

Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Cara Letofsky	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Deb Barber	Gail Dorfman					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

4:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Tchourumoff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins.

PUBLIC INVITATION

John Steigauf from the Machinist Union addressed the Council regarding union negotiations.

Mark Wegner from Twin Cities & Western railroad addressed the Council regarding the SWLRT business items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-12)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2018-45 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute three contracts for Condemnation Appraisal Services for the Southwest LRT Project as follows: Integra Realty Resources not to exceed \$500,000; Patchin Messner Dodd & Brumm not to exceed \$500,000; RLS Valuation Services not to exceed \$500,000.
2. 2018-47 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Allstream Inc. in the amount of \$1,328,178 to provide ongoing software upgrade and maintenance services, on-sight support, and 24/7 support for the Council's phone system for a contract period of up to five years.
3. 2018-49 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the Master contract number 14P092 for Labor Arbitration Advocacy and Strategy, (Parker Daniel Kobort; The Wiley Law Office PC; Madden Galanter Hansen LLP) services by: Extending the length of the contract to December 31, 2018. The contract provisions and rates are to remain the same. Increase the dollar amount of the contract by \$210,000, for a maximum of \$680,000 over the four-year term of the agreement.
4. 2018-50 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Mound area improvements at the 7021 interceptor, MCES Project Number 802829, Contract Number

17P289, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc., for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$22,819,355.50.

5. 2018-51 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of a MnDOT traffic management project and add another MnDOT traffic management project.
6. 2018-52 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two MnDOT water resources projects.
7. 2018-53 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Metropolitan Council's Travel Behavior Inventory project.
8. 2018-54 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction services contract for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) solids improvements project, Project No. 807520, Contract No. 17P204A to Rice Lake Construction Group for their low responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$19,212,475.
9. 2018-58 Determine that the Airlake Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) conforms to the metropolitan aviation system plan and is consistent with Council policy.
10. 2018-63 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the cost of the City of Minneapolis's 6th Street Overhead Signal Additions Project.
11. 2018-64 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the scope of the City of Minneapolis's University of Minnesota Protected Bikeways Project.
12. 2018-68 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with Prevost to purchase five coach replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,760,000.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment

2018-15 Approve the recommendations of the 2016-2017 Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force, effective July 1, 2018, including: Continue outdoor seating policy as is, but simplify criteria to 40 seats per SAC. Continue current residential rate for manufactured homes, monitor flow studies and encourage grants. Revise the SAC determination process to utilize gross square feet of tenant space versus net square feet of individual usages for certain SAC criteria. Adjust the grandparent credit date from January 1, 1973 to January 1, 2009.

Ned Smith gave a presentation on the topic.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Management

2018-48 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 5, Local Union No. 668 effective for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

Transportation—Reports on Consent Agenda

Joint Reports of the Transportation and Management Committees

2018-59 JT Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint and Cooperative Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) related to common carrier freight rail obligations in the Kenilworth Corridor and Bass Lake Spur and performance of duties and responsibilities under the existing Trackage Rights Agreements (TRAs); and authorize the Regional Administrator or the Regional Administrator's designee(s) to negotiate and execute ancillary agreements necessary to implement the Joint and Cooperative Exercise of Powers Agreement.

Jim Alexander provided a presentation on the joint reports.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

2018-60 JT Authorize the Regional Administrator to: Negotiate and execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the Council and Canadian Pacific (CP) related to the acquisition of the Bass Lake Spur for an amount not-to-exceed \$27.45M; Negotiate and execute a Property Transfer Agreement between the Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) related to the transfer of ownership of the Kenilworth Corridor as a permanent, in-kind property transfer for the SWLRT Project; Negotiate and execute ancillary documents necessary for closing on the Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor; Petition the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to acquire the rights-of-way and physical freight rail assets of the Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor (collectively referred to herein as "Corridors") subject to the freight rail easements and existing trackage rights agreements; Negotiate any settlement or other agreement with TC&W related to the acquisition of these properties or utilization for the construction of the SWLRT Project.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2018-61 JT Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the Second Amendment to the Cooperative Funding Agreement with HCRRA for the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) to extend the funding agreement to May 31, 2018 and increase the amount of HCRRA's share of the project funding by \$3,969,282.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

2018-65 JT Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the third amendment to the 2017 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Capital Grant Agreement to extend the grant activity period to May 31, 2018 and increase the amount of matching funds from Hennepin County by \$2,740,465.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2018-77 Approve the appointment of Renae Clark, to represent District 3, and Watertown Township Supervisor, Gerald Bruner, to represent District 4 (Carver County) on the Land Use Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Rodriguez—Participated in Transit Driver Appreciation Day along with CM McCarthy and other CMs. Attended the Plymouth State of the City address.

Cunningham—Attended the C Line Groundbreaking along with Chair Tchourumoff and other CMs.

Letofsky—Attended the C Line Groundbreaking. Spoke at the groundbreaking for Green on Fourth, a mixed-income housing project in the Towerside area. Attended a groundbreaking for a mixed-used, mixed-income project near 46th and Hiawatha.

Dorfman—Attended the St. Louis Park State of the City address where she received the Citizen of the Year award.

Elkins—Attended the Edina State of the City address and will be attending the Bloomington and Richfield State of the City addresses. Attended the 494 Commission meeting in Eden Prairie.

Chair: Attended the C Line Groundbreaking. There's a new video explaining BRT that is exciting. Attended the Metro Transit Police Department Awards Ceremony along with CMs.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 21, 2018.

Approved this 28th day of March 2018.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary