



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Public Meeting on
Update to the 2030 Regional Public Parks Policy Plan

Wednesday, October 13 2010
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Tony Pistilli, Robert 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, Wendy Wulff

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05 p.m. Chair Bell adjusted the order of the agenda, moving the Transportation Committee report to follow the Consent List. It was moved by Broecker, seconded by Wolter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Bowles seconded by Wittsack, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 23, 2010. 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

2010-316 - Dakota County Request for Reimbursement Consideration Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council consider reimbursing Dakota County in future regional parks capital improvement programs up to \$1,687,000 for projects shown in Table 1. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement."

Motion carried

2010-317 - Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes park Reserve Joint Master Plan, Three Rivers Park District and City of Bloomington, Referral No. 50002-2

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan (Referral No. 50002-2)."

Motion carried.

2010-318 - Gale Woods Farm Boundary Amendment, Three Rivers Park District

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the master plan boundary of Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature to include the parcel located at 7280 County Road 110 West."

Motion carried.

2010-325 - TIP Amendment: Include SP#8816-1438: Pre implementation study for a priced managed lane on I-94

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for MnDOT SP#8816-1438: Pre-implementation study for a "Priced" Managed Lane on I-94."

Motion carried.

2010-326 - TIP Amendment: Include three high speed rail crossing safety improvements in Washington and Dakota County (TAB Action 2010-56)

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to approve a 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for three high speed rail crossing safety improvements, SP#19-00140, 82-00141, and 82-00142 in Washington and Dakota Counties."

Motion carried.

2010-329 - Public Housing Agency Plan Approval

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached 2011 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)."

Motion carried.

2010-330 - Vermillion Township 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20477-1

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and authorize Vermillion Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect."

Motion carried.

2010-337 - Design Settlement, Lakeville Kenrick Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Park & Ride

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a settlement agreement with Bonestroo, Inc. as a final settlement for design and construction support services related to Contract 08P066 in the amount of \$57,546.37 (3.9%), resulting in a total contract value of \$1,511,365.76."

Motion carried.

2010-338 - Rejection of Bids, Computer Room Upgrade

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of the F. T. Heywood (FTH) office Computer Room Upgrade."

Motion carried.

2010-340 - 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Authorization to File Grant Application, Resolution 2010-28

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. adopt the proposed 2011 Unified Planning Work Program with a budget of \$8,464,096;
2. adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a planning grant under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century – A Legacy for Users;
3. Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of FHWA and FTA planning funds."

Motion carried.

2010-342 - Authorization to Enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Resolution 2010-31 and with the State of Wisconsin, Resolution 2010-30

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator

1. to execute a joint powers agreement and subsequent amendments to it with the State of Minnesota through its

Commissioner of Transportation to allow the Council to operate its van pool program in Minnesota outside the Metropolitan Area as defined by Minn. Stat. § 473.121 (Resolution 2010-31);

- 2. to execute a joint powers agreement and subsequent amendments to it with the State of Wisconsin through its Secretary of Transportation to allow the Council to operate its van pool program into the Wisconsin counties adjacent to the Metropolitan Area as defined by Minn. Stat. § 473.121.(Resolution 2010-30)"

Motion carried.

2010-343 - CTIB 2011 Project Grant Applications Consistency with the 2030 TPP

It was moved by Bowles and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council finds the ten project grant applications (summarized in the Attachment) submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY 2011 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted January 2009 and amended in June of 2010."

Motion carried.

Report of the Transportation Committee

2010-341 - Northstar Commuter Rail Fares

It was moved by McFarlin and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the deferral of the Northstar Commuter Rail cash fare increases to early 2012 to coincide with a planned regional fare increase and approves the extension of the current "introductory" Northstar Commuter Rail cash fares until that time and increase the Family Pass rates for 2011 as shown in the following tables:

Weekday one-way cash fare to/from downtown Minneapolis

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Big Lake | \$7.00 |
| Elk River | \$5.50 |
| Anoka | \$4.00 |
| Coon Rapids | \$4.00 |
| Fridley | \$3.25 |
| Non-downtown Station-station | \$3.25 |

Saturday, Sunday/Holiday one-way cash fare to/from downtown Minneapolis

| | ADULT | SENIOR, YOUTH, MEDICARE |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Big Lake | \$5.25 | \$1.75 |
| Elk River | \$4.00 | \$1.25 |
| Anoka | \$3.00 | \$1.00 |
| Coon Rapids | \$3.00 | \$1.00 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fridley | \$2.50 | \$0.75 |
| Non-downtown station-station | \$2.50 | \$0.75 |

Persons with Disabilities Weekday and Saturday, Sunday/Holiday
 one-way cash fare to/from downtown Minneapolis

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Big Lake | \$1.75 |
| Elk River | \$1.25 |
| Anoka | \$1.00 |
| Coon Rapids | \$1.00 |
| Fridley | \$0.75 |
| Non-downtown station-station | \$0.75 |

Family Pass round-trip cash fare to/from downtown Minneapolis
 Valid for up to two adults and three youth age 6-17. Children under five are free.

| | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| Big Lake | \$17.00 | \$20.00 |
| Elk River | \$13.00 | \$16.00 |
| Anoka | \$10.00 | \$13.00 |
| Coon Rapids | \$10.00 | \$13.00 |
| Fridley | \$8.00 | \$11.00 |

This item amends the August 26, 2009 Council action on business item 2009-178, establishing introductory fares and setting permanent, and in some cases higher, fares to be implemented 12 months after the first year of Northstar Commuter Rail Revenue Operations. The Introductory fares were approved to encourage new customers to ride Northstar Commuter Rail during the first year of the new service. Staff recommends that deferring a fare increase to 2012 will allow more time for the economy to improve and the unemployment rate to decline. The proposed schedule includes one increase, the Family Pass price for 2011 based on demand. It was suggested that more attention be given to educating the public about linkage/transfers between the Northstar Commuter Rail, Hiawatha LRT and eventually the Central Corridor LRT.

