



ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 15, 2007
Subject:	Adopting Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's Preliminary 2008 Unified Operating Budget and the Proposed 2007, Payable 2008, Tax Levies
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, Section 473.121, and Section 473.13, Subdivision 1
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Division/Department:	Regional Administration

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council adopts the following resolutions:

- 2007-18:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council's Preliminary 2008 Unified Operating Budget
- 2007-19:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council's Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2007-20:** Adopting the Metropolitan Council's Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
- 2007-21:** Adopting a Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for the Metropolitan Right-Of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund for the Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167 for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2007-22:** Adopting a Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for the Metropolitan Right-Of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund for the Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167 for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
- 2007-23:** Adopting a Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2007-24:** Adopting a Proposed 2007 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2007-25:** Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2007 for Future Transit and Parks Bonds
- 2007-26:** Resolution Directing Cancellation of Tax Levy for Sewer Refunding Bonds Issued by the Metropolitan Council and Payable from the Sewer Refunding, Series 2001A Bond Fund

Issue(s)

Minnesota Statutes require the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2008 preliminary unified operating budget and proposed levies for 2007, payable in 2008, for certification to the County Auditors and Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue.

Overview and Funding

- Adoption of the 2008 Preliminary Unified Operating Budget establishes the framework for development of a public hearing document.
- Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires adoption of proposed budget and certification of proposed property tax levies for certification to the Commissioner of Revenue by September 1 and to the County Auditors on or before September 15.
- There will be continuing discussion on the budget through the fall so that Council may make further changes to the budget up to final adoption, expected to occur on December 12th, 2007.

- Prior to final certification of levies in December the Council may elect to reduce levies from this preliminary level, but may not increase them.
- The Unified Operating Budget has not changed from the presentation made to the Council on August 8, 2007.
- The attached tax levy resolutions are summarized as follows:

<u>Levies Requiring Council Action</u>	Preliminary <u>Levies</u>	<u>Resolution No.(s)</u>
General Purposes	\$ 10,300,000	2007-19/20
Metropolitan Right-Of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund	3,298,290	2007-21/22
Livable Communities Demonstration Account	8,184,070	2007-23
Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account	5,000,000	2007-24
Transit Debt Service Anticipation	9,124,543	2007-25
Park Debt Service Anticipation	3,455,392	2007-25
Total Levies Requiring Council Action	<u>\$ 39,362,295</u>	
<u>Levies Not Requiring Council Action (previously adopted)</u>		
Transit Debt Service	\$ 29,418,185	
Park Debt Service	4,007,168	
	<u>\$ 33,425,353</u>	
TOTAL LEVIES	<u>\$ 72,787,648</u>	

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-18

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S
PRELIMINARY 2008 UNIFIED OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Metropolitan Council Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2008 is \$698,976,800 consisting of \$481,269,332 for Council operations, \$80,792,375 for pass-through grants and loans, \$698,976,800 for debt service.
2. THAT the Preliminary proposed 2008 Budget for Environmental Services is \$118,265,150.
3. THAT the Metropolitan Council will continue to review the proposed budget until the final budget is adopted in December 2007.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

Peter Bell, Chair

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-19

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S PROPOSED
2007 TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY AUDITORS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 1, authorizes the Council to levy a tax on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area to provide funds for the general purpose of carrying out the Council's responsibilities as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13 requires that the share of the tax to be levied within each county by the Council must be an amount bearing the same proportion to the total final levy agreed on by the Council as the net tax capacity of the county bears to the net tax capacity of the metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2007, payable in 2008, for general Council purposes is \$10,300,000.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

Peter Bell, Chair

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-20

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S PROPOSED
2007 TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 1, authorizes the Council to levy a tax on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area to provide funds for the general purpose of carrying out the Council's responsibilities as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.249, Subdivision 2, requires the Council to certify its proposed property tax levy for general Council purposes to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue by September 1 of the levy year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad velorem taxes levied in 2007, payable in 2008, for general Council purposes is \$10,300,000.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-21

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2007 TAX LEVY FOR THE
METROPOLITAN RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION LOAN FUND
FOR THE PURPOSES OF MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 473.167
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY AUDITORS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.167, Subdivision 3, authorizes the Council to levy property taxes on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area for the Metropolitan Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, This tax must be certified by the Council, levied, and collected in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167, Subdivision 3, the Council hereby proposes to levy property taxes in 2007, payable in 2008, in the amount of \$3,298,290 for the Metropolitan Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-22

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2007 TAX LEVY FOR THE
METROPOLITAN RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION LOAN FUND
FOR THE PURPOSES OF MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 473.167
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.167, Subdivision 3, authorizes the Council to levy property taxes on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area for the Metropolitan Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, This tax must be certified by the Council, levied, and collected in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.167, Subdivision 3, requires the Council to certify its proposed property tax levy under Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167 to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue by September 1 of the levy year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 473.167, Subdivision 3, the Council hereby proposes to levy property taxes in 2007, payable in 2008, in the amount of \$3,298,290 for the Metropolitan Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-23

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2007 TAX LEVY FOR THE
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT IN THE
METROPOLITAN LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FUND**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.253, Subdivision 1, authorizes a property tax levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount of the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2007, payable in 2008, is \$8,184,070.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-24

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED 2007 TAX LEVY FOR THE
TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT
OF THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 275.065, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before September 15, the Council adopt the proposed budget and certify to the county auditors a proposed property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hennepin County Auditor has certified an amount of \$7,876,457.50 under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b); and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(c), provides that the Metropolitan Council may annually certify to the Ramsey County Auditor the amount certified by the Hennepin County Auditor under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b), but not to exceed \$5,000,000, to be used to provide funds for cleanup of polluted lands in the metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2007, payable in 2008, as an addition to the area wide levy under the Metropolitan Revenue Distribution Act and credited to the Tax Base Revitalization Account within the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund is \$5,000,000.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-25

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A TAX LEVY FOR 2007
FOR DEBT SERVICE ON FUTURE TRANSIT AND PARKS BONDS**

- WHEREAS,** The Council anticipates issuing general obligation transit and parks bonds in 2007 and/or 2008 and making principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2008 to February 1, 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council may certify a tax levy in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds in a manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been determined that a tax levy in 2007, payable in 2008, is necessary to fund principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2008 to February 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 471.61, Subdivision 1, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to levy a tax of \$9,124,543 for debt service on general obligation transit bonds to be issued by the Council in 2007 and/or 2008 and levy a tax of \$3,455,392 for debt service on general obligation parks bonds to be issued by the Council in 2007 and/or 2008.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-26

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING CANCELLATION OF TAX LEVY
FOR SEWER REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED BY THE
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AND PAYABLE FROM THE
SEWER REFUNDING, SERIES 2001A BOND FUND**

- WHEREAS,** Resolution 2001-7 levied property taxes for debt service on the Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A; and
- WHEREAS,** The resolution provided that the Council reserves the right and power to reduce or cancel the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been determined that there are sufficient balances in the debt service fund for the payment of principal and interest on Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A which are payable from those funds for tax collection years 2007 from monies actually on hand in the Council's Sewer Refunding, Series 2001A bond fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to cancel the tax levies for collection in year 2008 of \$ 2,210,250 for the payment of principal and interest on General Obligation Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A.

Adopted this 22nd day of August 2007.

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Recording Secretary