

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Committee Members Present: James Brimeyer, Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Vice Chair; Richard Kramer; Gary Van Eyll, Harry Melander, Gary Cunningham and Adam Duininck

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brimeyer called the meeting of the Council's Management Committee to order at 2:35 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by S. Chávez, seconded by G. Van Eyll, to approve the agenda.

***Motion carried.***

It was moved by S. Chávez, seconded by G. Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 regular meeting of the Management Committee.

***Motion carried.***

**BUSINESS**

**2011-258 2011 Unified Operating Budget Amendment**

Paul Conery, Director Budget and Operations, presented Business Item 2011-258 regarding the 2011 Unified Operating Budget Amendment.

Chair Brimeyer discussed the transit budget and expectations going forward. Wes added that gas prices continue to be volatile and ridership is up. The Committee believes that Transportation should review costs and revenues for the future five or six years.

It was moved by R. Kramer, seconded by S. Chávez:

"That the Metropolitan Council amends the 2011 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with attached tables."

**2011-286 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment**

Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst, presented business item 2011-286 regarding the 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment.

It was moved by S. Chávez, seconded by G. Van Eyll:

"That the Metropolitan Council:

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

Metropolitan Transportation Services	\$ 13,764,800
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- Approve the changes to capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1"

### **2011-288 Request for Waiver of Conflict – Parker Rosen, LLC.**

Don Muetting, General Counsel, presented business item 2011-288 regarding the Request for Waiver of Conflict – Parker Rosen, LLC.

It was moved by S. Chávez, seconded by R. Kramer:

“That the Metropolitan Council:

- (1) waive any conflict of interest and consent to Parker Rosen, LLC (Parker Rosen) representing and advising the property owner of Prospect Park Properties, LLC, 2929 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, in a condemnation action by the State of Minnesota through its Commissioner of Transportation for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project; and,
- (2) authorize the General Counsel to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such waiver.

Chair Brimeyer noted he believed fewer waivers for the Council for the future will put the Council in a better position.

### **2011-287 Authorization to Enter into a Labor Agreement with the United Association of Pipefitters, Local Union No. 455**

Sandi Blaeser, Assistant Director Employee Relations, presented a same week business item 2011-287 regarding the Authorization to Enter into a Labor Agreement with the United Association of Pipefitters, Local Union No. 455.

It was moved by S. Chávez, seconded by G. Van Eyll:

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the United Association of Pipefitters, Local Union No. 455, effective for the period May 1, 2011, through April 30, 2013.”

*Note: Due to a conflict of interest, Council Member Melander refrained from voting on this business item.*

## **INFORMATION**

### **2012 Council Preliminary Levies**

Paul Conery, Director Budget and Operation, gave an overview of the 2012 Council Preliminary Levies. Mr. Conery noted that this topic will come before the Council on December 14, 2011 for a final vote.

Mr. Conery presentation highlighted:

- Achieving maximum flexibility out of the General Purposes Fund
- Reductions and movements within the levies

### **Proposed LCA Transit Improvement Area TOD Fund**

Guy Peterson, Director, Community Development, reviewed the proposed LCA transit Improvement Area TOD Fund.

Mr. Peterson reviewed the following points:

- Proposal is a special fund for predevelopment grants

- Targeted geography (mainly transit improvement areas)
- Maps of the targeted geography
- Guiding dates

Several items were noted with much discussion from the Council Members. As a new program intended as a transit improvement program, some counties may not be eligible, however other programs currently in place are available to those areas.

It was also noted that the grants are not guaranteed to any community. Each area interested in the grant money will need to qualify based on criteria to be determined at a later date.

Chair Brimeyer noted his understanding for the need to develop these transit improvement areas and that as a new program there will be concerns. However, he stated that there is a stronger need to create opportunity for the region and surrounding areas.

*Action Item: Mr. Peterson will provide updated maps of the 11 county area to the Council Members.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbin Schmitt  
Recording Secretary