

Item: 2011-66

Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 9, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: Appointment of Interim Council Vice Chair

District(s), **Member(s)**: All Districts

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Bylaws

Staff Susan Haigh, Chair, 651-602-1453

Prepared/Presented: Pat Born, Regional Administrator, 651-602-1723 **Division/Department:** Chair's Office/Regional Administrator's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Interim Vice Chair, effective immediately, to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Chair whenever the Chair is unable to serve or is absent from the seven county metropolitan area until a permanent Vice Chair is elected.

Background

The Council's new members are scheduled to be approved at the March 9, 2011 Council Meeting, but new Officers will not be elected until the Council Meeting scheduled thereafter. Chair Haigh will not be available to preside over the March 16, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting and, pursuant to the Council's Bylaws, the First Vice-Chair shall exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Chair whenever the Chair is unable to serve.

Rationale

The appointment of an Interim Vice Chair is important to continue the Council's business and new Council Member orientation process in the absence of the Chair. The Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair must be members of the Council.

Funding

None.

Known Support / Opposition

None.