



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Council Chambers

4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Members present:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Tony Pistilli, Brian Lundquist, Russ Susag, Peggy Leppik, Annette Meeks, Lynette Wittsack, Kris Sanda, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Daniel Wolter

Members absent: Mary Hill Smith, Natalie Steffen, Brian McDaniel

Call to Order

Administer Oath of Office – Metropolitan Council Members

Chair Bell welcomed the newest Council Members Brian Lundquist, District 4; Sherry Broecker, District 12; and Kirstin Sersland Beach, District 14, and administered the oath of office to Council Members, who were appointed by Governor Pawlenty, effective June 25, 2007. The terms run through January 3, 2011. The Council members sworn in today include:

District 1	Roger Scherer	District 2	Tony Pistilli
District 4	Brian Lundquist	District 5	Russ Susag
District 6	Peggy Leppik	District 7	Annette Meeks
District 8	Lynette Wittsack	District 11	Georgeanne Hilker
District 10	Kris Sanda	District 13	Rick Aguilar
District 12	Sherry Broecker	District 15	Daniel Wolter
District 14	Kirstin Sersland Beach		

Council Members M Smith, Steffen and McDaniel were absent and will be sworn in at a later date.

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 Wolter, seconded by Susag, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Leppik, seconded by Wittsack, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 13, 2007. 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

2007-64 - Central Corridor Disadvantages Business Enterprise (DBE) Strategic Plan

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approves the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Strategic Plan."

Motion carried.

2007-120 - Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program – 2006 Status Report

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council accept the 2006 Status Report to forward to the Minnesota Legislature, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other State agencies."

Motion carried.

2007-146 - Authorization to Purchase 347 Hospital Beds

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Determine that the inaccurate statement described below is a non-material deviation in Hill-Rom Company's bid and accept the bid, and
2. Authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase 347 hospital beds from Hill-Rom Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,583,415 and to transfer title to the 347 hospital beds to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with the Exchange Agreement between the Council and the Department of Veterans Affairs."

Motion carried.

2007-186 - Distributing State Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations for Metropolitan Regional Parks System Operations and Maintenance Fund

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council distribute \$8,620,000 of State Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations to regional park implementing agencies for operating and maintaining the Regional Park System using the results of the formula contained in MS 473.351 and illustrated in Tables 1-A to 1-C."

Motion carried.

2007-192 - City of Waconia Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Interlake, Review File 16946-14

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. the City of Waconia can put the proposed Legacy Village CPA into effect;
2. the City is advised that it needs to prepare and submit the water supply plan by Oct. 2007."

Motion carried.

2007-198 - Request for Reimbursement Consideration of Dakota County Share of Funding for Lebanon Hills Regional Park Surface Water Management Capital Costs

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the request to consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$942,917 for storm water management capital costs of project 905R at Lebanon Hills Regional Park in a future regional parks capital improvement program. This approval is contingent on successful execution and implementation of a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and the cities of Apple Valley, Eagan and Rosemount for project 905R as described in Attachment F. 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."

Motion carried.

[2007-201 - City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Woodfield, Review File 16483-11](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. allow the City to put the proposed comprehensive plan amendment into effect with no modifications;
2. advises the City that it is encouraged to participate in the Council's plat monitoring program and to submit annual reports to the Council as outlined on the Council's website:
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/resources.htm#plat> .

Motion carried.

[2007-207 - Evaluating Land Acquisition Opportunity Fund Distribution Rules](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council extend the timeline for the rules used to distribute grants from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund beyond June 30, 2007 until such time as any changes to the rules are adopted by the Metropolitan Council. With regard to the amount an agency can receive from the fund and the time period that rule applies, the fifth rule is changed as follows:

No more than \$1 million may be granted from the Fund to a regional park agency from July 1, 2007 to whenever any change in the amount and the timeline of the revised rules are adopted by the Metropolitan Council."

Motion carried.

[2007-211 - Authorization to Purchase Digital Recording Systems](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase 240 digital video recording systems from Verint Video Solutions at a total cost of \$1,173,360."

Motion carried.

[2007-212 - City of Maplewood Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, Review File 18153-3](#)

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council

1. allow the City of Maplewood to put the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect with no required modifications.

2. The City of Maplewood's future planning and *2008 Comprehensive Plan update* should reflect revisions of metropolitan systems statement forecasts contained in the Development Framework and Water Resources Management sections of this report as the most current forecasts for the City."

Motion carried.

[2007-213](#) - Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an On-Call Engineering Services Contract for Hiawatha Light Rail Transit

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an on-call engineering services contract with LTK Engineering Services to support Hiawatha Light Rail Transit for a three-year term."

Motion carried.

[2007-215](#) - Authorization to Make College Pass Program Permanent

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the Go-To College Pass as a permanent program and authorize the Regional Administrator to continue to enter into formal agreements with colleges/universities for the sale of these semester transit passes."

Motion carried.

[2007-217](#) - Ratification of Declaration of Emergency to Extend Contracts with Senior Community Services

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for amendments to contract numbers C- 97-67 and SG-02-053 between the Metropolitan Council and Senior Community Services."

