

# Metropolitan Council

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Councilmember Edward Reynoso  
Councilmember John Doan  
Councilmember Sandy Rummel  
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer  
Councilmember Jon Commers  
Councilmember Steven Chávez  
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, February 27, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Haigh, Smith, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Munt, Elkins, Duinick, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Chávez

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-4 Authorization for the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract with GIRO, Inc. in an amount of \$1,010,419 to upgrade the HASTUS software system to Version 2013.
2. 2013-32 Approves revisions to the Non-Represented Plan effective January 1, 2013.
3. 2013-55 Authorization for the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with PDI Ninth House to provide Assessment, Coaching, and 360 Degree Feedback for a term of three (3) years not to exceed a cost of \$561,000.
4. 2013-61 Conduct a public hearing on April 15, 2013 as part of its Community Development Committee meeting regarding amending the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to recognize the proposed Kingswood Special Recreation Feature as a component of the regional parks system. The hearing record shall remain open until 4:30PM, Thursday, April 25, 2013. Direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the proposed amendments to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.
5. 2013-62 Authorize an amendment to Grant SG-2011-106 to Carver County by extending the grants' expiration date to June 30, 2016 and change the scope of the grant by adding the following projects to Section 2 of the grant agreement: Provide a partial match to a \$1,202,000 federal grant for engineering, construction and landscaping of 5.5 miles of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and trailhead from the City of Mayer west to the Carver County boundary (Phase II). Provide a partial match to a \$437,000 federal grant to acquire land, engineering and construction needed for approximately 0.8 miles of the Southwest Regional Trail.

### BUSINESS

#### Environment

2013-76 Adopt attached Resolution No. 2013-1, which modifies and clarifies the scope and nature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lake Elmo and the Council to address planning issues, and authorizing its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a binding amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City consistent with the attached Resolution.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Melander

**Motion carried.**

### **Community Development**

2013-28 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Lake Elmo to put the I-94 Corridor comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Adopt the revised interim milestone forecasts for the City as shown in the corrected Table 2 in the attached memorandum. Encourage the City to begin participation in the Livable Communities Act (LCA) Local Housing Incentives Account in order to become eligible for LCA grants that can assist in the development and preservation of affordable housing. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation and Housing.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel

### **Management—Reports on Consent List**

#### **Transportation**

2013-69 Authorization for the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Overpass Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for the Anoka station.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Elkins

**Motion carried.**

2013-73 Authorization for the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Companies, for furnishing and installing Real-Time Signs and Annunciators at seven Red Line BRT facilities, at a cost of \$633,870.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez

**Motion carried.**

2013-75 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the \$15 million MnDOT TH 5 Bridge Redeck project from TH 55 to Davern Street in St. Paul (#6201-86).

It was moved by Duininck, Munt

**Motion carried.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **INFORMATION**

- A. Transit-Oriented Development Strategic Action Plan—Think Tank #2: Allison Bell and Eric Anderson gave a brief overview of the Think Tank #2 which focused on the TOD Strategic Plan. The Twin Cities is poised to be a new national leader in transit-oriented development. The challenge will be collectively moving from process and planning to implementation. Our regional partners clearly affirmed the Met Council should play a proactive role in TOD and want a focus on implementation. The Council discussed having a TOD expertise assist in the process. The next steps will include establishing priorities via a TOD policy and coordinating and leveraging existing resources.

- B. 2014 Budget Principles: Mary Bogie presented on the 2014 budget development. According to the timeline, the Council will adopt the preliminary budget and levies on August 28, 2013 and the final budget and levies are scheduled to be adopted on December 11, 2013. Challenges with the budget development include the legislative session outcomes, which are unknown at this point, the uncertainty of federal funding, and the changing workforce. Budget discussions will continue at the Committee level throughout the year.

## **REPORTS**

Chair: Attended the first meeting of the Governor's sub-cabinet on diversity and inclusion, which is focusing on the workforce and was attended by Governor Dayton.

Attended the Cabinet meeting which primarily focused on the budget forecast.

Participated in a meeting with the Minneapolis City Council and the Met Council where mutual issues were discussed.

Presented the Governor's budget proposal to TAB.

Spoke to the Bloomington Rotary Club.

Participated in a press conference with the Metro mayors.

Met with Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein.

Met with Commissioner Reinhardt to discuss the Rush Line.

Participated in the Corridors of Opportunity meeting.

Council Members:

Wulff—Attended a meeting about work that will be done on 35E by Burnsville Center.

Attended the Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon where Chief Harrington was one of the keynote speakers.

Kramer—The Robert Street transitway study is underway. He is serving on this task force with CM Chávez.

Chávez—Attended the open house at the Northern Dakota County Service Center regarding transitways.

Melander—Met with the Mayor and City Manager of Woodbury to discuss multiple issues they have. Met with the South Washington Watershed District regarding an overflow project. Met with a new county Commissioner to talk about transit and will be meeting with the County Board along with CM Rummel and Brian Lamb to talk about transit issues in the east metro area.

Elkins—Has been attending a lot of legislative forums including the 494 Corridor.

Regional Administrator: On March 6 we will have a Special Council meeting at 4PM followed by the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 27, 2013.

Approved this 6 day of March, 2013.

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary