

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Committee Members Present: Roger Scherer, Chair; Lynette Wittsack, Vice Chair; Sherry Broecker; Robert McFarlin; and Kris Sanda.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scherer called the regular meeting of the Council's Management Committee to order at 2:58 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by S. Broecker, seconded by K. Sanda to approve the agenda. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by K. Sanda, seconded by Vice Chair L. Wittsack to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Management Committee. *Motion carried.*

BUSINESS

2010-115 2010 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

Paul Conery, Manager, Budget and Evaluation, presented this amendment to the Management Committee, recommending revisions to the 2010 budget in the Transportation and Regional Administration divisions, as described therein. This business item was reviewed and approved by the Transportation Committee on April 12, 2010. Questions regarding the reserve balance and current tort cap were addressed.

It was moved by K. Sanda, seconded by S. Broecker:

"That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2010 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables."

Motion carried.

2010-116 2010 Unified Capital Program Amendment

Alan Morris, Principal Financial Analyst, presented this amendment to the Management Committee. This proposed amendment programs new federal and regional funding to capital projects in the Transportation Division and Community Development Division. The business item was approved by the Transportation Committee on April 12, 2010, and will appear before the Community Development Committee on April 28, 2010. Mr. Morris clarified that the recommitment of state funds for Parks and Open Space was a consolidation of three appropriations into one and that the funds would be used for the same purpose. He also addressed a question regarding the rationale for purchasing 70 Diesel buses rather than Hybrids by explaining that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) contains a mix of Hybrid and Diesel buses.

It was moved by K. Sanda, seconded by L. Wittsack:

"That the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2010 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding spending authority as follows:

Metro Transit	\$ 23,300,000
Metropolitan Transportation Services	0
Parks and Open Space	\$ 29,283,000

- Amend the 2010 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing appropriation as follows:

Metro Transit	\$ 2,550,000
Metropolitan Transportation Services	0
Parks and Open Space	\$ 8,170,500

- Approve the changes to capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1."

Motion carried.

2010-122 Adoption of Council Resolution 2010-10, Resolution Delegating Litigation and Claims Settlement Authority to the Litigation Review Special Committee

Phil Walljasper, Director, Risk Management and Claims, presented this item. Resolution 2010-10 is intended to increase the authority of the Litigation Review Committee up to the maximum statutory liability and to allow for increases, should the Legislature increase the cap in the future. This Resolution would supersede and replace Council Resolution 96-17, which had established that the authority of the Litigation Review Committee be no greater than \$200,000, the tort cap at that time. Since 1996, the tort cap has been increased and is currently \$500,000.

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

"That the Metropolitan Council adopts Council Resolution 2010-10, which establishes the settlement authority of the Litigation Review Committee in an amount no greater than provided in Minn. Statutes, Chapter 466, as amended."

Motion carried.

2010-150 Authorization to Renew the Metropolitan Council's Property Insurance with FM Global

Phil Walljasper, Director, Risk Management and Claims, also presented this item to the Management Committee. FM Global's proposal provides the broadest coverage, with a reasonable deductible, at a very competitive rate. In addition, its engineering continues to be a key part of the Council's overall property risk management initiatives, helping ensure a continuation of operations in the event of a loss. Mr. Walljasper described the property covered under this policy, the Council's favorable rate history with FM Global, and the 6% increase in the Council's property values, resulting in a 6% increase in premiums from last year.

It was moved by L. Wittsack, seconded by K. Sanda:

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize renewal of the Property Insurance with the current carrier, FM Global, for the period 5/1/10 – 5/1/11, in an amount not to exceed \$1,199,170."

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

There were no Information Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy M. Aldrich
Recording Secretary