



Metropolitan Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Robert Street Council Chambers
4:00PM

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Part I - Narrative

Attendance:

Gary Van Eyll, Steve Elkins, James Brimeyer, Gary Cunningham, Harry Melander, Rich Kramer, Jon Commers, Wendy Wulff, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel, Lona Schreiber, Susan Haigh, Jennifer Munt, Steven Chávez, Adam Duinick, John Đoàn, Roxanne Smith
Members absent:

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Melander called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:01PM. It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Chávez to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel to approve the minutes of the Metropolitan Council Meetings of September 26, 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 Elkins, seconded by Munt to approve the consent list.

Motion carried.

2012-246 DBE Goal Methodology

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2013-2016 Goal for submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) staff recommends the Council approve the DBE Program goal of 15.5% for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)."

2012-288 Maple Grove Opt-Out Service Agreement

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a three-year service agreement with the City of Maple Grove for the service period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015."

2012-299 Authorization to Execute Agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for Apple Valley Layover Project

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$1,550,000 for design and construction of a bus layover facility in Apple Valley adjacent to the Apple Valley Transit Station."

2012-300 Resolution 2012-31 Adopt 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the proposed 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with a budget of \$5,275,495.
- Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a planning grant under MSP-21
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of FHWA and FTA planning funds."

2012-301 Wheel Tire Center Idler Truck—Light Rail Vehicles

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to increase the sole source authorization from \$240,000 to \$350,000 with Penn Machine Company for the purchase of Wheel Tire Center Idler Truck Tires and Wheel Tire Motor Drive Truck Tires for the Hiawatha Light Rail Vehicles."

2012-302 Authorization to Execute a Capital Grant Agreement with the City of Maple Grove

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Maple Grove for \$421,500 to design and cover professional services related to Parkway Station – Phase 2."

2012-303 Litigation Review Committee Meeting Dates Resolution 2012-32

"That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution setting days, times, and locations for regular meetings of the Litigation Review Committee and authorizing closed Committee meetings."

2012-304 CTIB 2013 Project Grant Applications Consistency with the 2030 TPP

"That the Metropolitan Council finds the eight project grant applications (summarized in the attachment) for CY 2013 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) funding to be consistent with the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted November 2010."

2012-305 Approval of 2013 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

"That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2013 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)."

2012-306 Eagan Hunter/Emerson Parkview Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20606-7

"That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Eagan to put the Hunter/Emerson Parkview comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA changes the City's forecasts by adding 175 households."

2012-308 Authorization to Amend the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreement with City of St. Paul for the Central Corridor: Stormwater & Green Infrastructure Planning Project to Allocate Additional Funds to the Project

"That the Council authorize an amendment to the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant sub-recipient agreement with City of St. Paul for the Central Corridor: Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning project, SG2011-042, to allocate additional funds totaling \$12,300 to the existing \$370,000 agreement."

2012-309 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for a Resource Efficiency Demonstration Project

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG) Sub-recipient Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for a Resource Efficiency Demonstration Project, totaling \$137,700."

Report of the Community Development Committee—Reports on Consent List

Report of the Transportation Committee

2012-284 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Saint Paul Suburban Area Transit Service

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a five-year contract, with First Transit, Inc. to provide fixed route transit services in the South and East suburban areas of St. Paul beginning December 21, 2012 through November 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$7,952,000."

Motion carried.

Report of the Environment Committee

2012-313 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 12P016 for Solids Waste Disposal Services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a two-year contract (12P016), with an option to extend for one year, with Veit Container Corporation to provide solids waste disposal services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) beginning November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000."

Report of the Management Committee—Reports on Consent List

Other Business

Information Item: Proposed 2013 Unified Capital Program Presentation

Mary Bogie presented the 2013 Unified Capital Program. The Council is scheduled to adopt the public comment draft on October 24 and adopt the final budget on December 12. The Council is not required to hold a public hearing on its budget, but historically it has provided a public comment period between the October time frame and when the budgets are adopted in December.

The Capital Program is an organization-wide, unified plan; preserves existing regional infrastructure; resource=constrained, balanced to anticipated resources (federal, state, regional); contingent on obtaining capital and operating funding.

The 2013-18 Capital Improvement Plan is \$3.3 billion. Leisa Thompson, general manager of Environmental Services, and Bryce Pickart gave the overview of the Environmental Services portion of the program. Guy Peterson presented the Community Development portion, and Arlene McCarthy and Brian Lamb presented the Transportation portion.

Information Item: Transit Police Assessment Review

Dennis Cusick and Bob Jacobson from Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute gave a presentation of their operational assessment of the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD). The major techniques used to collect information included reviewing documents and reports provided by the MTPD to evaluate workload, policing practices, and operational efficiency and effectiveness of the department; standardized interview questions for all participants (sworn and non-sworn); on-line community satisfaction and safety survey covering all methods of transit operation. The current mission statement of the MTPD reads: "The mission of the Metropolitan Transit Police Department is to provide a safe, secure environment for the transit customers and employees, and to protect the Metropolitan Council's assets and property. These responsibilities will be accomplished according to the highest standards of professional skill, ethics, and accountability with full respect for human dignity." The assessment stated that the current mission does not guide the organization and the MTPD does not see itself as part of the greater Metro Transit mission, vision, or goals. Chief John Harrington stated that a mission and vision team has been established and their first meeting was today. They will work on re-writing the mission statement to reflect the values and vision that drive the organization.

The consultants found that the policing strategies of the MTPD rely heavily on local law enforcement partnerships to assist in response to calls for service, investigations of crime and officer safety concerns. They recommended that these partnerships be reaffirmed and a memorandum of understanding be established to set expectations.

The consultants also found that the diversity in the MTPD does not reflect the community it serves. Chief Harrington is working with various law enforcement groups (women, Latino, etc.) to recruit a more diverse population.

In regard to the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU), the assessment found that it appears to be driven by the parameters of its funding grant rather than being institutionalized based on departmental needs, and is under-utilized for its purpose. They recommend that under its new leadership, the CTU should refocus on its mission to include surveillance for potential violent crime at public transit points.

The MTPD recently adopted the national Lexipol policy manual in collaboration with the MN Chiefs and Sheriffs Associations. The Dept. has an effective online training tool in place for Lexipol, but does not have a process to ensure implementation or compliance. The consultants recommended regularly providing Lexipol policy manual training at roll calls.

Resolution 2012-34: Ratification of Establishment of Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Kramer to adopt Resolution 2012-34, the establishment of the Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group, its members and its charge.

Motion carried.

Reports

Chair:

Celebrated the unveiling of the new light rail vehicle in downtown Minneapolis at the Target Field station.

Participated in the grand re-opening of the Riverside Plaza. It is the largest concentration of affordable housing units in the state of Minnesota. CM Doãn also attended.

Participated in senior leadership meetings with the Cabinet to discuss the Governor's priorities for the future and the upcoming legislative session, and the impact of tax reform and the state budget.

Attended the Inner City Leadership Visit in Denver.

Participated in the Itasca Project Full Group meeting in which they presented the return on investment study, along with the work on the Program of Projects.

Participated in a tour of LCA grant recipients in North Minneapolis along with CM Cunningham.

Council Members

No reports.

Regional Administrator—No report.

General Counsel—No report.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

Part III - Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 10, 2012.

Approved this 31 day of October, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary