Corridor LRT Project Scope Change

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the following guiding principles to be applied when considering any proposed Central Corridor LRT major project scope changes, *defined as requiring re-opening of the DEIS*. To be considered, the proposed major scope change shall generally:

1. comply with current federal and state laws and guidelines;
2. not adversely impact the project schedule or project delivery;
3. positively impact (increase) ridership;
4. positively impact (increase) travel time saved;
5. positively impact (decrease) capital cost;
6. positively impact (decrease) operating cost;
7. positively impact (decrease) the FTA cost effectiveness index (CEI) value; and
8. *have technical analysis of above factors completed and presented for documented public input garnered through a public hearing process conducted by the project partner sponsoring the proposed change.*”

Smith noted the motion incorporates language adopted by the Transportation Committee, plus additional language (italics) following input from the Central Corridor Management Committee.

Chair Bell expressed strong support for this motion to establish standard/criteria for screening ideas/options that would result in substantive project changes. Bell believes these guiding principles are very fair, very defensible, and set an appropriate standard for any future proposed changes.

Motion carried with Georgacas dissenting.

2007-83 SW - Central Corridor Proposed Downtown St. Paul Loop

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council affirm that the proposed Downtown St. Paul Loop will not be considered for evaluation as part of the Central Corridor preliminary engineering (PE) process unless and until the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority presents evidence demonstrating the Loop alignment is consistent with the Council-adopted principles for major scope changes; and that both front and back (concourse) alternatives at Union Depot will be evaluated as part of PE."

Smith explained that while the Council previously voted on a preferred alternative, the reason for a vote at this time is because recent public comments about the alternate Loop caused FTA concern about a possible major change to the DEIS. Smith noted that City of St. Paul officials and the St. Paul business community have expressed support for the preferred proposed Cedar Street alternative.

Chair Bell noted Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul are interested in going to the Depot. There are two Depot alignments: 1) our preferred alternative that is in front of the Depot, and 2) Ramsey County officials choice to enter the back of the Depot, known as the concourse. The action before the Council says both alignments will be studied in preliminary engineering.

Chair Bell also stated that if the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority can show that the loop meets the standards that were just adopted (2007-56), we'd look at the loop again. Bell wants to avoid any precedent setting action involving linking funds with specific alignments while the Corridor Management Committee reviews all options.

Motion carried with Georgacas dissenting.

2007-58 - 28th Avenue Parking Structure Interagency Agreement and Project Reaffirmation

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Susag

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement with the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, for intersection improvements at 28th Avenue and Old Shakopee Road and that the Metropolitan Council reaffirm its authorization to execute agreements with the Bloomington Port Authority."

Motion carried.

2007-74 SW - 28th Avenue Park-and-Ride, Authorization to Award Construction Contract

It was moved by M. Smith and seconded by Susag

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the 28th Avenue Park & Ride Facility, in Bloomington, Minnesota subject to verification of funds availability from the Bloomington Port Authority."

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee

There is no report this week.

Report of the Community Development Committee

There is no report this week.

Other Business

[Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force Presentation](#)

Jason Willett, MCES, presented a summary of the Metropolitan Council strategic energy collaborations between the Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF) and the University of Minnesota. The MCETF, comprised of representatives from Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, and Washington Counties and the Metropolitan Council will examine education and coordination of County initiatives on energy. The focus of the Council and U of M collaboration is to identify and develop energy research beneficial to Council operations.

Chair Bell and Regional Administrator Weaver acknowledged Willett's work as staff lead and coordination of the Council energy initiative.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell reported much of his time includes testifying on the parks initiative and the elected Met Council legislation.

Council Members

Council Member Steffen acknowledged the Council's competent staff who work their regular hours and then accompany her to evening meetings within her district. She noted the Council is fortunate to have such employees, singling out Guy Peterson, Patrick Boylan and Bryce Pickart.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Weaver reported the MN Department of Finance February forecast was released today, with projections down slightly from the November forecast.. Council staff will work with MnDOT staff to develop a more accurate reporting for MVST revenues.

General Counsel

Mr. Grossman reported three new lawsuits against the Metropolitan Council.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 28, 2007.

Approved this 14th day of March 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss
Recording Secretary