Motion carried, with Pistilli and Meeks dissenting.

2010-339 - Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Capital Program Authorization for Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) Work

It was moved by McFarlin and seconded by Peterson

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the use of approved Regional Transit Capital funds under Federal Transit Administration Letter of No Prejudice Authority for:

- Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Yard Site Preparation in an amount of \$1,000,000, and
- OMF Building Limited Notice to Proceed in an amount of \$1,583,600.

Use of each dollar amount is contingent upon receipt of Letters of No

Prejudice (LONP) for each activity from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)."

Motion carried, with Meeks dissenting, and Wolter recusing himself from the discussion and vote.

Report of the Environment Committee

Environment Committee Item on the Joint Report.

Joint Report of Community Development and Environment Committees

2010-322 - City of Mendota Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20720-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Pistilli and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. authorize the City of Mendota Heights to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. forward the Council's Critical Area plan review and recommendations to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service for their records;
3. advise the City to:
 - a. participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment in developed communities;
 - b. draft and adopt a new local septic system ordinance incorporating recent MPCA 7080-7081 Rule revisions by November 2010, for consistency with MN Stat. 115.55, as noted in the comments for ISTS in the Review Record;
 - c. provide the Council with the dates the Lower Minnesota River and Gun Club Lake watershed organizations approved the City's Local Surface Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the final plan;
 - d. implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Transportation and Surface Water Management;
4. approve the City of Mendota Heights' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

Community Development business items are on the Consent List and the Joint Report.

Report of the Management Committee

2010-335 SW - Authorization to enter into a labor agreement with the International Brotherhood of electrical Workers, Local Union No. 110

It was moved by Scherer and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union No. 110, effective May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2013."

Motion carried.

2010-336 SW - Request for Waiver of Conflict - Barnes Thornburg LLP

It was moved by Scherer and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. waive any actual and potential conflicts of interest and consent to Barnes & Thornburg LLP in representing and advising the 3M Company in its dealings with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on alleged natural resource damages as a result of PFC releases to the environment. This waiver is granted on the condition that Barnes & Thornburg's representation of 3M not include litigation against the Metropolitan Council and that the Barnes & Thornburg attorneys advising 3M and those advising the Metropolitan Council have no communications with regard to their actions or advice for their respective clients;
2. authorize the General Counsel to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such waiver."

Motion carried.

2010-349 SW - Renewal of Contract with Minnesota Life for Life Insurance

It was moved by Scherer and seconded by Pistilli

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a amendment to extend the contract for life insurance with Minnesota Life for two years (January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012)."

Motion carried.

2010-351 SW - Authorization to Enter into a Labor Agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 82 and Local No. 61 AFL-CIO

It was moved by McFarlin and seconded by Peterson

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 82 and Local No. 61 AFL-CIO, effective May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2012."

Motion carried.

Other Business

Framework Benchmarks

Libby Starling, Research Manager, presented the housing, transit, water quality benchmark update through 2009.

Update to the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan

At 5p.m. Chair Bell interrupted the Benchmark presentation and convened the public hearing on the draft update to the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan.

Ann Beckman, Manager of Regional System Planning and Growth Strategy, summarized the proposed changes to the regional parks system as part of the draft Regional Parks Policy Plan update:

- 17 regional trail related additions
- 4 parks related changes
 - 1 proposed special recreation feature—The Landing, which is currently owned and operated by Three Rivers Park District;
 - 2 proposed regional park study areas (does not guarantee regional status, but would direct staff to work with park agencies on visitor origin studies to determine whether the parks warrant regional status). The Community Development Committee recommended that the regional park study area for Highland Park in St. Paul be removed from the draft Regional Parks Policy Plan;
 - removal of a regional park search area in SW Dakota County that was identified in the Regional Parks Policy Plan adopted in 2005

Kathy Stack, 740 Mississippi Boulevard South, St. Paul, representing the Friends of the Parks and Trails spoke about the group's interest in acquiring 110 acres of the TCAAP property in Ramsey County. Ms. Stack referenced Strategy 3, pg 31, regarding sharing project costs and Strategy 3, pg 43 regarding soil contamination cleanup.

With no additional speakers, Chair Bell noted the Public Comments period will remain open through Monday, October 25, 5 p.m. Council business resumed at 5:10 pm.

Framework Benchmarks

Libby Starling continued the presentation. She will prepare information on aggregate housing numbers from 2003-2009. Chair Bell stressed the importance of these benchmarks and that the Met Council, through its policies, can have an impact on the outcome.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell reported he, former Council Chairs Curt Johnson and Ted Mondale participated in a panel discussion on Council governance to the ULI Regional Council of Mayors.

Council Members

There were no reports.

Regional Administrator

Acting Wes Kooistra did not have a report.

General Counsel

General Counsel Don Muetting did not have a report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 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 October 13, 2010.

Approved this 27th day of October, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Curtiss
Secretary