



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Robert Street Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Gary Cunningham, 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. It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Chávez to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the Special Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 15, 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

2011-152 - Phalen-Keller Regional Park Master Plan Amendment, City of St. Paul and Ramsey County

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,
"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Phalen-Keller Regional Park Master Plan Amendment (Referral No. 50007-1).
2. Inform the City of St. Paul that the proposed tennis court replacement costs are not eligible for Metro Regional Parks CIP funding but are grand-fathered into the park as they were there prior to the regional park designation and do not adversely affect the natural resource based recreation facilities.

3. Request the City of St. Paul to submit minor plan amendments on costs that had not been determined for:
 - a. Phalen Project 19a: Trail and adjacent East Shore Drive safety improvements
 - b. Phalen Project 19b: Traffic calming/safety measures on East Shore Drive
4. Request the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County to submit a set of preliminary plans for park improvements in the areas surrounding Spoon Lake, the northeast corner of Keller Lake, and the northern portion of Phalen Lake to Scott Dentz of MCES for review and comment to ensure that MCES facilities will not be negatively affected by any construction practices.
5. Request the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County parks departments to work cooperatively with applicable street and highway departments on cost sharing for: a)the proposed parkways on that portion of Arcade Street/U.S. Highway 61 which borders the east side of Phalen Park and bisects Keller Park and (b)the proposed tunnel under Highway 36.
6. Request Ramsey County to shift the proposed trail tunnel under Highway 36 further east to eliminate disturbance to nesting bald eagles.
7. Inform Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul that the master plan's proposed use of embankments for a Bruce Vento Regional Trail bridge over Maryland Avenue is not consistent with Ramsey Regional Rail Authority and the Phalen Village plans and appears to be a drafting error because the pedestrian bridge was recommended for deletion by the Master Site Plan Design Advisory Task Force."

Motion carried.

2011-158 - Scope Change and 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: City of Maplewood SP#138-010-018, TH36 and English Street Interchange Construction

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to:

-approve a scope change to SP#138-010-018: TH36 and English Street Interchange to a full diamond interchange at English Street rather than the original split diamond interchange with TH61 and English;

-adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the new scope and cost; and

-change the program year for SP#138-010-012, Keller Lake Water Quality Improvement Project, from 2012 to 2014 so that the two projects can be coordinated."

Motion carried.

2011-159 - 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: MnDOT SP#6286-56, Unbonded Concrete Overlay, Reconstruction of Ramps and Loops and New Acceleration Lanes on I-694 at TH36 Interchange

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#6286-56: unbonded concrete overlay, reconstruction of ramps and loops and new acceleration lanes on I-694 at TH 36 interchange."

Motion carried.

2011-166 - Construction of Storage Tank Additions at F.T. Heywood and Nicollet Garages

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sheehy Construction Company, for the construction of Storage Tank Additions at the F. T. Heywood and Nicollet Garages in Minneapolis at a cost of \$3,311,537."

Motion carried.

2011-160 - Technical Amendment to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to amend legal services agreements to increase the maximum contract prices as follows:

<u>Law Firm</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>New Price</u>
Lockridge, Grindal & Nauen	Legal Services related to Minnesota Public Radio Contract No. 10P042	2/1/10 - 6/30/12	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000

Motion carried.

2011-161 - Request for Waiver of Conflict – Parker Rosen, LLC

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- (1) waive any conflict of interest and consent to Parker Rosen, LLC (Parker Rosen) representing and advising the owners of the St. Paul Athletic Club and the owners of the LA Fitness business located in the Midway Shopping Center in the eminent domain actions initiated on behalf of the Metropolitan Council for its Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project by the State of Minnesota through its Commissioner of Transportation; and,
- (2) authorize the General Counsel to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such waiver."

Motion carried.

2011-162 - Approval for Interagency Agreement with State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology for Computer Room Services

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to extend the current interagency agreement with the State of Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) for computer hosting services for two years, in the amount of \$490,000."

Motion carried.

2011-169 - Approval of Financial Advisors

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contracts, in an aggregate amount to not exceed \$500,000 and for a time period to not exceed five years, for financial advisory services with three firms: Springsted Incorporated, Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG), and Ehlers and Associates."

Motion carried.

2011-170 - Approval of Bond Rating Agencies (Sole Source)

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute any necessary contracts in an aggregate amount to not exceed \$625,000, and for a time period to not exceed five years, for bond rating services with two firms: Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's (S&P). Such services are to be secured as Council sole source services."

Motion carried.

2011-168 - Final Ratification of Flood Emergency Expenditures and Reimbursement of Flood Preparation and Protection Expenditures

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council ratify expenditures made for flood preparation and protection measures and adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Regional Administrator or his designee to sign agreements with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety related to reimbursement of flood-related expenditures."

Motion carried.

2011-165 - Authorization to Amend a Grant Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Melander,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) grant agreement (SG-2010-118) with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) in the amount of \$400,000 for a revised total of \$600,000."

Motion carried.

Report of the Transportation Committee

2011-150 - Authorization to Award Contract for Advertising Agency Services

It was moved by Schreiber and seconded by Chávez,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with Clarity Coverdale Fury to provide advertising agency services for Metro Transit and other Metropolitan Council work units on an as-needed basis over a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$9 million."

