



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00 P.M.

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Gary Cunningham, Adam Duininck, Steven Elkins, Rich Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members excused: Jon Commers, John Doan

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, the Chair called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00 p.m. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Chavez, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber, to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 25, 2012. Motion carried.

Public Invitation

No one asked to address the Council regarding matters not on today's agenda.

Part II - Exhibits

Business

Consent List

2012-27 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Authorization to Approve Contract Amendment for Environmental Testing and Monitoring during Construction

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

Execute an amendment to the professional services contract with Braun Intertec for environmental testing and monitoring during construction as part of the Central Corridor LRT (Green Line) project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a total amended contract value of \$1,049,229.26."

2012-28 Minneapolis Interchange Project – Programmatic Agreement

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to take the following actions required to satisfactorily complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process:

- Sign the Minneapolis Interchange Project Programmatic Agreement, developed jointly between the Federal Transit Administration, Hennepin County Regional Railroad

Authority, the Metropolitan Council, and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to federal regulations.

- Execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority identifying the County as the entity with primary responsibility for implementing the terms of the Programmatic Agreement."

2012-31 Authorization to Execute a Capital Grant Agreement with SWT

"That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) for \$1,957,196 to provide the 20% required local match for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal award of \$7,828.782."

2012-32 Authorization to Enter into a Labor Agreement with the Metropolitan Council Management Association (MANA)

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the Metropolitan Council Management Association (MANA) effective for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012."

2012-33 Amendment to the Non-Represented Plan

"That the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the Non-Represented Plan, Section 3: Hours of Work, 3.3: On Call Duty, effective January 1, 2012."

2012-34 Policy Revision: Funding Other Post Employment Benefits

"That the Metropolitan Council approves revised Policy 3-1-3 Funding Other Post Employment Benefits."

2012-36 Authorization to Negotiation and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Hopkins

"The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Hopkins for the acquisition and development of property within Oakes Park for use as a new lift station site."

2012-37 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Amendment to Construction Cooperation Agreement with City of Carver

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Carver, MCES Project Number 803800, Contract No. 071019."

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Chavez to approve the consent list. Motion carried.

Report of the Management Committee

2012-35 Authorization To Execute Loan Agreements with The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) and Issuance of General Obligation Sewer Note Included in Resolution 2012-1

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Chavez

"That the Metropolitan Council approves the attached Resolution 2012-1 to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities

Authority (PFA) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement. And further, to issue the related General Obligation Sewer Note securing the loan agreement substantially in the form of the Note referenced in the resolution.”

Motion carried.

2012-53 Cubic Software Support Agreement Extension

It was moved by Brimeyer and seconded by Chavez

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a fare collection software support agreement extension with Cubic Transportation Systems for approximately two months for a value not to exceed \$100,000.”

Motion carried.

Report of the Community Development Committee – no report

Report of the Environment Committee – items on consent list

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-26 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Business Marketing Contract

It was moved by Elkins and seconded by Munt

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute the appropriate joint powers agreement(s) with local authorities and a contract with Mod & Company for a two year professional services contract in an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million.”

Motion carried.

Other Business

2012-38 Appointment to the Council’s Audit Committee

It was moved by Van Eyll and seconded by Rummel

“That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Charles Elliott, effective immediately, as a member to the Audit Committee for an unspecified term.”

Motion carried.

2012-49 Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

It was moved by Reynoso and seconded by Wulff

“That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of TONY YARUSSO to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission representing District E.”

Motion carried.

2012-51 Investment Review Committee (IRC) Appointments

It was moved by Rummel and seconded by Smith

“That the Metropolitan Council approves Chair Haigh’s recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Investment Review Committee (IRC), effective immediately:

Council Member/Committee Chair	Jon Commers
Council Member	Sandy Rummel
External Member	Jennette Parr
External Member	John Schweers
Metropolitan Council Chief Financial Officer	Mary Bogie"

Motion carried.

Reports

Chair. Chair Haigh reported on recent meetings and events. Highlights include:

- Attended regular monthly meeting with MnDoT to discuss joint issues between MnDoT and MC.
- Met with leaders for Isaiah Summit which is coming up this Sunday. Will focus on issues involving Metropolitan Council.
- Attended Central Corridor Management Committee meeting; received update on lessons learned.
- Attended Urban Initiative Board meeting, which is led by DEED, involving a loan program supporting investment in economic development activities within the urban area.

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- Cunningham. Attended open house in north Minneapolis, where a lively discussion took place regarding Bottineau Transitway. Attended celebration of Green Leaf Apartments community opening, which received Livable Communities affordable housing grant.
- Munt. Introduced herself at precinct caucus, where there was a lot of interest in the work of the Metropolitan Council. Transit for Livable Communities urged people to bring a resolution to caucus asking people to support bonding for SW and funding to keep bus fares affordable.
- Elkins. Attended the first meeting of the year of the GEARS committee.
- Wulff. Participated in tour hosted by Dakota County of the station areas along the Red Line (Cedar Avenue BRT).
- Rummel. Attended monthly Metro Energy Policy Coalition meeting, where there was extended discussion about the viability of solar energy and its application to local units of government. Also attended Municipal Legislative Commission meeting.
- Melander. Also attended Municipal Legislative Commission meeting, and a couple of events dealing with legislative issues. Two people approached him and talked about all the good work that Environmental Services has done in regard to energy conservation.
- Van Eyll. Met with Scott County regarding flood mitigation on highway 101.

Regional Administrator. Governor has asked the Metropolitan Council, in conjunction with MnDOT and DNR, to perform economic impact analysis of the potential closure of the upper St. Anthony Lock and Dam in Minneapolis for the purpose of providing a barrier to potential infestation of the Asian Carp. Project will be funded by DNR, MnDOT, and possibly some Council funds. Council will release RFP today for consultant to undertake work, and results will be brought to Council

General Counsel. No report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:23.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 8, 2012.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary