

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, September 18, 2017

Committee Members Present: Kramer, Chávez, Dorfman, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Barber, Commers, Cunningham, Elkins

Committee Members Excused:

INFORMATION

1. City of West St. Paul Presentation - Jim Hartshorn, Community Development Director and Ryan Schroeder, City Manager of West Saint Paul presented to the Community Development Committee highlights of plans and projects in the City of West Saint Paul.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Kramer called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee at the West Saint Paul City Hall Chambers to order at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

A. Consent

2017-182 Central Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan, Washington County (Michael Peterka 651 602-1361)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Central Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require Washington County to submit detailed parcel information for Metropolitan Council review and approval prior to seeking future grants for acquisition.
3. Require that prior to initiating development, Washington County send preliminary plans to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineer Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, so he may assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2017-197 Consent to Easements, Carver and Murphy Hanrehan Park Reserves, Three Rivers Park District (Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Consent to Three Rivers Park District granting an easement to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for groundwater monitoring at Carver Park Reserve as shown in Attachment 1.
2. Consent to Three Rivers Park District granting an easement to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for groundwater monitoring at Murphy Hanrehan Park Reserve as shown in Attachment 2.
3. Require Three Rivers Park District to ensure that a Consent to Easement document executed by the Council's Regional Administrator is recorded for each easement.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2017-205 City of Shoreview, Shoreview Business Campus Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20417-9 (Eric Wojchik 651 602-1330)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Shoreview to place the Shoreview Business Campus Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for population and households for 2020, 2030, and 2040, as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Land Use, and Housing.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2017-206 City of Plymouth West Plymouth Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20361-20 (Freya Thamman 651 602-1750)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Plymouth to place the West Plymouth Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for 2020 population and households as shown in Table 2 of the Review Record and correspondingly revise the 2021-2030 affordable housing need number to 636 units.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the review record for wastewater, forecasts, and housing.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2017-209 City of Eden Prairie Transit Oriented Development Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No 20401-17 (Michael Larson 651 602-1407)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Eden Prairie to place the Transit Oriented Development Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2017-210 Rental Assistance for Anoka County – Grant Renewal Board Resolution (Jennifer Keogh 651 602-1584)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2017- 22 (attached) as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

B. Non-Consent

2017-211 2018 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Approval (Jennifer Keogh 651 602-1584)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. approve the 2018 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan,
2. authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications, and
3. direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion carried.

Council Member Dorfman and Munt asked questions regarding the Resident Advisory Board and future funding for the Housing Choice Voucher program. Staff responded and item passed unanimously.

2017-195 Authorization to Amend the 2017 Unified Budget – Third Quarter Amendment (Terri Smith 651 602-1187; Deb Jensen 651 602-1554)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2017 operating budget in accordance with the attached tables.

Motion carried.

The proposed amendment was reviewed and approved by the Community Development Committee at its September 18, 2017 meeting. Council Member Dorfman asked about the HRA reserve and long-range plans for the reserve. Staff responded the reserves have been used very rarely but could be depleted quickly if funds were needed for ongoing subsidy expense. One-time expenses such as the proposed action are a good use of reserves. The reserves are generated from the administrative fees earned for program operation and rents that exceed operating costs for the Council-owned housing units. As the Council-owned units age, additional capital improvements will be necessary.

2017-198 State Fiscal Regional Parks Capital Improvement Project Recommendations (Deb Jensen 651 602-1554)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approve for submittal to Minnesota Management and Budget the list of capital projects in Attachment 1 for the state fiscal year 2019 Regional Parks System Capital Improvement Program; the projects total \$25 million, of which \$15 million would be state bonds matched by \$10 million in Council bonds.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee discussed the 2019-2020 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program at its meeting on September 18, 2017. Several Council Members asked about the barriers to use of the Regional Parks System and how the proposed projects from the ten-regional park implementing agencies address these barriers. Staff responded that the park agencies have been working to engage their constituents to increase use of the Regional Parks System. While not all the proposed projects address equity, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissioners, park agency staff, and Council staff are in dialogue about equity and are committed to a continuing dialogue around increasing equitable usage of the Regional Parks System

INFORMATION

2. 2016 Agricultural Preserves Report -Senior Planner Raya Esmaeili presented this report at the Community Development Committee meeting.

The Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program was established in 1980 by the Minnesota legislature to encourage protection of long-term agricultural uses and to provide direction in equitably taxing these properties. The Metropolitan Council supports preserving agricultural land in the region through specific policies for protection and development in *Thrive MSP 2040*. All the counties in the region except for Ramsey County contain properties enrolled in the program. The Council annually reports on the acres enrolled in the program, with information from these counties and the Department of Revenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary