



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, Steven Chávez, Jennifer Munt, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Steve Elkins, James Brimeyer, Gary Cunningham, Adam Duininck, Harry Melander, Rich Kramer, Jon Commers, Wendy Wulff
Members absent: John Đoàn, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00PM. It was moved by Munt, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Duininck to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 13, 2012.

Motion carried.

Public Invitation

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

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Joint Report of the Community Development and Management Committees

2012-156 2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Chávez

"That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the table below:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Revised</u>
HRA Operating Revenue	\$ 6,553,631	\$ 6,507,512
HRA Operating Expense	\$ 6,238,890	\$ 6,238,890
Projected Surplus/Deficit	\$ 314,741	\$ 268,622
HRA Pass Through Revenue	\$ 50,569,490	\$53,790,000
HRA Pass Through Expense	\$ 50,569,490	\$53,790,000
CD Division (non HRA) Operating Revenue	\$ 4,492,985	\$4,567,985

CD Division (non HRA) Operating Expense	\$ 4,492,985	\$4,567,985
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Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13—Smith, Chávez, Haigh, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Wulff
Nay: 0
Absent: 4—Reynoso, Đoàn, Rummel, Schreiber

2012-183 2012 Unified Capital Budget Amendment

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Chávez

“That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Capital Program as indicated and in accordance with the attached business item and table.”

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13—Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh, Smith, Duininck, Wulff
Nay: 0
Absent: 4—Reynoso, Đoàn, Rummel, Schreiber,

Consent List

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Melander to approve the consent list.

Motion carried.

CM Commers stated he would be abstaining from voting on 2012-199 due to a conflict of interest. 2012-199 was voted on separately from the rest of the consent list.

2012-158 Cedar Avenue Transitway Stage 1 Memorandum of Understanding

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) regarding the development and implementation of Cedar Avenue Transitway Stage 1.”

2012-159 Designate DCRRA as the Cedar Avenue Transitway Stage 1 Lead Agency

“That the Metropolitan Council designate the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) as the lead agency responsible for the development and implementation of Cedar Avenue Transitway Stage 1.”

2012-175 Contract 11P228 Phone System Upgrade and Maintenance

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Integra Telecom, Inc. in the amount of \$1,193,560 to provide Software Upgrade and Maintenance Services for the Council’s Phone System for a contract period of five years.”

2012-180 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Additional Change Order Authority for the Civil East Construction Contract

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize an additional 1% (\$2,051,112) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$15,555,561 to a revised change order authority of \$17,606,673 for the Central Corridor (Green Line) Civil East (CE) Contract.”

2012-181 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Additional Change Order Authority for the Civil West Construction Contract

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize an additional 2.5% (\$2,845,100) above the standard 5% (\$5,690,200) construction contract change order authority to a revised change order authority of \$8,535,300 for the Central Corridor (Green Line) Civil West (CW) Contract."

2012-182 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Project Management Software

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional/technical services contract with e-Builder for Project Management Software for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project in an amount not to exceed \$681,000."

2012-185 Transportation Planning and Programming Guide

"That the Metropolitan Council approves the *Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area*."

2012-187 Authorization to Amend Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement with Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA)

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend an existing sub-recipient agreement with Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) to increase the Council's contribution to the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study by \$60,000 to a total not to exceed \$260,000."

2012-189 Authorization to Acquire Fee Title Ownership and Permanent/Temporary Easements and File Condemnation Petitions, 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Force Main, MCES Project 805700, Resolution #2012-12

"That the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution #2012-12 that authorizes acquisition of fee title ownership and permanent/temporary easements necessary for the 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Force Main Project 805700; and authorizes Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels staff cannot acquire by negotiation."

2012-190 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for MWWTP Medium Voltage Cable Replacement – Phase 3; MCES Project No. 805928; Contract No. 12P046

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a Construction Contract for MWWTP Medium Voltage Cable Replacement – Phase 3; MCES Project No. 805928; Contract No. 12P046, with Premier Electrical Corporation in the amount of \$1,516,702."

2012-191 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for the Victoria Interceptor 7019-B Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 802815, Contract No. 12P019

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Victoria Interceptor 7019-B Rehabilitation, MCES Project 802815, Contract 12P019, with Lametti and Sons, Inc., for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$3,251,200."

