



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
 Robert Street Council Chambers
 4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Bob McFarlin, Craig Peterson, Polly Bowles, Peggy Leppik, Annette Meeks, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Daniel Wolter

Members absent:

Tony Pistilli, District 16 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 4:07 p.m. It was moved by Wolter seconded by Leppik to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Administer Oath of Office

Chair Bell administered the oath of office to Robert McFarlin, District 3 Metropolitan Council Member, who was appointed by Governor Pawlenty, effective January 2, 2009. The term runs through January 3, 2011.

Minutes

It was moved by Hilker seconded by Meeks to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 10, 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

[2008-348 - Independent Testing Services for Three Urban Partnership Agreement Park-and-Ride Facilities](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for independent testing services and construction inspection services relative to the construction of three Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Park-and-Ride facilities at a cost of up to \$440,000."

Motion carried.

[2008-352 - Property Exchange at the Northtown Mall, Blaine](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a property exchange agreement with Glimcher Realty Trust, involving Council owned property located adjacent to the Northtown Mall, Blaine."

Motion carried.

[2008-360 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Construction Cooperation Agreement with City of Richfield, MCES Project No. 805400](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Land Acquisition, Design, and Construction Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Richfield (City) for Edina/Richfield Interceptor Improvements Project 805400."

Motion carried.

[2008-362 - City of Marine on St. Croix Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20280-1](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached review record and take the following actions from the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City to puts its Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications;
2. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan Update after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Update to the Council for its records;
3. Remind the City to submit a copy of the City Council resolution adopting the Update to the Council for its records;
4. Remind the City that it is required to submit to the Council upon adoption any updated ordinances and controls intended to implement the Update, including the City's cluster ordinances applicable in the Diversified Rural area;
5. Advise the City that it needs to submit to the Council the final adopted version of the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), the date that the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District approved the SWMP, and the date that the City adopted the plan;
6. Remind the City that it will need to update its SWMP within two years from the date that the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District adopts its new watershed management plan."

Motion carried.

[2008-367 - Authorization to Amend Engineering Service Agreement for Interceptor System Standby Power Improvements, MCES Project Number 803500, Contract No. 04P005](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services contract with Sebesta Blomberg, Contract No. 04P005 increasing the total contract amount from \$476,300 to \$500,180."

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Community Development and Environment Committees
2008-345 - City of Lauderdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update; Review File No. 20305-1;
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and takes the following actions from each committee:

- . Recommendations of the Community Development Committee
 1. Authorize the City of Lauderdale to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
 2. Request that the City to submit a copy of its final surface water management plan to the Council following City Council adoption. The City should also provide the dates of the watershed management organizations' approval, and the City Council's action.
 3. Advise the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records.
 4. Remind 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.
 5. Remind the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Lauderdale's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan"

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee

Environment Committee Items are on the Consent List and the Joint Report.

Report of the Community Development Committee

2008-264 - Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council award thirteen (13) Tax Base Revitalization Account grants totaling \$3,008,500 to redevelopment projects in the cities of Bloomington, Edina, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Saint Paul, South Saint Paul and Wayzata as indicated in the staff recommendation memo."

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

There was no report this week.

Report of the Transportation Committee

[2009-11 SW - 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program \(TAIP\) Amendment, include Griggs Pedestrian Bridge over I-94, SP#6282-62809 TAB Action 2008-34](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Sersland Beach

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the TAB action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include replacement of the Griggs Pedestrian Bridge located between Lexington Ave. and Hamline Ave. over I-94 in St. Paul."

Motion carried.

[2009-12 SW - Fare Collection System Hardware and Software](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 to purchase computer hardware and software licenses for the implementation and operation of the Fare Collection System upgrade."

Motion carried.

[2009-22 SW - Authorization to Award Contract for 26 Coach Buses](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. for the purchase of 26 forty-five foot coach buses, with an option to purchase up to an additional 86 buses, in accordance with the Council's specification and Motor Coach Industries' Best and Final Offer, contingent on satisfactory results from the Buy America Pre-Award Audit."

Motion carried.

[2009-13 SW - 2009-2010 Transportation Management Organizations \(TMO\) Subgrant Agreements](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contracts with the four regional Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs) for the pass through of federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the period of April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$2,044,479."

Motion carried.

[2009-15 SW - Construction of the Kenrick Avenue Parking Structure in Lakeville, Project 63740](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Wolter

"That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to be identified at the Transportation Committee meeting, for the construction of the Kenrick Avenue Parking Structure in Lakeville, Minnesota."

Motion carried.

[2009-16 SW](#) - Construction of the I-35W and County Road C Parking Structure in Roseville, Project 63740

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Adolphson & Peterson Construction, for the construction of the I-35W and County Road C Parking Structure in Roseville, Minnesota, at a cost of \$6,561,300."

Motion carried.

[2009-17 SW](#) - Construction of the I-35W and 95th Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Project 63740

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Knutson Construction Services, Inc., for the construction of the I-35W and 95th Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Minnesota, at a cost of \$6,523,000."

Motion carried.

[2009-21R SW](#) - Adoption of the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan, [Resolution 2009-02](#)

Amy Vennewitz presented a summary of comments leading to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan Final Adoption.

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Sanda

"to amend the Transportation Committee recommendation by adding the following language at the end of recommendation [by adopting Resolution 2009-02.](#)"

Motion to amend carried.

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Sanda

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt as the final *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* the Proposed Final *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* dated December 19, 2008 incorporating the changes shown on Attachment A [by adopting Resolution 2009-02.](#)"

Amended Motion carried.

Chair Bell thanked Transportation staff and TAB members for their intense work on the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

Other Business

[Metropolitan Council Oversight Functions Relating to MAC and Metro Sports Facilities Commission](#)

Assistant General Council Dave Theisen, summarized the Metropolitan Council Relationships with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission (MSFC). The major responsibility is reviewing capitol budgets. The Council appoints a non-voting member to each Commission.

Budget and Legislative Discussion

Wes Kooistra Council CFO, presented a [Transit Budget Status and Planning Update](#), acknowledging the State Budget Challenge, the State Fiscal Year (SFY) Perspective, Focus on SFY 2010-11 and consideration of all possible solutions. Additional revisions may be made following the Governor's budget release on January 27, 2009 and the February 2009 forecast

Chair Bell noted this budget crisis is the most important issue he has faced during his Council tenure and he expressed gratitude to Council Members and staff for their deliberate review of budget matters.

Judd Schetnan, Director of Government Affairs, provided samples of the Metropolitan Council Legislative Briefing Sheets staff prepared for each Legislator. Council Members will be receiving similar information for their districts.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell reported his focus has been on

- CTIB grants
- MPR noise/vibration issues
- exploring Budget options

Council Members

Council Member Bowles reported US Fish and Wildlife staff invited her to a meeting to discuss federal grant programs. She asked for a discussion with Council staff. Regional Administrator Weaver will follow-up.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Weaver reported

- 103 local government comprehensive plans have been received and the balance is expected by the end of 2009.
- Metro Transit ridership hit a 27-year high with just under 82 million rides in 2008.

General Counsel

Assistant General Counsel Mark Thompson had no report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 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 January 14, 2009.

Approved this 28th day of January, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Curtiss, Council Secretary