



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Robert Street Council Chambers

4:00 PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Jon Commers, John Đoàn, Edward Reynoso, Susan Haigh

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, First Vice Chair Melander called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:00PM. It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 9, 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

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins to approve the consent list.

Motion carried.

2012-99 Authorization to Exercise MCI Contract Options

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise purchase options on contract 08P114 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to purchase eleven (11) coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$6,050,000."

2012-100 Authorization to Purchase 38 Small Buses

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with North Central Bus Sales, Hogle Bus and Eldorado for 38 small buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,776,600."

2012-142 Establish Date for Public Hearing – 2013 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

"That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2013 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 20, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers."

2012-145 Dakota County, Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor Review File No. 20455-3

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

Adopt the attached review record and allow Dakota County to put the Elko New Market Blakeley Bluffs Trail Search Corridor plan into place."

2012-146 Dakota County, Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2030 Transportation Plan, Review File No. 20455-2

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

Adopt the attached review record and allow Dakota County to put the *2030 Transportation Plan* Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect."

2012-148 Authorization to Award Contract 11P178 for MCES Electrical Services

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract for MCES Electrical Maintenance Services to Premier Electrical Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$6,026,996.66 and a term not to exceed five years."

2012-149 Authorization to Increase Construction Contract Change Order Authority for blue Lake Plan Solids Improvements, MCES Project No. 801840, Contract No. 09P001

"That the Metropolitan Council increase the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$1,391,135 to \$1,531,135, for the Blue Lake Plant Solids Improvements, MCES Project No. 801840, Contract No. 09P001."

2012-150 City of Watertown 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Subdivision, Review File No. 20436-3

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Watertown to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts."

2012-154 Authorization to Purchase 30 Option Forty-foot Diesel Gillig Buses

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option with Gillig Corporation to purchase 30 forty-foot, diesel low-floor transit buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,944,070."

2012-155 Blue Line (Hiawatha Corridor) Vehicular Traffic Improvements

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Minneapolis to pass through local Regional Transit Capital funds for project management/administration, engineering, materials and design activities associated with upgrading and improving the traffic management system in the Hiawatha Corridor. This authorization will amend the funding included in Council Action Item 2011-207."

2012-160 Authorization to Purchase Property, to Declare a Portion of the Property as Excess, and to Sell the Excess Property

"That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to:

1. Purchase a parcel of land from the Minnesota Department of Transportation;
2. Declare a portion of the parcel to be excess property; and
3. Sell the excess property to Xcel Energy."

Report of the Management Committee—No reports

Report of the Community Development Committee

2012-113 City of Mound Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Pedestrian Mixed Use Review File No. 20438-2

CM Cunningham introduced this item and stated that as the committee was reviewing the Mound plan, there were many questions from committee members regarding the compatibility of local zoning with our comprehensive plans. In addition, he stated there were some testimonies from citizens, including the mayor that raised questions about the impact of this decision on affordable housing. Cunningham added that the committee recognized that as a new body they had not reviewed the guidance to staff with regard to review of these comprehensive plan amendments that were adopted by the previous Council. The committee had a split 5-4 vote.

Elkins expressed that the action being proposed today is the appropriate action and there is absolutely nothing wrong with the City of Mound's plan or zoning ordinances.

Munt stated that of all the comp plans that have come before her in the past year she has never heard from as many constituents as she did in this case. She said that many of the constituents were involved in creating Mound's comprehensive plan, and the construction of the Walgreen's would involve removing 15 affordable housing units.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Mound to put the Pedestrian Mixed Use comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City that it should make every effort to add the 15 affordable units lost, through this land use change, to its affordable housing need obligation between 2011 and 2020, meaning its share of the regional need would be a total of 83 units instead of 68."

2012-144 City of Rosemount, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Greystone Subdivision, Review File No. 20584-4

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Wulff

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Rosemount to put the Greystone Subdivision comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City that, if its proposed amendment is adopted in its current form, the City's comprehensive plan will not guide a sufficient amount land at densities that can: (a) ensure the City fulfills its obligations under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act to plan for and provide sufficient existing and new housing to meet the City's share of the metropolitan area's need for low- and moderate-income housing; and

- (b) ensure the City will meet its negotiated LCA goals for affordable and life-cycle housing through 2020.
4. Remind the City that Policy 3 of the 2030 Regional Development Framework states that the Council gives funding priority to communities and community projects that increase the variety of housing types and costs, appropriately mix land uses, increase transportation choices and leverage private investment."

Report of the Environment Committee—Reports on the Consent List

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-152 Central Corridor Transit Service Study Concept Plan

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts the Central Corridor Transit Service Study Concept Plan for public review."

2012-153 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Additional Change Order Authority for the Operations and Maintenance Facility Contract

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Kramer

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize an additional 2.5% (\$1,078,485) above the standard 5% (\$2,156,969) construction contract change order authority and the previously authorized 5% increase in change order authority (Business Item 2011-329 approved on December 14, 2011) for the Central Corridor (Green Line) LRT Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Contract."

Other Business

Reports

Chair: Chair Haigh was out of state on this date.

Council Members

Schreiber—Attended a public hearing for the Bottineau transit way at the Crystal Community Center. She stated that the efforts of the Corridors of Opportunity group are starting to show results, and many different ethnic groups were present and testified. Overall, the testimony showed support of the development of the transit way.

Elkins—Participated in a forum on Met Council transportation issues for the Bloomington League of Women Voters at the Bloomington Civic Plaza. Recorded a cable television show about transportation issues for the Richfield League of Women Voters. He has been closely following the affordable housing project in Richfield and attending their council and HRA meetings.

Munt—Reported to the cities along the SWLRT corridor about the first round of our LCDA TOD grants. All of the cities received the grant they applied for and are very grateful. Also bid farewell to John Gunyou who retired as City Manager of Minnetonka. Will be attending a meeting about the transportation study for the city of Minnetonka.

Smith—Attended the MnDOT meeting with CM Schreiber. Attended the transportation conference.

Rummel—Went to a ribbon cutting event in Centennial for their reuse of storm water program. They are collecting storm water and using it to irrigate their parks. Attended the Clean Water Council meeting, during which they heard presentations on and discussed storm water reuse.

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Kramer—Invited Council members to an event on June 2 in Phalen Park for the rededication of a repaired bridge. Also invited members to the grand opening of the Lofts at Farmers Market on June 6.

Melander—Attended an informational meeting in Woodbury regarding a Met Council project and was impressed at the staff representation.

Regional Administrator—Stated that an application to DEED for SWLRT funds is likely, but the application is not yet available. Council members will continue to be informed on this process. Announced the retirement of Environmental Services General Manager, Bill Moore and introduced Moore's replacement, Leisa Thompson who is Deputy General Manager. Moore will continue to serve the Met Council as the Deputy General Manager half time for two years as Thompson transitions into her new role.

General Counsel—No report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:44PM.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 23, 2012.

Approved this 13 day of June, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Randleman
Recording Secretary