2012-196 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, Anoka County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$268,072 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Anoka County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 85 acre Preiner parcel as depicted in Figure 1 for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$110,547 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$50,296 from the 2011 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$107,229 from Metropolitan Council bonds."

2012-197 Change Scope of Grant SG-2011-123, Scott County

"That the Metropolitan Council approve a change to the scope of grant SG-2011-123 to Scott County so that the \$291,000 grant can be used for work related to phase 1 development of Spring Lake Regional Park (removal of Co. Rd. 81 from the park, construct 3 miles of trail, a parking lot, restroom building and an off-lease dog park, plus natural resource restoration)."

2012-198 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Big Marine Park Reserve, Washington County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$329,550 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 2.65 acre Knauff parcel as depicted in Figure 1 for Big Marine Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$197,730 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$131,820 from Metropolitan Council bonds."

2012-199 Master Plan Amendment of Boundary for Above the Falls Regional Park and Approval of FY2012 and FY2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Financed Grants, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Chávez

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan Amendment regarding the Scherer Lumber Company Site (Referral No. 50024-1).
2. Approve the following grants from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's share of FY2012 and FY2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations to finance the acquisition costs of Parcels B and C as depicted in Figure 2."

Parks & Trails Legacy Fund	Grant
FY2013	\$1,469,000
FY2012	\$1,429,970

Commerz abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried.

2012-200 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Blakely Bluffs Park Reserve, Scott County

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$448,370 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 84 acre Wells Fargo parcels as depicted in Figure 1 for Blakely Bluffs Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$269,022 from the FY2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation
\$179,348 from Metropolitan Council bonds."

2012-201 Amend Four Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grants to Anoka County

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize amendments to the following grant agreements with Anoka County:

1. Reduce grant SG-2011-100, Mississippi West Regional Park boat launch from \$400,000 to \$382,000.
2. Expand the scope of grant SG-2011-101, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve day camp redevelopment to include funding for roadway improvements, and storm water drainage restoration and improvements because the grant is large enough to finance this additional work.
3. Reduce grant SG-2011-104, Volunteer Resources Development Coordinator from \$80,000 to \$65,000.
4. Increase grant SG-2011-103, Conservation Corp of Minnesota from \$108,000 to \$141,000 with the reductions from grants SG-2011-100 and SG-2011-104.”

2012-202 The Approval of HUD Sub-Recipient Grant Agreements – Sustainable Communities Local Implementation Capacity Planning Grant

“That the Metropolitan Council approve sub-recipient grant agreements in the amount of \$953,000 with nine entities that were awarded Local Implementation Capacity (LIC) grants by the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board. The grants were awarded for projects along transitway corridors that promote the principles of transit oriented development (TOD). The entities are:

Project for Pride in Living	Hamline Station*	\$200,000
Aurora St. Anthony CDC	Old Home Redevelopment	\$100,000
The Cornerstone Group	Prospect Park Station*	\$300,000
L & H	L & H Station	\$114,750
LISC (Local Initiative Support Corp)	Corridor Development Initiative +	\$70,000
Aeon/YMCA	YMCA Site Selection	\$50,000
City of Minneapolis	E. Downtown Parking Lot Study	\$43,250
Hennepin County	SW Corridor Housing Inventory	\$25,000
City of Hopkins	8 th Avenue Corridor*	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$953,000

*also received LCA TOD funds”

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

2012-195 LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grant Recommendations

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Smith

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

Projects recommended for May 2012 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Hopkins – Lutheran Digest	\$26,200
Minneapolis – Fountain Residential	\$24,000
Newport – Knauff Salvage Yard	\$50,000
Contamination Cleanup	
Brooklyn Center EDA – Lifetime	\$525,000

Crystal EDA – Cavanagh School	\$200,000
Minneapolis – 1101 University	\$173,400
Minneapolis – 1515 Central	\$285,900
Minneapolis – Brunsonfield Place	\$38,400
Minneapolis – Dwell at Calhoun	\$226,500
Minneapolis – Pillsbury Lofts (A Mill Artist Lofts)	\$439,300
Saint Paul – Starkey Building	\$171,800
Saint Paul – Midway Corner	\$210,400
Scott County CDA (Elko New Market) – Senior Housing II	\$4,100
TOTAL	\$2,375,000

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee—Reports on the Consent List

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-179 Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Memoranda of Understanding with Canadian Pacific and BNSF Railways

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) and BNSF Railway Co. for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project.”

