



Metropolitan Council

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Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Chair Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham (arrived late), Steven Elkins, Rich Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members absent: Adam Duininck, John Đoàn,

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m. Council member Elkins stated that item 2011-113 is premature for today's Council meeting and suggested it be removed from the agenda for this time. With this amendment to the agenda, it was moved by Elkins, seconded by Schreiber to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 13, 2011. 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

2011-93 – Rejection of Bids, Storage Tank Additions

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of Storage Tank Additions at the F. T. Heywood and Nicollet Garages in Minneapolis and the MJ Ruter Garage in Brooklyn Center."

Motion carried.

2011-94 - Purchase of Passenger Waiting Shelters

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Brasco International, Inc. for 120-passenger waiting shelters in the amount of \$494,400."

Motion carried.

2011-96 - Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Amendment to the Cooperative Construction and Utility Relocation Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Cooperative Construction and Relocation Agreement for 4th Street with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a total amended agreement value in an amount not to exceed \$921,000."

Motion carried.

2011-97 - Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) for up to \$2.0 million under the existing Master Funding Agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Paul."

Motion carried.

2011-101 Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for Interceptor 1-MN-300 Protection, MCES Project No. 809008, Contract No. 10P246

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$50,000 to \$120,000 for the 1-MN-300 Protection, MCES Project No. 809008, Contract No. 10P246."

Motion carried.

2011-104 - Minnesota River Bluffs Extension & Scott County Connection Regional Trail Master Plan and Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants, Scott and Carver County

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Minnesota River Bluffs Extension & Scott County Connection Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50005-1).

2. Authorize a grant of \$579,268 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.76 miles of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Chaska Industrial Lead Corridor. The grant should be financed with:
\$347,561 from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation
\$231,707 Metropolitan Council bonds.

3. Authorize a grant of \$506,185 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.56 miles of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Chaska Industrial Lead Corridor. The grant should be financed with:
\$303,711 from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation
\$202,474 Metropolitan Council bonds."

Motion carried.

2011-106 - City of Afton 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

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

1. Authorize the City of Afton to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.

2. Adopt the revised forecasts for population and households for the City of Afton as detailed in Table 1 in the attached Review Record.

Advise the City to send to the Council the dates that the Valley Branch, South Washington, and Middle St. Croix Watershed districts approve the City's local surface water management plan (SWMP), the date that the City adopts the final SWMP, and a copy of the final SWMP."

Motion carried.

2011-107 - City of New Trier 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,

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

1. Authorize the City of New Trier to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.

2. Adopt the advisory comments and recommendations in the Transportation , Surface Water Management, SSTS, and Water Supply sections."

Motion carried.

2011-109 - City of Ramsey Comprehensive Plan Amendment

It was moved Chávez and seconded by Wulff,
"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Ramsey to put the Legacy Christian Academy comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Adopts the revised forecasts identified in Table 1 of the review record."

Motion carried.

Report of the Transportation Committee

2011-95 - Hiawatha Light Rail Facility Expansion

It was moved Elkins and seconded by Van Eyll,
"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Shaw-Lundquist Associates, for the construction of the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Operations and Maintenance (HLRT O&M) Facility Expansion at a cost of \$13,653,828."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

2011-110 - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreements

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Chávez,
"That the That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Sub-recipient Agreements with 9 consortium partners of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG), totaling \$2,823,000."

Motion carried.

2011-111 - Resolution Changing Community Development Committee Meeting Time, Resolution No. 2011-09

It was moved Commers and seconded Elkins,
"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution 2011-09 changing the meeting time of the Community Development Committee's regular meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m."

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee

Environment Committee items are on the Consent List.

