

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Adam Duininck	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 4:00p.m. Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:08p.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez

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### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

Elkins requested 2014-39 be removed from the consent agenda for brief discussion.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Chávez

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-37 Approve the restrictive covenant agreement replacement on property acquired for the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary as depicted in Attachment 3 and authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute the agreement.
2. 2014-40 Adopt the Facility Plan for Seneca Area System Rehabilitation Phases 3, 4 and 5, MCES Project Nos. 808030, 808040, and 808050 per Resolution No. 2014-2.
3. 2014-41 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the System-Wide Arc Flash Mitigation Project, MCES Project Nos. 807800, 805995 and 809064, Contract No. 13P269, to Premier Electric Corporation in the amount of \$4,650,857.00.
4. 2014-42 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for miscellaneous biofilter rehabilitation, Contract No. 13P304 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for their bid of \$770,730.
5. 2014-44 Adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record and the following actions: authorize Linwood Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect; advise the Township to adopt the new forecasts for employment as shown in Table 1 in the Review Record; implement the advisory comments for Parks.

### BUSINESS

#### Community Development—Reports on Consent List

## Environment

2014-39 Adopt the Facility Plan for St. Bonifacius L24 System Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 808200, per Resolution No. 2014-1.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins

Elkins made brief comments regarding the units per-acre assessment.

**Motion carried.**

## Management

2014-50 SW Amend the 2014 Unified Budget Capital Program (annual appropriation) and Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables and amend the 2014 Unified Budget Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached table.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Cunningham

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Brimeyer, Munt (arrived after roll call was taken), Wulff

## Transportation

2014-43 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options with Motor Coach Industries to purchase 3 diesel coach buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,662,000.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

2014-45 SW Amend the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to add \$400,000 to the budget for ongoing consulting studies and provide a complete work program.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Cunningham

**Motion carried.**

2014-46 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an existing contract option on Contract 08P114 with MCI to purchase thirteen coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$7,534,800.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez

**Motion carried.**

2014-48 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TH 610 (SP# 2771-37) from Hennepin County Road

81 to I-94 in 2015 with a total project cost of \$112,005,524, including \$4,346,172 in federal earmark funds, \$106,825,140 in Corridors of Commerce state-authorized bonds, and \$834,212 in local funds from the City of Maple Grove.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rodriguez

**Motion carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

2014-47 Approve the appointment of Mary Herschberger Thun to the Land Use Advisory Committee, District 4 (Carver County).

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Elkins

**Motion carried.**

2014-49 Release the draft version of *Thrive MSP 2040* for public comment; conduct public hearings on April 10, 2014 and April 16, 2014 regarding the draft version of *Thrive MSP 2040* for public comment; keep the hearing record open until 5:00pm on Monday, April 28, 2014; and direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *Thrive MSP 2040* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

Green Line Readiness—Activities, Plans and Preparations Leading up to Revenue Operations

Mark Fuhrmann and Christine Kuennen provided the Council with an update on the preparations to open the Green Line on June 14, 2014. The Certificate of Occupancy for the Operations and Maintenance Facility was obtained on January 10, 2014. There will be 200 new hires for the Green Line, 174 of which have already been hired (as of February 20, 2014). Operator Certification Training is occurring from February 24 to April 4. There will be a total of 119 operators completing training (58 for the Blue Line, 61 for the Green Line). Systems inspection and integration testing is going on now through the end of May, and operator training will lead to pre-revenue service testing in April. Concurrent with pre-revenue service testing there will be multiple runs of the trains to provide agency staff with familiarization training in advance of the opening. April 19 is the target date for Green Line test trains to begin operating to Target Field Station (Interchange) platforms on the pre-revenue service schedule. The grand opening of Blue Line passenger service will be on May 17.

## **REPORTS**

Chair: Chair Haigh thanked the staff involved in preparing for the President's visit as well as the Council members who were able to attend his speech. She participated in another SWLRT public meeting. The legislative session has started. Participated in a CTIB meeting and Program of Projects.

Council Members:

Chávez—Reported on the Council's debt which has been lowered.

Rummel—Attended a Gateway meeting in Oakdale with community leaders along with CM Melander. Attended a meeting regarding water in Woodbury. Participated in an EQB meeting.

Munt—SWLRT CAC will be meeting tomorrow night at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Met with the City of Minnetrista to discuss water. Reported that communities in her district are dealing with repurposing golf courses.

McCarthy—Met with the St. Paul Chamber and additional stakeholders to discuss water issues. Met with Anoka County along with CMs Schreiber and Reynoso to discuss their legislative issues regarding water and parks.

Duinick—The TPP Task Force has been meeting with the Thrive Working Group and it has been very helpful. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Regional Administrator: Thanked the Council members on behalf of staff for their work on *Thrive MSP 2040*. The March 12 Council meeting has been canceled.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 26, 2014.

Approved this 19 day of March, 2014.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary