



Metropolitan Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Call to Order

Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Remarks from the Honorable Governor Mark Dayton

Governor Dayton congratulated the Council members on their new position. He also acknowledged and thanked the nominating committee for their work in helping with the selection process for this Council.

Administration of the Oath of Office

Governor Dayton gave the Council members the Oath of Office for the Metropolitan Council.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chàvez to approve today's agenda and the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 23, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

Chair Haigh invited any comments from the public, which the following were made:

Tom Dimond introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving on the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, particularly as the Chair.

Rich Neumeister introduced himself and expressed his interest in working with the new Council members, especially on transportation issues and legacy monies.

Bill Neuendorf introduced himself and mentioned he works with Transit for Livable Communities. He welcomed the new Council and looks forward to working with them.

Part II - Exhibits

Business

2011-66 – Appointment of Interim Council Vice Chair

It was moved by Reynoso, and seconded by Schreiber:

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Interim Vice Chair, effective immediately, to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Chair whenever the Chair is unable to serve or is absent from the seven county metropolitan area until a permanent Vice Chair is elected."

Motion carried.

2011-67 – Appointment of Interim Council Treasurer

It was moved by Wulff, and seconded by Cunningham:

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Wes Kooistra, the Council's Chief Financial Officer, as Interim Treasurer, effective immediately, to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer in overseeing the Council's budget and investments until a permanent Treasurer is elected."

Motion carried.

2011-68 – Metropolitan Council Member Committee Assignments

It was moved by Munt, and seconded by Commers:

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the following committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III, A1.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Litigation Review (Special Committee)
<i>Cunningham, Chair</i>	<i>Rummel, Chair</i>	<i>Brimeyer, Chair</i>	<i>Elkins, Chair</i>	<i>Chavez, Chair</i>
<i>Commers, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Wulff, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Chavez, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Schreiber, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Melander, Vice Chair</i>
Chavez	Doan	Cunningham	Brimeyer	Cunningham
Elkins	Melander	Duininck	Commers	
Kramer	Reynoso	Kramer	Doan	
Munt	Schreiber	Melander	Duininck	
Rummel	Van Eyll	Van Eyll	Munt	
Smith			Reynoso	
Wulff			Smith	

Motion carried.

Other Business

Orientation to Metropolitan Council

- i. Structure, Scope and Responsibilities
Regional Administrator Pat Born introduced himself and gave an overview of the policy making structure and the various Council committees. The Executive staff were introduced from each of the operating units. Mr. Born explained the Council meeting structure.

ii. General Counsel and Applicable Laws and Requirements.

Acting General Counsel Dave Theisen spoke on the applicable laws that apply to Metropolitan Council. Mr. Theisen reviewed the core areas of the Council bylaws and also reviewed the following: Minnesota ethic laws; Minnesota open meeting laws; and the Minnesota government data practices act.

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, went over the non-discrimination laws. Ms. Kirkpatrick mentioned that all Metropolitan Council employees receive mandatory training on diversity, and welcomed the Council members to attend future training.

iii. Overview of Council Budget

Wes Kooistra, Director of Finance, gave an overview of the Metropolitan Council budget. The revenue and operating budgets were shown, along with the levies.

Reports

Chair

No report.

Council Members

Council member Elkins reported on a 494 Corridor Committee meeting that he recently attended.

Regional Administrator

No report.

General Counsel

No report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 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 March 9, 2011.

Approved this 30th day of March, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hoffner
Secretary