

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Committee Members Present: Roger Scherer, Chair; Lynette Wittsack, Vice Chair; Sherry Broecker; Kris Sanda. Craig Peterson, new appointee to the Metropolitan Council, District 4, also attended the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Roger Scherer called the regular meeting of the Council's Management Committee to order at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Sherry Broecker, seconded by Kris Sanda to approve the agenda. *The motion carried.*

It was moved by Kris Sanda, seconded by Sherry Broecker to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2007 regular meeting of the Management Committee. *The motion carried.*

BUSINESS

2008-14 Amendment to Legal Services' Agreement

Nils Grossman, General Counsel, presented this item to the Management Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of the contracts and justification for the proposed increases. It was moved by Sherry Broecker and seconded by Kris Sanda that the Metropolitan Council authorize 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>
Fredrikson & Byron	Legal Services related to MOAC v. Metropolitan Airports Commission Contract No. 07PO75	12/31/08	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Parker Rosen	Legal Services related to Transit Employment RA and Planning, Employment And Human Resources Contract No. 06P153A	12/31/09	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$375,000
Bassford Remele	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 06P152A	12/31/09	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$375,000
Dorsey & Whitney	Legal Services related to Northstar, Central Corridor, Claims and other Public Law Matters Contract No. 00P0140	12/31/08	\$425,000	\$125,000	\$550,000

The motion carried.

2008-17 Recommendation to Contract with US Bank / Nova for Credit Card Processing Services for up to Four Years

Allen Hoppe, Treasury Manager, presented this item to the Management Committee. Allen reported that US Bank / Nova is a well qualified credit card processing vendor and a contract with them would result in an approximate \$250,000 savings for the Metropolitan Council over four years. It was moved by Lynette Wittsack and seconded by Sherry Broecker that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with US Bank / Nova at their proposed level of fixed unit rates for card-based processing services for four years starting in April 2008. *The motion carried.*

2008-18 Amend Electronic Content Management System (ECMS) Contract

Beth Widstrom-Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Management Committee. Questions pertaining to the testing and implementation phases of the accounts payable pilot and direct deposits for employees and Council Members were addressed by Mary Bogie, Controller, and Auburn Dees, Document Management Analyst. It was moved by Sherry Broecker and seconded by Lynette Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

1. To amend the current Electronic Content Management System (ECMS) contract with Mid-America Business Systems to increase the maximum contract price by \$103,840, to \$306,644.
2. To execute a second sole source agreement for \$75,000 with Mid-America Business Systems for ECMS software licenses and consulting services for the Central Corridor Project Office.

The motion carried.

2008-22SW 2008 PFA Transit Loan Agreement and Note

Resolution 2008-01 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Loan Agreement with the Public Facilities Authority and Issuance of a General Obligation Transit Note, Series 2008A

Allen Hoppe, Treasury Manager, presented this Same Week item to the Management Committee. After discussion, it was moved by Kris Sanda and seconded by Lynette Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve Resolution No. 2008-01 authorizing the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and the issuance of a General Obligation Transit Note, Series 2008A, substantially in the form of the documents attached thereto and in accordance with the final interest rate after the bonds are issued by the Public Facilities Authority. *The motion carried.*

INFORMATION

Draft of 2008 Management Committee Work Plan

Beth Widstrom-Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a draft of the 2008 Management Committee Work Plan for review and discussion. Committee members provided input and a revised draft will be provided at the next Management Committee Meeting.

In addition, Lynette Wittsack questioned the possibility of having a future discussion regarding the impact of the aging population on the Metropolitan Council's business as it relates to the Council's strategic direction. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Hazel Reinhardt, a consultant specializing in demographic analysis, to address Council Members at either a Committee of the Whole or a Council meeting.

Status of Council Member Laptop Analysis

In response to Mary Hill Smith's November 14, 2007 request to evaluate the use of laptops by Council members to reduce time, expenses and paper usage, Dave Hinrichs, Chief Information Officer, reported that he is currently working with Bob Dietrick to gather pertinent information from local governments. Dave is also developing a survey to assess the needs of Council members. Information will be compiled and shared with Committee Members at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy M. Aldrich
Recording Secretary