



## Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2011  
Robert Street Council Chambers  
4:00 P.M.

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### **Part I - Narrative**

#### **Attendance:**

Susan Haigh, Chair; Robert McFarlin, Craig Peterson, Polly Bowles, Peggy Leppik, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Rick Aguilar, Daniel Wolter, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: Roger Scherer, Tony Pistilli, Annette Meeks, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Kirstin Sersland Beach,

#### **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 Wittsack seconded by Steffen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes**

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 12, 2011. Motion carried.

#### **Public Invitation**

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

### **Part II - Exhibits**

#### **Business**

##### *Info*

##### [Legislative Auditor Report "Governance of Transit in the Twin Cities Region"](#)

Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor and Judy Randall, Program Evaluation Division, presented the recently released evaluation report on the governance of transit in the Twin Cities region.

##### *Committee Consent List*

##### [2011-03 - 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit 5307 Funding for Downtown E/W Spine \(TAB Action 2010-69\)](#)

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to

include FTA Section 5307 funding for the Downtown Minneapolis East-West Transit Spine."

Motion carried.

2011-10 - Energy Conservation Improvements at Three Garages

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Northland Mechanical Contractors, for construction of energy conservation upgrades at the Nicollet, Overhaul, and South garages in Minneapolis and St. Paul at a cost of \$2,248,435."

Motion carried.

2011-12 - Approval of the 2010 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Solicitation Project Recommendation

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council

- Approve the projects recommended for federal funding for up to \$1,894,801 under the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program and for up to \$643,453 under the New Freedom program as listed in Attachment A.
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the JARC program and the New Freedom program to fund the recommended projects and the contingency list of JARC projects."

Motion carried.

2011-13 - Minnesota State Retirement System Program Unclassified Retirement Plan (Resolution 2011-01)

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council approve changes to the position and incumbent list for the Minnesota State Retirement System Unclassified Plan, as reflected in Resolution No. 2011-001."

Motion carried.

2011-16 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Amendment to Construction Cooperation Agreement with City of Carver, MCES Project No. 803180, Contract No. 07I019

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Construction Cooperation Agreement with City of Carver, MCES Project No. 803810, Contract No. 07I019."

Motion carried.

2011-17 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contracts 10P224B and 10P224C for Full Service Interceptor Architectural / Engineering Services

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute MCES Contract No. 10P224B with TKDA for \$500,000 and Contract No. 10P224C with Foth International for \$500,000, each contract for full service interceptor architectural/engineering services."

Motion carried.

2011-18 Authorization to Hold Public Meeting to Gather Public Input on Revisions to the Waste Discharge Rules

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes staff to hold a public meeting to solicit public comment on proposed revisions to the Waste Discharge Rules (WDR) for the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS)."

Motion carried.

2011-20 - City of Coon Rapids, Comprehensive Plan Amendment PORT Campus Square, Review No. 20227-3

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Coon Rapids to put the PORT Campus Square comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect;
2. Finds that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts;
3. Advise the City to participate in the redevelopment monitoring program."

Motion carried.

2011-22 - Denmark Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Lost Valley SNA

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the attached review record and allow Denmark Township to put the Lost Valley SNA comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect;
- Find that the proposed CPA does not change the Township's forecasts."

Motion carried.

[2011-26](#) - Authorization to Award General Obligation Refunding Bonds within Established Financial Parameters ([Resolution 2011-03](#) to Issue and Sell Approximately \$9,255,000 General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B, Fixing the Form and Specifications Thereof, Providing for their Execution and Delivery)

It was moved by Steffen, and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt parameters Resolution 2011-03, authorizing issuance and award of sale of General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B, and execution of other necessary documents to complete the bond sale."

Motion carried.

*Report of the Transportation Committee*

Transportation Committee Items are on the Consent List.

*Report of the Community Development Committee*

[2011-19](#) - Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations-

It was moved by Aguilar and seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for Fall 2010 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Brooklyn Center EDA - Howe Fertilizer	\$50,000
Saint Paul - Schmidt Brewery Phase II	\$49,900
Contamination Cleanup	
Blaine EDA - Gardenwood	\$250,000
Hopkins - Retail Center	\$124,300
Minneapolis - City Place Lofts	\$212,600
Minneapolis - Riverside Plaza	\$800,000
Minneapolis – American Swedish Institute	\$18,750
Minneapolis Public Housing Authority - Heritage Park Senior Services Center	\$390,900

New Hope - 5121 Winnetka	\$443,150
Saint Paul - Pioneer Endicott Building Phase I	\$661,100
Saint Paul - West Side Flats Apartments	\$500,000
Saint Paul Port Authority - Total Tool	\$128,100
Scott County CDA (Elko New Market) - Senior Housing	\$53,000
Total	\$3,681,800

Motion carried.

*Joint Report of the Community Development and Environment Committees*

[2011-15](#) - City of Willernie 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20454-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Aguilar and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comment and Review Record, and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Willernie to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the revised forecasts for the City of Willernie as detailed in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
  - a. Adopt a new resolution that adopts the 2010 Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) plan and its associated rules and designates the RCWD as its permitting authority for stormwater management and wetland rule compliance within the City. A copy of this resolution needs to be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for its records. In addition, the City needs to send to the Council documentation that the RCWD has approved this approach for meeting the requirement of having a new LSWMP, which would be required for the City in 2012.
  - b. Participate in the Council's activities to monitor redevelopment in Developed communities.
4. Approve the City of Willernie's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

*Report of the Environment Committee*

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

### *Report of the Management Committee*

Management Committee Items are on the Consent List

### **Other Business**

#### [2011-38 - Appointment of Interim Regional Administrator](#)

It was moved by Leppik and seconded by Wittsack

"That the Metropolitan Council appoint Wes Kooistra to the position of interim regional administrator."

Motion carried.

#### [I-35W Bus Rapid Transit Update](#)

John Levin, Director of Metro Transit Service Development, presented an overview of the 35W BRT project, and the Phase I Implementation.

#### [Metropolitan Council's Energy and Environmental Initiatives](#)

Steve Dornfeld, Director of Communication, introduced a new video showcasing the Council's environmental initiatives. Upon completion, the video will be posted on the Council's website.

### **Reports**

#### *Chair*

Chair Haig reported

- she has presented Council information to the State Auditor and several legislative committees;
- this is the final Council meeting for Regional Administrator Tom Weaver. Haig thanked Tom for his outstanding leadership during the past eight years and during this transition.

#### *Council Members*

McFarlin, Chair of the Transportation Committee reported that a special committee meeting has been scheduled for January 31.

#### *Regional Administrator*

There was no report.

#### *General Counsel*

There was no report.

## **Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 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 26, 2011.

Approved this 9th day of February, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss  
Secretary