



## Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00 P.M.

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3:00 P.M.

### Part I - Narrative

#### Attendance:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Mary Hill Smith, Craig Peterson, Peggy Leppik, Annette Meeks, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Daniel Wolter, Brian McDaniel

#### Members absent:

Tony Pistilli, District 5 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 4:06 p.m. It was moved by McDaniel, seconded by Wittsack to approve the agenda as amended... Motion carried.

### Minutes

It was moved by Leppik seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of [April 23, 2008](#). Motion carried.

### Public Invitation

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

### Part II - Exhibits

#### Business

##### Presentation – Certificate of Recognition to former Council Member Russ Susag

Chair Bell presented a certificate on behalf of Governor Pawlenty to Russ Susag,, recognizing Susag's years of excellent service to the Metropolitan Council, particularly District 5 residents.

##### Resolution 2008-10 Recognizing the Contributions and Acknowledging the Retirement of Chief Financial Officer Beth Widstrom Anderson

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

“That the Metropolitan Council recognizes and commends Beth Widstrom-Anderson for her many, invaluable contributions to this organization and region, and wishes her well in her new endeavors.”

Motion carried.

*Committee Consent List*

[2008-80](#) - Establish Date for Public Hearing – 2009 Public Housing Agency Plan

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the FY 2009 PHA Plan on August 18, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chambers."

Motion carried.

[2008-92](#) - Request for an Additional Extension of Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Grant SG004-126, Ramsey Town Center

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council respond to a request from the city of Ramsey to approve a two-year, second extension of the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant SG004-126 for the Ramsey Town Center project. The City has requested that the grant be extended to June 30, 2010.

Motion carried.

[2008-112](#) - Metropolitan Council Agricultural Preserve Program 2007 Status Report

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council accept the 2007 Status Report to forward to the Minnesota Legislature and to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture."

Motion carried.

[2008-114](#) - Authorization to Reject all bids for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Facilities Roof Repair, Contract t No. 07P093A

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council reject all bids for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Facilities Roof Repair, Contract Number 07P093A."

Motion carried.

[2008-115](#) - Authorization for Sole Source Procurement of Maintenance and Repair Services for Infilco Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Replacement Parts and Equipment

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to procure sole source replacement and repair parts from Infilco Degremont for the ultraviolet (UV) disinfection replacement parts and equipment for an amount not to exceed \$300,000."

Motion carried.

[2008-116](#) - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bloomington for Phase I Improvements for L55 and 3-BN-499

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bloomington for the design and construction of Phase I improvements for lift station L55 and interceptor 3-BN-499."

Motion carried.

[2008-117 - Authorization to Purchase 30 foot Gillig Buses](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Gillig for three 30' buses, to be operated by regional transit providers in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000."

Motion carried.

[2008-121 - Authorization to Purchase 29-foot Buses for Job Access Reverse Commute \(JARC\) Service](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Hoglund Bus Co. for three large cut-away buses in an amount not to exceed \$313,000."

Motion carried.

[2008-122 - Rejection of Formal Bids on Excess Hiawatha Corridor Land – specifically 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Hiawatha](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject the formal bid of \$500,100 for the sale of public land on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street at Hiawatha, Hennepin County, MN."

Motion carried.

*Joint Report of the Community Development and Environment Committees*

[2008-44 - City of Mayer 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update – Review File No. 20094-1, Tier II Comp Sewer Plan](#)

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and take the following actions

1. approves the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan;
2. authorizes the City of Mayer to put its *Comprehensive Plan* Update into effect without any plan modifications;
3. requires that the City of Mayer participate in the Council's plat monitoring program beginning in 2008 and to submit annual reports to the Council as outlined on the Council's website: [www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/resources.htm#plat](http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/resources.htm#plat);
4. advises the City that it may alter, expand or improve its sewage disposal system consistent with its approved Tier II Sewer Plan;
5. advises the City that when the Orderly Annexation Agreements are implemented with surrounding townships, forecast revisions should be discussed with the Council if needed;

6. reminds the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records;
7. reminds the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan, along with any required modifications, within nine months after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Plan to the Council in a timely manner;
8. reminds the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption; and,
9. advises the City that, based on the minimum residential densities described in this report and in the text of the City's comprehensive plan, planned residential development is consistent with the Council policy of 3-5 units per acre

Motion carried.

