



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Peter Bell, Chair; Roger Scherer, Tony Pistilli, Bob McFarlin, Craig Peterson, Polly Bowles, Peggy Leppik, Annette Meeks, Lynette Wittsack, Natalie Steffen, Georgeanne Hilker, Sherry Broecker, Rick Aguilar, Kirstin Sersland Beach, Daniel Wolter

Members absent:

Kris Sanda, District 16 vacant

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:08 p.m. It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Hilker, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Meeks, seconded by Wittsack, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 25, 2009. 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

2009-65 - Denmark Township Comprehensive Plan Update

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and review Record, and the following action recommended by the Community Development Committee: authorize Denmark Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect."

Motion carried.

2009-72 - City of Columbia Heights Request to Amend Grand Central Lofts LCDA Project Grand SG006-166

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the Community Development Committee recommendation to authorize staff to amend the project description shown as Attachment A of Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Grant #SG006-166 to reduce the size of the parking ramp to be partially funded with the LCDA grant from 230 stalls to 180 stalls, reduce the size of the commercial space from 47,690 square feet to 35,000 square feet, and to reduce the

amount of the grant from \$974,369 to \$760,008, an amount comparable to the reduction in the size of the parking ramp.”

Motion carried.

2009-77 - Amendment to Contract 01P002 with Lorenz Bus Service

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract number 01P002, with Lorenz Bus Service, to increase the maximum contract amount by \$360,000 to a new total contact amount not to exceed \$14,693,531.”

Motion carried.

2009-85 - 2009-2012 TIP Amendment and Project Scope Change: MnDOT, Includes SP#70-00118, Installation of Railroad Crossing Gates at Park Boulevard in St. Lawrence Twp, TAB Action 2009-09

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

“That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include SP#70-00118, installation of railroad crossing gates at Park Boulevard in St. Lawrence Township.”

Motion carried.

2009-86 - Guidelines for Additional Extensions to Local Governments to Complete Local Comprehensive Plan Updates

It was moved by Wolter and seconded by Meeks

“That the Metropolitan Council adopt the following guidelines for local units of government that request an additional extension to the deadline for submitting comprehensive plan updates:

Staff is authorized to administratively grant additional extensions up to May 29, 2009 for submittal of the 2008 comprehensive plan update and to further amend a planning grant agreement as needed, if a community: (a) submitted an initial extension request and required materials by November 1, 2008; and (b) was granted an administrative extension.”

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Community Development and Environment Committee

2009-09 - City of Farmington 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20385-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Wolter

“That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee

1. authorize the City of Farmington to put it’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect
2. advise the City:
 - a. that the Council will use the 2010 population forecasts as stated in the Review Record;

- b. to continue to participate in the Plat Monitoring Program;
- c. to submit to the Council when specific dates are cited for lands to be removed from the Agricultural Preserves Program;
- d. that upon future annexations, the City must submit comprehensive plan amendments to the Council for review; and,
- e. to submit a copy of the 2006 water supply plan with the final, adopted Update.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

- Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan."

Council Member Bowles offered a friendly amendment to clarify the language of the original motion.

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Pistilli to accept the substitute motion

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee

1. authorize the City of Farmington to put it's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect
2. advise the City:
 - a. that the Council will use the 2010 population forecasts as stated in the Review Record;
 - b. to continue to participate in the Plat Monitoring Program;
 - c. to submit to the Council when specific dates are cited for lands to be removed from the Agricultural Preserves Program;
 - d. that upon future annexations, the City must submit comprehensive plan amendments to the Council for review; and,
 - e. to submit a copy of the 2006 water supply plan with the final, adopted Update.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan."

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee

All items were on the Consent List and the Joint Report.

Report of the Environment Committee

The only item was on the Joint Committee Report.

Report of the Community Development Committee

The items are on the Consent List and the Joint Committee report.

Report of the Transportation Committee

2009-18 SW - Installation of Traffic Signal Priority, Project 63740

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Steffen

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Company, for the installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) at a cost of \$3,089,095."

Motion carried.

2009-23 SW - Installation of Real Time Display Bus Information on Marquette and Second Avenues in Minneapolis, Project 63740

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Broecker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Egan Company for the installation of Real Time Displays (RTD) at a cost of \$3,110,000, and to waive the immaterial variance in Egan Company's bid and deem Egan Company the lowest responsive and responsible bidder."

Motion carried.

2009-61 - Authorization to Exercise Options to Purchase Bus Digital Recording Systems

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise options to retrofit 178 buses with digital video recording systems from Verint Video Solutions at a total cost of \$870,242."

Motion carried.

2009-66 - Authorization to Award Contract for Minneapolis and St. Paul Northern Suburban Transit Service

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Broecker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Lorenz Bus Inc. to provide Minneapolis and St. Paul Northern Suburbs Transit Service from May 30, 2009 to May 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$ 16,887,727."

Motion carried.

2009-78 - Amendment to Contract 04P002 with Laidlaw Transit Services

It was moved by Meeks and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract number 04P002, with Laidlaw Transit Services, to increase the contract amount by \$1,479,934 to a new total contact amount not to exceed \$5,260,690."

Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

There was no report.

Other Business

2009-83 - Appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Hilker

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: CHUCK HAAS—Chair; GARY BOTZEK—District E; DANIEL SHLAFERMAN—District F; and BARBARA SCHMIDT—District H."

Motion carried.

Water Supply Plan Update

Keith Buttleman and Chris Elvrum, Environmental Services Quality and Assurance Department, presented an update on the Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan. The document is the culmination of efforts initiated in 2005 in response to the Minnesota Legislature's mandate (Minnesota Statute 473.1565) to develop a plan to guide sustainable water use in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The Master Water Supply Plan report describes the Master Plan process, development and implementation. The Advisory Committee will complete their Plan review on March 26 and forward it to the DNR and Metropolitan Council for final approval in early spring. Regular Water Supply Plan progress reports are due to the Legislature every five years.

Chair Bell acknowledged Council Member Leppik, Advisory Committee vice chair, ES staff Keith Buttleman, Chris Elvrum and Sarah Bertelsen for their dedication and good work on this initiative.

Budget Forecast Update

West Kooistra, Chief Financial Officer, summarized the February '09 Forecast numbers and their impact on the Council budget. Final operating budget figures will be presented following the Governor's revised budget recommendation.

Reports

Chair

Chair Bell:

- commented on the General Counsel's absence over the past six months and thanked Mark Thompson for serving in an interim capacity. MN privacy laws preclude further discussion on the matter; parties are working on a resolution of the situation.
- reported he spoke at the monthly meeting of the St. Paul Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) on Council issues;
- had discussions with MPR, Department of Administration, and City of St. Paul officials regarding CCLRT;
- met with DEED Commissioner McElroy to discuss Public Facilities Authority (PFA) and their fund distribution formula.

Council Members

There was no report.

Regional Administrator

Regional Administrator Weaver reported

- Metro HRA has been approved for \$212,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for repairs and improvements on the Council's Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP) units;
- Environmental Services has successfully met all its permit limits and monitoring requirements for February 2009, making this the 25th consecutive month of compliance;
- Environmental Services was notified by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) that it will receive a 2009 National Achievement Award for the Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Program.

General Counsel

Assistant General Counsel Mark Thompson had no report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

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 11, 2008.

Approved this 25th day of March 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Curtiss
Secretary