Motion carried.

[2007-218](#) - City of Columbus Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Sewer Service Staging Change, Review File 19078-5

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. allow the City of Columbus to put the Sewer Service Staging Change Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect with no required modifications;
2. advise the City of Columbus' that future planning and 2008 comprehensive plan updates should reflect revisions of metropolitan systems statement forecasts contained in the Development Framework and Water Resources Management sections of this report as the most current forecasts for the City."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

[2007-07](#) - City of Oak Grove Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Swan Lake Preserve, Review File 17096-23, [Resolution 2007-15](#)

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Pistilli

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Find that the City's proposed Swan Lake Preserve CPA substantially departs from the Council's *2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan* (pg. 65, 66) because the proposed amendment allows development at densities (one dwelling unit per 2.5 acres) that exceed Council policy (one unit per 10 acres) for diversified rural areas;
2. Notify the City of Oak Grove that it may not put the proposed Swan Lake Preserve CPA, regarding 172 acres from Agriculture (1/10) to Single-Family Residential (1/2.5), into effect because it is inconsistent with the *2030 Regional Development Framework* policies for a *Diversified Rural* community, inconsistent with the Council forecasts for the City, and does not conform with the *2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan*;
3. Find that this proposed CPA and the cumulative effect of previous CPAs may have a substantial impact on regional systems, and ultimately affect how metropolitan wastewater and other regional systems are planned, constructed and operated;
4. Adopt Metropolitan Council Resolution No. 2007-15 requiring the City to modify its CPA to ensure the proposed amendment conforms with the metropolitan system plans. The City should:
 - Modify the proposed CPA to ensure development occurs at densities of one unit per 10 acres, or cluster development at the same density.
 - Work with the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division to plan for potential future wastewater treatment."

Motion carried.

2007-169 - City of East Bethel Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File 19744-2

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Pistilli

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. adopt the attached review record;
2. allow the City of East Bethel (City) to put the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update (Plan) into effect with no required plan modifications;.
3. approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan;
4. require the City to submit to the Council:
 - a) a copy of the City Council resolution adopting the final Plan and two copies of the final Plan,
 - b) an existing and planned land use table, shown in acres and 5 year increments;
5. request that the City coordinate with the Council, MnDOT, and Anoka County in the development of plans for Highway 65 including park and ride sites;
6. request the City to include with the final Plan the following:
 - a) information on transit service as provided by the Anoka County Traveler,
 - b) classify 229th Ave. NW to 229th Ave NE as a B minor arterial,
 - c) label regional trails in Figure VI-16
7. encourage the City to:
 - a) develop an implementation plan to carry out the goals, policies, standards, and projects in their Surface Water Management Plan;
 - b) follow through with the groundwater modeling plans
8. require the City to provide annual Metropolitan Urban Service Area reports to the Metropolitan Council upon development of regional wastewater services to the community."

Motion carried.

2007-185 - TBRA Funding Recommendations

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Leppik

"That the Metropolitan Council award \$3,330,000 for 13 Livable Communities Act (LCA) Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants to remediate contamination and prepare sites for redevelopment in the cities of Chaska, Lakeville (Dakota County CDA), Hopkins, Minneapolis, Plymouth and Saint Paul."

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

There was no report this week.

Report of the Transportation Committee

All items are on the Consent List

Report of the Environment Committee

There was no report this week.

Other Business

Regional Benchmarks Annual Update

Todd Graham, Community Development Research Manager, presented the annual summary of the Framework Benchmarks.

Issuance of RFP for Northstar Commuter Coach Procurement

Mark Fuhrman, Northstar Commuter Rail Project Director, presented a schedule for the upcoming solicitation package for procurement of the Northstar multi-level passenger coaches.

Northstar Commuter Rail Update

Mark Fuhrman, Northstar Commuter Rail Project Director, presented the project schedule history and the construction package schedule. There are no production funds available until the full funding grant agreement is executed. Time line for that is expected between September and November 2007.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell reported

- Council member committee assignments will be on the July 11 agenda;
- the Council, Citizens League, Humphrey Institute and McKnight Foundation hosted a successful Regional Policy Conference highlighting the Met Council's 40th anniversary, and discussing important regional policy issues;
- he, Regional Administrator Weaver, and District 11 Council member Hilker met with Anoka County Commissioners as part of their annual visit to metro area counties;
- he and Regional Administrator Weaver met with FTA Regional Administrator Marisol Simon during her recent tour of the Northstar and Central Corridors.

Council Members

There were no reports.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Weaver reported the Minnetonka Area Dial-A-Ride procurement is still in process and, according to the RFP Instructions Section 11, "Proposers may be disqualified if any unsolicited contact related to the RFP is made with an employee or representative of the Council during the proposal process except as provided in these instructions". Direct any inquiries to the RFP Administrator for this contract, Chris Gran at 612-349-5060.

General Counsel

There was no report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 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 27, 2007.

Approved this 11th day of July 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Curtiss
Recording Secretary