Motion carried.

2012-186 Northstar Commuter Rail Fare and Tokens: Temporary Fare Change

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Kramer

“That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a Temporary Fare Change for Northstar Commuter Rail as set forth in the tables below, effective for the period of August 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Current Fare Structure

Northstar Fares	Weekday (Rush Hour)	Weekend (Non-Rush Hours)	
One-way fares to/from downtown Minneapolis	All customers except persons with disabilities	Adults	Seniors (65+), Youth (6-12) and Medicare card holders. <i>Valid at all times for persons with disabilities.</i>
Big Lake	\$7.00	\$5.25	\$1.75
Elk River	\$5.50	\$4.00	\$1.25
Anoka	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Coon Rapids-Riverdale	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Fridley	\$3.25	\$2.50	\$0.75
Station-to-Station	\$3.25	\$2.50	\$0.75

Proposed Temporary Fare Change: August 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013

Northstar Fares	Weekday (Rush Hour)	Weekend (Non-Rush Hours)	
One-way fares to/from downtown Minneapolis	All customers except persons with disabilities	Adults	Seniors (65+), Youth (6-12) and Medicare card holders. <i>Valid at all times for persons with disabilities.</i>
Big Lake	\$6.00	\$5.25	\$1.75
Elk River	\$4.50	\$4.00	\$1.25
Ramsey	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$1.00
Anoka	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Coon Rapids-Riverdale	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Fridley	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$0.75
Station-to-Station	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$0.75

The \$1.00 value of a bus issued transfer towards Northstar fares will not apply during this temporary fare change period.

2. Approve a Temporary Fare Change for Tokens where a single token will be valid for both local peak and off-peak fares for up to a value of \$2.25 with the token price set at \$1.75, effective for the period of August 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013*

*The timing of the Temporary Fare Change for Tokens was clarified at the Transportation Committee to be effective for the period of August 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013."

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee—Reports on the Consent List

Other Business

Presentation of 2013 Preliminary Budget and Levies

Mary Bogie gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2013 Preliminary Budget and Levies. This was an informational presentation to provide the Council with a preliminary look at the 2013 budget proposal and levies. Most of the information was related to property taxes. The Council Priorities and Initiatives include Thrive MSP 2040, Corridors of Opportunity, Housing Policy Plan, Transportation Funding Plan, Integrated Operations, and Workforce Planning. The Operating Budget Highlights are Operating Reserves Targets, Transit Oriented Development Grant Program, Regional Fare Policy, No Fare Increase, Start up of Green and Red Lines, Energy Savings, and Compensation structure. The Committees will also be discussing this at their meetings.

Reports

Chair: Participated in the Transportation Finance Advisory Committee (TFAC) meeting. Participated in the CTIB Program of Projects workshop, along with several Council members. Met with individuals from MSP to discuss the role the Council could play in economic development.

Participated in a forum held by Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI), focusing on the environmental impacts of transit-oriented development.

Led the Met Council's Regional Forecast briefing for the Governor's office and Commissioners. Participated in the Itasca Project full group meeting. They are authoring and spearheading the return on investment study for the regional transit way system.

Council Members

Elkins—Participated in the civic caucus on the 15th. Attended the CTIB Program of Projects workshop. Attended the Urban Land Institute's Committee on Transportation and Land Use Systems where they discussed fiscal zoning and the Reality Check program. Attended the Bloomington City Council meeting and the Richfield City Council meeting.

Commers—There have been four public meetings regarding the Central Corridor concept plan for reconfiguring some of the bus service in anticipation of the Green Line. Attended two of the four public meetings which have been held in St. Paul and Minneapolis along Central Corridor. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Munt—Attended a very lively SWLRT Community Advisory Committee meeting where the Committee discussed freight location in anticipation of the draft environmental impact statement that is coming out for public hearing in August. They also brainstormed all of the various issues they want to vote on for prioritization.

Smith—Participated in a forum on equity at an Alliance for Metro Stability meeting along with CM Cunningham and CM Chávez.

Chávez—Represented the Met Council at the monthly MAC meeting.

Regional Administrator—No report.

General Counsel—No report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:10PM.

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 27, 2012.

Approved this 11 day of July, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Randleman
Recording Secretary