

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Committee Members Present Roger Scherer, Chair; Lynette Wittsack, Vice Chair; Sherry Broecker; Craig Peterson;
Kris Sanda and Tony Pistilli

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scherer called the regular meeting of the Council's Management Committee to order at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by C. Peterson, seconded by S. Broecker to approve the agenda. *The motion carried.*

It was moved by S. Broecker, seconded by L. Wittsack to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 regular meeting of the Management Committee. *The motion carried.*

BUSINESS

2009-193: Authorization for Internal Cash Flow Loan

Paul Conery presented this business item. Loans to cover cash flow needs are routinely made between Council funds. This item does not authorize additional expenditure authority. A short term loan is needed to fund capital projects in Environmental Services and Parks to fund the cash flow needs until new bonds are issued in July, 2009. Three funds within Metro Transit have temporary cash flow needs: Hiawatha Light Rail, Northstar Commuter Rail, and BAPTA Project (Bond Accelerated Program Transit Advantage.) He explained that staff is currently working on debt issuance for July and is working with the County Transit Improvement Board (BAPTA) to complete interim and master funding agreements that will serve as the template for all future agreements.

It was moved by C. Peterson, seconded by K. Sanda :

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize internal loans to cover the cash flow needs of:

- Capital Projects Funds for Environmental Services and Parks, and
- Metro Transit: Hiawatha Light Rail, Northstar Commuter Rail and BAPTA Project Funds.”

The motion carried.

2009-188 Authorization for Service Availability Charge (SAC) Reserve Fund Use

This item was presented by Jason Willett. The sewer Service Availability Charge (SAC) relieves the local government units from paying directly for the reserve capacity (unused system capacity.) Developers pay for these costs (to local governments as development occurs.) SAC units paid to the Council have been declining as a result of the region-wide commercial, industrial and housing decline. In late 2009 or early 2010, the SAC Reserve Fund is projected to drop below the minimum balance specified in Council policy. Approval of the use of the SAC Reserve Fund is proposed as a result of the economic downturn.

It was moved by L. Wittsack, seconded by S. Broecker:

“That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Service Availability Charge reserve fund minimum balance exception for an economic downtown stated in Council policy 3-2-5.

The motion carried.

INFORMATION

2010 Initial Budget Discussion

Wes Kooistra presented the 2010 operating budget objectives. This included an overview of:

- Process and schedule
- Challenges and opportunities
- Principles and objectives
- Levy uses and options

The RA Budget and Levies recommendation will be presented to Council on June 24.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Lindstrom
Recording Secretary