Report of the Management Committee

2011-65 – 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Munt,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2011 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority as follows:

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| Metro Transit | \$ 57,569,080 |
| Metropolitan Transportation Services | \$ 5,904,760 |

- Amend the 2011 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing appropriation as follows:

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| Metro Transit | \$ 24,005,000 |
| Metropolitan Transportation Services | \$ 5,904,760 |

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

| | Yes | | | No | Absent |
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| | Smith | Brimeyer | Commers | | Cunningham |
| | Schreiber | Reynoso | Chávez | | Đoàn |
| | Munt | Rummel | Wulff | | Duininck |
| | Van Eyll | Melander | Haigh | | |
| | Elkins | Kramer | | | |
| TOTAL | 14 | | | | 3 |

2011-100 - Authorization to renew the Metropolitan Council's Property Insurance

It was moved Brimeyer and seconded by VanEyll,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes renewal of its property insurance, effective 5/1/11-5/1/12, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000."

Motion carried.

Other Business

Information: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Cash Flow Update

Mark Fuhrmann, Program Director for New Starts Projects, and Wes Kooistra, Chief Financial Officer, gave an informational update on the cash flow for the Central Corridor Light Rail project. The request for the cash flow financing plan is tentatively scheduled to go to the full Council for approval on May 25.

Reports

Chair

Chair Haigh reported that she and other Council members have attended the following recent meetings and events:

- Attended the Regional Economic Forum on 4/14. Council Member Commers briefed the Council on the Economic Development Plan for the region's work, as he is involved in the ongoing process. Commers will forward Council Members more information and details on the plan.

- The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit has received the Full Funding Grant Agreement on April 26. Chair Haigh thanked the Council members for their support and also for attending this event.
- Met with the TAB Chair and members to discuss issues important to them.
- Attended the Corridors of Opportunity monthly meeting on April 27.
- Participated, along with Council member Munt, at Governor Dayton's Transit Roundtable on April 21, which the Governor listened to transit users and what the potential transit cuts would mean to them.
- Attended, along with FTA, a meeting with the Asian Economic Development Association and others on April 26.
- Attended the SWLRT Management Committee meeting on April 27, along with Councilmember Brimeyer.
- Met with the Suburban Transit Providers and learned about some of their concerns and issues.

Council Members

Council members reported on some of their recent meetings held with cities/counties and events they attended, which included:

- Council Member Elkins met with the Richfield Mayor; attended the MetroGIS policy meeting; attended meetings with some of the transit opt outs (SW Transit and MVTA); met with Minneapolis Chamber's public policy committee; and attended the Sensible Land Use Coalition meeting. Some upcoming meetings include meeting with Transit for Livable Communities forum on SWLRT options; Urban Land Use program; and the MnDOT Complete Streets committee.
- Council Member Chávez reported he and Council Member Wulff attended a monthly meeting with Dakota County Mayors and Administrators; Chávez also attended the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transitway meeting; and the Metropolitan Airports Commission meeting, where he serves as a Council liaison.
- Council Member Munt met with the City of Excelsior; will meet tonight with the City of Hopkins; and will be meeting with the City of Mound's transit committee.
- Council Member Smith met with Champlin Mayor and staff; Plymouth Mayor and City Manager; and also attended the Maple Grove City Council meeting.
- Council Member Rummel presented at the Hugo City Council meeting. She will attend a Tamarack Nature Center meeting later tonight.
- Council Member Cunningham reported he and Council Member Duininck attended a meeting with Minneapolis City Council member Glidden, where there were over 100 in attendance. They were interested in the New Council and its vision; the connection with the Greenway and the Transit Corridor; and safety concerns at the Lake Street Station. Cunningham also met with Met Council staff and learned more about the Community Development Division.
- Council Member Melander met with Woodbury Mayor and City Council.
- Council Member Kramer met with the Community Planning Council for the Payne/Phalen district in St. Paul and is also scheduled to meet with district 2 of the Community Planning Council later tonight.
- Chair Haigh reported that Council Members Duininck and Doan are representing the Council today at the Riverside Plaza Groundbreaking, which is a transit oriented development near the West Bank.

Regional Administrator

Pat Born reported that there will be an upcoming Strategic Planning Workshops for the Council Members, which are currently planned to start in June.

General Counsel

No Report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 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 April 27, 2011.

Approved this 11th day of May, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Hoffner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dawn Hoffner
Secretary