[2008-45](#) - City of New Germany 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update – Review File No. 20169-1, Tier II Comp Sewer Plan

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Wolter

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and take the following actions

1. approves the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan;
2. authorizes the City of New Germany to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications;
3. requires that the City of New Germany participate in the Council's plat monitoring program beginning in 2008 and to submit annual reports to the Council as outlined on the Council's website:  
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/resources.htm#plat>;
4. advises the City that it may alter, expand or improve its sewage disposal system consistent with its approved Tier II Sewer Plan;
5. advises the City that when the Orderly Annexation Agreements are implemented with surrounding townships, forecast revisions should be discussed with the Council if needed;
6. advises the City to change the designation of CSAH 30 and CSAH 33 in the Update to "A" minor arterial connectors;
7. reminds the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records;
8. reminds the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan, along with any required modifications, within nine months after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Plan to the Council in a timely manner; and
9. reminds the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption."

Motion carried.

*Report of the Transportation Committee*

[2008-135 SW](#) - Authorization to Public Hearings

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a series of public hearings on potential fare adjustments for transit and paratransit services operated and/or funded by the Metropolitan Council."

Motion carried, with Steffen dissenting.

Information – UPA Update

Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services and Craig Lamothe, Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Transit Project Manager, updated Council Members on the project.

The Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) with the federal government will provide \$133 million in funds to help reduce traffic congestion in the I-35W south and Cedar Ave. corridors from downtown Minneapolis to the southern suburbs. The Minnesota Legislature passed a bill earlier this week that provides the required \$50 million in state matching funds. The bill authorizes Mn/DOT to charge variable user fees for single-occupant vehicles on dynamic shoulder lanes and high-occupancy vehicle lanes, and makes it a petty misdemeanor to operate a single-occupant vehicle in these lanes. The bill also requires Mn/DOT, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Council, to report each January 15 – from 2009 through 2014 – about the state's participation in the Urban Partnership Agreement.

2008-118 SW - Purchase Property Adjacent to the I-35W at 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Park and Ride in Blaine, Resolution 2008-09

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Scherer

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to acquire the property at 9641 Naples Street Northeast in Blaine by eminent domain in accordance with Resolution 2008-09."

Motion carried, with Meeks, Beach and McDaniel dissenting.

2008-129 SW - Property Acquisition for Park-and-Ride at I-35W and County Road C in Roseville

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and purchase a 1.27 acre portion of the property located at 2750 Cleveland Avenue North in Roseville to facilitate construction of a park-and-ride facility."

Motion carried.

*Report of the Environment Committee*

2008-138 SW - Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for Smithtown Road Interceptor, MCES Project No. 802811, Contract No. 07P090

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$259,695 to \$959,695 for Smithtown Road Interceptor, MCES Project No. 802811, Contract No. 07P090."

Motion carried.

### *Report of the Community Development Committee*

Items are on the Consent List.

### *Report of the Management Committee*

There was no report.

## **Other Business**

### Central Corridor Update

Central Corridor Project Office staff Mark Fuhrman and Dan Soler presented a comparison of the University's Washington Avenue at-grade alignment and the northern alignment

- Washington Avenue at-grade alignment
  - Bus scenario operational costs
  - Traffic Study #4 update
  - Electromagnetic Interference
  - Mitigation for transit/pedestrian mall
- Northern Alignment
  - Outstanding Issues
  - Environmental Issues
  - Additional Environmental Permits
  - Design Issues
  - Constructability Issues
  - O & M Issues
  - Railroad Issues

The CCMC is expected to recommend an alignment at their May 21 meeting, and the recommendation will be presented at a special May 21 Metropolitan Council meeting.

## **Reports**

### *Chair*

Chair Bell stated the importance of the special Council meeting on May 21 to act on the CCMC recommendation of the Central Corridor University's alignment.

Chair Bell reported:

- his three major concerns are the Bonding Bill, the FTA / CCLRT schedule and signing of an MOU with the University signaling agreement on alignment;
- the business item creating a Parks Foundation was approved by today's Management Committee and will be coming before the Council June 11;
- he and Regional Administrator Weaver met with MnDOT Commissioner Tom Sorel, who offered positive comments on the Central Corridor and UPA projects, and a willingness to continue a strong working relationship with the Council;
- he met with Governor Pawlenty regarding Central Corridor.

### *Council Members*

There was no report.



*Regional Administrator*

Regional Administrator noted the May 28 Council meeting and the May 26 Transportation Committee will be canceled. Special Management and Council meetings are scheduled for May 21.

*General Counsel*

There was no report.

**Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 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 May 14, 2008.

Approved this 21st day of May, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss  
Secretary