



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00 P.M.

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Metropolitan Council Meeting

Council Chambers

4:00 P.M.

Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, John Đoàn, 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:

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 Rummel, seconded by Chavez, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 14, 2012. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

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

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Consent List

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt, to approve the consent list.

Motion carried.

2012-87 Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Green Line Extension): Master and Subordinate Funding Agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the following agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project:

- A Master Funding Agreement; and
- A Subordinate Funding Agreement in an amount not-to-exceed \$473,000 for reimbursement of allowable staff costs in 2012."

2012-88 City of Bayport 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20308-2

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Bayport to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts."

2012-89 City of Shoreview 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20417-3

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Shoreview to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts."

2012-90 City of Mahtomedi Request to Change the Grantee, Mahtomedi Redevelopment Initiative, SG011-146

"That the Metropolitan Council change the name of the grantee from the City of Mahtomedi to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account award to the Mahtomedi Redevelopment Initiative, SG011-146."

2012-93 Change in scope of Grant SG2010-079, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize an amendment to Grant SG-2010-079 to allow up to \$212,000 of the grant to be used at Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park to complete trail, parking lot and landscaping improvements; site furniture installation; and a Mill Ruins historic wall stabilization study."

2012-95 Change in scope of Grant SG-2010-083, Ramsey County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize an amendment to Grant SG-2010-083 to allow up to \$100,000 of the grant to be used in conjunction with Grant SG-2011-085 for professional design services for park, road and trail redevelopment at Sucker Lake Road between East and West Vadnais Lakes; and change the expiration date of the grant to June 30, 2014."

2012-96 Reimbursement consideration of City of Bloomington funding for trail redevelopment/development at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Consider reimbursing the City of Bloomington up to \$207,000 from its share of the 2012-13 Metropolitan Regional Parks CIP for city financing of trail construction at the Normandale Park Unit of Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. 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.
2. Allow the City of Bloomington to use any funds in its 2012-13 Metropolitan Regional Parks CIP share beyond the trail reimbursement to finance a portion of reconstruction of parking lots, improve lighting, and make associated storm water management improvements at the West Bush Lake Park unit of Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve."

2012-97 Change in scope of Grant SG-2009-043, Carver County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a third amendment to Grant SG-2009-043 to allow up to \$205,000 of the grant to match \$1,255,876 of federal dollars for costs related to the design, engineering, and construction of 6.9 miles of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and trailhead, any unspent dollars from this grant would be used to match \$1,090,000 of federal funds for the design, engineering, and construction of 1.5 miles of trail at Lake Minnewashta

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Regional Park and a grade separated crossing at Trunk Highway 41; and change the expiration date of the grant to December 31, 2012."

2012-98 Extension of contract with Health Partners medical insurance

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an extension of one year (1/1/13-12/31/13) to the contract for medical insurance with Health Partners."

Report of the Management Committee—Report on Consent List

Report of the Community Development Committee

2012-91 2012 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Commers

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2012 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan."

Motion carried

2012-92 City of Golden Valley, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, General Land Use Plan Map Amendment, Review File No. 20585-2

Council Member Cunningham stated that after some discussion about this issue and the result of new information that has arisen in regards to a resolution. There were several concerns raised in regards to the issue of density and whether this was a substantial departure from the Comprehensive Plan. After much discussion with Council Member Brimeyer and Council Member Elkins, and an understanding that there should be a discussion with the city of Golden Valley, Council Member Cunningham made a determination that this item be moved back to committee.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Kramer

"That the item be referred back to Committee."

Motion carried

2012-94 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Trout Brook Regional Trail, City of St. Paul

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Kramer

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$1,526,723 from the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to the City of St. Paul to finance 75% of the costs to acquire 2.5 acres (Jackson Auto parcel) as depicted in Figure 2 for Trout Brook Regional Trail. The grant should be financed with: \$916,034 from the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation \$610,689 from Metropolitan Council bonds."

Motion carried

Report of the Environment Committee—No reports

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-102 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add Hennepin County The Interchange Project(TAB Action 2012-13)

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt

"That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of The Interchange project in downtown Minneapolis."

Motion carried

Other Business

2012-106 Land Use Advisory Committee Appointment

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Commers

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Kathi Hemken, Mayor of New Hope, to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing District 6."

Motion carried

Reports

Chair: Chair Haigh reported on recent meetings and events:

- Informed Council Members of confirmation hearings next week in the Senate. Council Members will be informed when details are available.
- Met with Senator Gimse as a follow up on last week's hearing.
- Met with the Local Harvest Alliance, a group of small farmers from Scott County.
- Worked with other members of the Urban Initiative Board regarding economic development and attended the monthly meeting.
- Met with Representative Thissen and Representative Hornstein about bills at the legislature.
- Met with representatives from the City of Minneapolis, City of St. Paul, and MAC regarding taxi regulation. Minneapolis, St. Paul, and MAC will continue meeting to develop a work plan before they engage the Metropolitan Council again.
- Attended the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board meeting which included a presentation on economic development and business development on the Central Corridor.
- Attended the Ramsey Station groundbreaking.

Council Members

- Reynoso. Attended the Ramsey Station groundbreaking.
- Melander. Met with Washington County Commissioners, the Mayor of Stillwater, and Senator Franken to discuss transportation issues.
- Brimeyer. Attended the Golden Valley State of the City address. Will be discussing the benefits of regional planning with officials in the Charlotte, NC area.
- Elkins. Addressed the Bloomington Chamber's Economic Development Committee. Will also be presenting at the League of Women Voters in two weeks. Attended a joint meeting of the Bloomington and Richfield city councils regarding transportation around 35W and 494. Attended a Citizens League event in St. Paul for the Minnesota Miracle.
- Munt. Met with several hundred Somali residents of Eden Prairie. Pitched the bonding for SWLRT to about 250 residents of Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Edina, and Bloomington.
- Kramer. Attended the Gateway Corridor public meeting. Attended the St. Paul State of the City address along with CMs Cunningham, Melander, and Commers.
- Smith. Met with Corcoran with Tom Caswell regarding sewer expansion.
- Commers. Land Use Advisory Committee met and will be meeting with the CDC on a quarterly basis.

- Rummell. At the last Clean Water Council meeting, one of the staff from ES presented on the innovations in cleaning and reusing water.
- Chavez. MAC held a meeting in South Minneapolis to discuss noise issues with citizens.

Regional Administrator

Council application materials for the confirmation hearing have been distributed to the CMs folders.

General Counsel

Class action lawsuit involving African American bus operators has been settled. The court approved the settlement agreement authorized by the Metropolitan Council.

Executive Session

Chair Haigh announced that the next item on the agenda would be discussed in an executive session. The item is to address a report of an investigator who was hired by the Council to investigate allegations made against Council employees. Chair Haigh asked to close the meeting.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Elkins

“That the meeting be closed to the public for the executive session.”

Motion carried

The meeting was closed to the public at 4:33PM.

Following discussion in the closed portion of the meeting, a motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Đoàn

“That the Metropolitan Council be open to the public to continue with the regular business agenda.”

Motion carried

The meeting was reopened to the public at 5:23PM.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:23PM.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 28, 2012.

Approved this 11 day of April, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Randleman
Recording Secretary