Motion carried.

2011-163 - Authorization for Public Hearings on Potential Service and Fare Adjustments

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Rummel,

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Authorize a series of public hearings on potential fare and service adjustments for transit and paratransit services operated and/or funded by the Metropolitan Council; and

- Authorize the Chair to reschedule the public hearings in the event that a final state budget agreement makes different timing more appropriate."

Motion carried.

Report of the Joint Community Development and Environment Committee

2011-156 – City of Vadnais Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

It was moved Commers and seconded by Elkins,

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Vadnais Heights to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the revised forecasts for the City of Vadnais Heights as detailed in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. Participate in the Council's activities to monitor development and redevelopment in Developed communities.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Surface Water Management.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

Approve the City of Vadnais Heights's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

2011-155 – Metropolitan Council Acceptance of the Terms of the Corridors of Opportunity Consortium Agreement

It was moved by Commers and seconded by Munt,

"That the Metropolitan Council accept the terms of the Corridors of Opportunity Consortium Agreement, authorizing the Chair to sign the agreement."

Motion carried.

2011-174 – Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant for 4 parcels for Mississippi River Regional Trail, Dakota County

It was moved Commers and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$56,044 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to partially finance the acquisition of four parcels as described in Attachment 1 for the Mississippi River Regional Trail. The grant should be financed with:

\$33,626 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation

\$22,418 from Metropolitan Council bonds"

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee
Items on Consent

Report of the Management Committee
Items on Consent

Other Business

2011-171 - Livable Communities Advisory Committee Appointments

It was moved Reynoso and seconded by Wulff,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee to terms as noted:

Chair	Mary Hamann-Roland , Mayor, City of Apple Valley (serves at the pleasure of the Council)
The following persons are recommended for appointment or re-appointment to three-year terms in the listed expertise categories, effective July 1, 2011:	
Local government – planning, economic or community development	Janet Jeremiah Community Development Director, City of Eden Prairie (reappointment)
Development finance – private finance	Colleen Cary President, The Cornerstone Group, real estate development & project management (new appointment)

Environment - Integration of Natural and Water Resources in Development	Doug Snyder Executive Director, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (reappointment)
Site Design – Architecture, Land Planning Specialty	Dan Marckel Community Outreach and Communication Coordinator, Envision Minnesota (formerly 1000 Friends of Minnesota) (reappointment)

Motion carried.

2011-182 - Appointment to the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition

It was moved by Melander and seconded by Elkins,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Council Members Sandy Rummel and Lona Schreiber as Council representatives to the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition (MEPC)."

Motion carried.

2011-183 - Appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

It was moved by Wulff and seconded by Rummel,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: CHARLES HAAS—Chair, SEYON NYANWLEH—District A, ROBERT MOELLER —District B, EMILY JOHNSON PIPER—District C, JEFFREY LEE —District D, and CARRIE WASLEY —District G.

Motion carried.

2011-184 - Appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Chávez,

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee: RON BISS—Chair; JOHN LUND—District A; KIM KANG—District B; JOHN SCHATZLEIN—District C; CHAD MCGUIRE—District D; JAMES WILLIAMS—District E; BRUCE LATTU—District F; NICHOLE VILLAVICENCIO—District G; and DARRELL PAULSEN—District H."

Motion carried.

Reports

Chair

Chair Haigh reported on her recent and upcoming meetings and speaking engagements, which include:

- attending the eWorkPlace Results event on 6/21 with Councilmember Doan;
- attending, with Councilmember Commers, a follow up meeting with AEDA/UABA;
- meeting with Hennepin County on SWLRT and the downtown Minneapolis Interchange Project;
- attending the Corridors of Opportunity monthly meeting on June 22;
- continuing discussions with the Governor's office on the Transportation Budget; and
- attending, with Councilmember Cunningham, the Anchoring Equity event on 6/28.

Council Members

Council members reported on various activities and events they recently participated in; some of which include:

- Councilmember Commers reported on a panel discussion he was on at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve; he also attended the opening of Frogtown Square.
- Councilmember Reynoso has now met with all 11 communities in his district, and noted they are all very appreciative of the Council reaching out.
- Councilmember Elkins attended with Arlene McCarthy the Washington DC Fly In event and they met with five congressional staff while there.
- Councilmember Munt toured the city of Mound and learned about their new downtown location; she also met with the City Council of Hopkins, who are very excited about SWLRT.
- Councilmember Chávez attended, as the Council's representative, the monthly MAC meeting.
- Councilmember Rummel attended the monthly Clean Water Council meeting.
- Councilmember Wulff reminded Council Members of the Environmental Services Customer Forum on June 23, which includes a tour of the plant.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Pat Born gave a reminder that the Council Member Workshop will be held next Wednesday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m.

General Counsel

No Report.

Adjournment

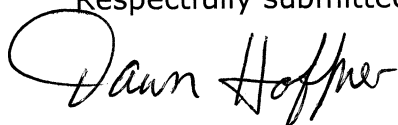
Business completed, a motion was made by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 22, 2011.

Approved this 13th day of July, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dawn Hoffner
Recording Secretary