

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Committee Members Present: Roger Scherer, Chair; Lynette Wittsack, Vice Chair; Sherry Broecker; Craig Peterson; Tony Pistilli; 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 2:32 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by L. Wittsack, seconded by K. Sanda to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Management Committee. *Motion carried.*

BUSINESS

Technical Amendments to Legal Services; No Budget Impacts

Don Mueeting, General Counsel, presented this business item. The proposed amendments for two legal contracts were explained. These contract increases would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

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

"That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to amend legal services agreements to increase the maximum contract prices as follows:"

Law Firm	Services	Term	Current Price	Proposed Increase	New Price
Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to CCLRT, Minnesota Public Radio Contract No. 10P042	2/10/10-6/30/11	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to Housing, Land Use and Planning, Regional Parks and Open Spaces, Environmental Matters and CCLRT Contract No. 01P143	9/9/01-12/31/10	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000

Motion carried.

Authorization to Implement the Effect of the Teamsters Local #320 (Full Time Police) Interest Arbitration Outcome

This business item was presented by Sandi Blaeser, Assistant HR Director, Employee Relations. The Teamsters contract expired on December 31, 2008. The arbitrated award was received on June 29, 2010. The arbitrator awarded no general wage increases in either year of the agreement. The labor agreement met the parameters and budget established by the Council.

There were questions about the number of police officers within the Council. Wes Kooistra agreed to have this information provided to Committee Chair, Scherer and other Management Committee members.

It was moved by T. Pistilli; seconded by K. Sanda:

"That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to implement the effect of the interest arbitration outcome effective for the period January , 2009 through December 31, 2010."

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Other Post Employment Benefits – Actuarial Valuation as of January 01, 2010

Mary Bogie, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, presented a detailed slide presentation of OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits.) This is the retiree health plan which includes health care, dental, life insurance and other options. Overall it is a good news story since the Council funding plan balances operating needs with need to fund future obligations. Ms. Bogie explained the difference between "explicit benefit" (employer pays benefits) and "implicit rate subsidy" (retiree pays premium.) Details were shown on the council funding policy; actuarial accrued liability; actuarial gains and losses; projected OPEB and funding; funding plan and the 2010 Operating Budget impact; demographics; and comparisons to other entities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Noted: No meeting is scheduled August 11, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Lindstrom
Recording Secretary