



## Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 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, Tony Pistilli, Mary Hill Smith, Craig Peterson, Peggy Leppik, Annette Meeks, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Brian McDaniel

#### **Members absent:**

Daniel Wolter, 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. Chair Bell moved the Joint Report of the Management and Transportation Committees to the top of the agenda. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Leppik to approve the agenda with that change. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Sanda, seconded by Meeks to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 28, 2008. 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*

There are no Consent Items

##### *Joint Report of the Management and Transportation Committees*

##### [2008-152 SW](#) - 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment – Urban Partnership Agreement

It was moved by Scherer and seconded by Smith

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (Multi-year authorization) by adding specific authority to the Transportation Division as follows:  
     Metro Transit:                 \$103,450,000
2. Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing spending authority to the Transportation Division as follows:  
     Metro Transit:                 \$ 69,311,500

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

				Yes	No	Absent
	Scherer	Leppik	Sanda	McDaniel		Aguilar
	Pistilli	Meeks	Hilker	Bell		Wolter
	M. Smith	Wittsack	Broecker			District 5 vacant
	Peterson	Steffen	Sersland Beach			
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>16</b>		<b>3</b>

Chair Bell reported that Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters and Governor Pawlenty will participate in a press conference Thursday, June 12, announcing the award of \$133 million Urban Partnership Agreement grant to the state of Minnesota.

*Report of the Community Development Committee*

2008-111 - LCA Local Housing Incentives Account Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council award Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants totaling \$500,000 to three homeownership proposals as follows:

Project	City	Number of Units to be Acquired and Rehabilitated	LHIA Funding Recommendation
<b>City of Lakes Community Land Trust</b>	Minneapolis	7	\$150,000
<b>MCASA/Model Cities</b>	St. Paul	7	\$150,000
<b>Two Rivers Community Land Trust</b> – for the cities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Newport, Oakdale, St. Paul Park, Stillwater	Multiple (Oakdale will serve as grantee)	9	\$200,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

Motion carried.

*Report of the Management Committee*

2008-83 - Authorization to Form Regional Park Foundation, resolution 2008-05

It was moved by Wittsack and seconded by Smith

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution No. 2008-05 (attached)."

Motion carried.

2008-142 - Authorization for Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement

It was moved by Wittsack and seconded by Pistilli

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a revocable trust agreement with the Public Employees Retirement Association in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2008, Chapter 158, Article 10, Sec 18 to administer funds set aside to pay post employment benefits."

Motion carried.

*Report of the Transportation Committee*

Item under the Joint Report

*Report of the Environment Committee*

There are no items

**Other Business**

2008 Legislative Session Summary

Judd Schetnan, Government Affairs Director, summarized the 2008 Legislative Session outcome of Council initiatives, including transportation funding, bonding and policy bills, the environmental trust fund allocation bill and the UPA enabling legislation. Schetnan recognized the many legislators whose tireless efforts contributed to the positive results for Council issues during the Legislative Session.

Chair Bell believes this was the Council's most successful Legislative session since he became Chair, adding the outcome is largely due to the hard work and knowledge of Judd Schetnan.

Twin Cities Employment Picture, 2000-2007

Libby Starling, Research Manager, presented the following 2000-2007 employment trends in the Twin Cities: Employment is at a new high, slowing job growth, 14<sup>th</sup> among 25 largest metro areas, lagging national job growth.

Impacts of Slow Development on Service Availability Charge (SAC)

Jason Willett, MCES Finance Director, reviewed the connection between the Metro area housing starts and the service availability charge (SAC), a service fee charged to cities for new connections or increased demand to the Metropolitan Disposal System.

**Reports**

*Chair*

Chair Bell reported he and other Central Corridor partners are drafting an MOU with University of Minnesota.

*Council Members*

There were no reports.

*Regional Administrator*

Bill Moore, representing Tom Weaver, had no report.

*General Counsel*

Nils Grossman reported there are two new lawsuits.

**Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

**Part III - Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 11, 2008.

Approved this 25th day of June, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss  
Secretary