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Business Item

Item: 2008-98

Metropolitan Council Meeting date: April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	April 1, 2008
Subject:	Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board, Investment Review Committee and Audit Committee
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	See attached
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), Investment Review Committee and Audit Committee as shown below and detailed in the attached Business Items 2008-98A, 2008-98B, and 2008-98C:

- 2008-98A Transportation Advisory Board (TAB): Precinct A—**STEVEN SCHULTE**; Precinct B—**WILLIAM GUIDERA**; Precinct C—**JAMES MEYERS**; Precinct D—**CHUCK HAIK**; Transit—**RICHARD MUSSELL** and **GLENN OLSON**; Non-Motorized Transportation—**DAVID GEPNER**.

- 2008-98B Investment Review Committee: **CRAIG PETERSON**.

- 2008-98C Audit Committee: **DANIEL WOLTER**.



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Item: 2008-98A

Metropolitan Council Meeting date: April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	April 1, 2008
Subject:	Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.146, Subd. 4
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB): Precinct A—**STEVEN SCHULTE**; Precinct B—**WILLIAM GUIDERA**; Precinct C—**JAMES MEYERS**; Precinct D—**CHUCK HAIK**; Transit—**RICHARD MUSSELL** and **GLENN OLSON**; Non-Motorized Transportation—**DAVID GEPNER**.

Background

Terms of the following positions on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) expired Jan. 2008 and need to be filled: TAB precincts A, B, C, D (Metropolitan Council districts 1-8), two positions representing transit and one representing non-motorized transportation.

Rationale

- The TAB was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146, Subd. 4. The TAB's purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT), and all political subdivisions in accomplishing the responsibilities designated by state and federal law and regulation with regard to transportation planning and programming for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.
- The TAB is a 33-member body composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent public transit, the freight industry and non-motorized transportation. The Metropolitan Council appoints 12 members—8 citizen members, 2 members representing public transit, 1 member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council. In addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB chair from among the advisory body membership.
- TAB members serve staggered two-year terms. Terms for all seven positions expired January 2008.
- A news release seeking applications for appointment was published in January 2008.
- Because two members—Steven Schulte (Precinct A) and Richard Mussell (Transit), were recently appointed (late 2007) to complete terms of positions that became vacant due to resignations, the decision was made to reappoint them at this time. Therefore, the news release solicited applications for Precincts B, C, D, one transit representative and the non-motorized transportation representative. Eighteen (18) applications were received for these positions. Council members were provided with copies of the applications and asked for their appointment recommendations. Comments received were forwarded to Chair Bell for consideration.
- Appointment recommendations for all seven positions are being forwarded for Council approval at this time.

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A



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Item: 2008-98B

Metropolitan Council Meeting date: April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	March 27, 2008
Subject:	Appointment of Investment Review Committee Member Craig Peterson
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Investment Review Committee Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Beth Widstrom-Anderson, Chief Financial Officer
Division/Department:	Finance

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Council Member Craig Peterson, effective immediately, as a member to the Investment Review Committee.

Background

There is a Council Member vacancy on the Investment Review Committee.

Known Support / Opposition

Management Committee Chair, Roger Scherer, and Council Chair Peter Bell recommend Council Member Peterson’s appointment to the Investment Review Committee.

Craig Peterson is currently a Principal Consultant with Marathon Enterprises, Inc., specializing in real estate and general management services for small and mid-sized companies. He is also a licensed real estate broker and a former member of the Chanhassen City Council, Chanhassen Economic Development Authority, Southwest Transit Commission, Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board and the Chanhassen Planning Commission.

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Metropolitan Council Meeting date: April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	
Subject:	Approval of Audit Committee Member Dan Wolter
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Bylaws of the Audit Committee
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Katie Shea (651.602.1450)
Division/Department:	Program Evaluation and Audit

Proposed Action/Motion:

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Council Member Dan Wolter, effective immediately, as a member to the Audit Committee for an unspecified term.

Issue(s)

There is vacancy on the Audit Committee due to resignation. The Council Chair and members have strived to establish a committee membership that is a blend of current members and individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to serve.

Overview and Funding

Bylaws of the Audit Committee, (passed by Council, September 10, 2003, 2003-233) call for 6 voting members. Three shall be Council members and three shall be external members with expertise in such areas as finance, accounting, auditing, information systems, management, operations or program performance.

The bylaws also provide that, when a vacancy occurs, the Audit Committee members shall be appointed by the Council Chair and approved by the full Council.

Council Member Dan Wolter is director of the University News Service at the University of Minnesota. He served previously as communications director for Governor Pawlenty and special assistant to the Governor's Health Cabinet. He is also the former director of speechwriting for the United States Department of Agriculture; director of public affairs for the Minnesota House of Representatives office of the Speaker and Majority Leader; a senior account executive for Weber Shandwick Worldwide; and deputy communications director to Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. He earned his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in 1993. Council Member Wolter currently serves on the Transportation and Environment Committees of the Council.

Recommendation

Audit Committee Chair Lynette Wittsack and Chair Peter Bell recommend Council Member Wolter's appointment.