

Council Chair Adam Duinick

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, December 14, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-7)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-225 Approve the list of Authorized Financial Institutions for 2017.
2. 2016-226 Approve a report of 2016 volume-based financial contracts reflecting service provided in the following contracts: Wells Fargo and US Bank – General banking services; Elavon, authorize.net, Moovel and PayPal – Credit card processing, gateway and managed payment services; Bank of America (BofA) – Purchasing card services; Wells Fargo and US Bank – Custodian, securities lending, trustee and escrow.
3. 2016-238 Adopt the Review Record and allow the City of Eden Prairie to place the Prairie Bluffs Senior Living Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Natural Resources.
4. 2016-250 Authorize the signing of Woodbury Theater Lease with Cinemasota, Inc. The lease would allow Cinemasota to utilize the Woodbury Theater for the showing of films, primarily at night and weekends while also utilizing the parking lot as a park-and-ride during the days. The lease will have an initial term of five years with an option to extend for an additional five years. Included in the lease will also be a termination clause requiring 6-months notification by either party.
5. 2016-251 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute cooperative funding agreement 16I013 with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) not to exceed \$2,600,000 to fund METRO Orange Line activities.
6. 2016-253 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source agreement with Enterprise Holdings, Inc. for management and operation of Metro Vanpool for a five-year term from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$3,565,000.

7. 2016-254 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reduce the scope of the Three Rivers Park District's Regional Trail System Ramps Project.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2016-240 Award \$2.5 million in Local Housing Incentives Account grants as follows at authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Multifamily Rental Housing Proposals

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Indian Neighborhood Club Expansion	Minneapolis	20		\$300,000
Minnehaha Townhomes	Minneapolis	16		\$400,000
Ramsey Apartments	Ramsey	54		\$100,000
Como by the Lake	Saint Paul		89	\$400,000
Model Cities Supportive Housing	Saint Paul		37	\$100,000
The Glen at Valley Creek	Woodbury	42		\$400,000
Sub-total Rental:		132	126	\$1,700,000

Single Family Ownership Housing Proposals

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Twin Cities Habitat	Multiple Cities/Anoka County HRA	9		\$200,000
Tax Forfeit to Affordable Home Ownership	Bloomington & Minneapolis/Hennepin County HRA		1	\$105,000
Homes Within Reach	Hennepin County Suburbs/Minnetonka		9	\$335,000

Inspiring Communities	Saint Paul	4		\$160,000
Sub-total Ownership:		13	10	\$800,000
TOTAL RENTAL AND HOME OWNERSHIP		145	136	\$2,500,000

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-241 Approve proposals for Project Based Voucher (PBV) assistance and authorize staff to execute necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the owners of the projects to assign a total of 30 Vouchers in six projects as follows:

Project	City	Total Units in Project	PBV Request	PBV Award
Ramsey Apartments	Ramsey	54	15	15
Clover Ridge Townhomes	Carver	3	3	3
The Glen at Valley Creek	Woodbury	42	4	4
W 1 st Street	Chaska	4	4	4
Oak Grove Senior Residence	Norwood Young-America	50	3	2
Crossings at Town Centre	Waconia	68	3	2
Total			32	30

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2016-242 Authorize the transfer of \$175,000 remaining from the LCDA-TOD Pre-Development Program to the regular LCDA program; award nine Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants, as follows, and authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Development Project	Applicant	Points	Amount Recommended
West Side Flats III	Saint Paul	89	\$800,000

Dorothy Day	Saint Paul	86	\$662,000
Hook & Ladder	Minneapolis	86	\$1,300,000
Artspace	Hastings	83	\$236,891
West Side Flats Greenway	Saint Paul	82	\$800,000
Knox-American	Bloomington	81	\$1,400,000
Sabathani	Minneapolis	79	\$516,109
Cedar Point South	Richfield	71	\$1,360,000
Commerce Park Apartments	North St. Paul	69	\$600,000
Total Recommended			\$7,675,000
Total Available			\$7,675,000
Total Remaining			\$0

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Commers.

Motion carried.

Environment—No Reports

Management

2016-227 Approve revisions to the Non-Represented Plan effective January 1, 2017.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2016-243 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) to receive a Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grant for Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (SWLRT) for \$5 million for assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites related to the SWLRT Project.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-244 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement to receive a Hennepin County Community Works grant for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project in the amount of \$3 million for eligible SWLRT Project items including trails, plazas, wayfinding, and pedestrian areas.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-245 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of St. Louis Park to receive \$2 million as local funding contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-246 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Hopkins to receive \$0.5 million as local funding contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-247 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Minnetonka to receive \$2 million as local funding contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-248 SW Revised Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Eden Prairie in the amount up to \$8.2 million.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-258 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement to receive funds from the City of Hopkins in the amount of \$30,000.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-260 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the amount up to \$2 million.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-261 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of St. Louis Park in the amount up to \$1.6 million.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-262 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Hopkins in the amount up to \$950,000.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-263 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with the City of Minnetonka in the amount up to \$2.5 million.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-265 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement with Hennepin County in the amount up to \$4.2 million.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-256 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement to receive funds from Hennepin County in the amount of \$2,605,000.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-257 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement to receive funds from the City of St. Louis Park in the amount of \$2,062,928.

This item was included in an omnibus motion covering items 2016-243, 2016-244, 2016-245, 2016-246, 2016-247, 2016-248 SW, 2016-258 SW, 2016-260 SW, 2016-261 SW, 2016-262 SW, 2016-263 SW, 2016-265 SW, 2016-256 SW, and 2016-257 SW. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-259 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Letter of Agreement with the City of Hopkins related to the acquisition of public parking and a public pedestrian and bicycle lobby from the City.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-267 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Property Transfer Agreement between the Council and HCRRA related to the transfer of ownership of property as a permanent, in-kind contribution for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

2016-268 SW Approve a Right of Way acquisition loan (RALF) of up to \$750,000 to the City of Lakeville to purchase 17395 Kenwood Trail, Lakeville, which is a parcel of land needed for reconstruction of the northbound exit ramp at CSAH 5 and I-35.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

2016-269 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source agreements with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for: Cedar Avenue express service and public facility maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$740,550; Cedar Avenue Red Line Station to Station BRT Service and public facility maintenance not to exceed \$5,455,850.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

2016-270 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2017 for the following projects:

Capital:

- 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$137,906,594
- 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$66,000,000
- 3) Orange Line BRT (I-35W South) - \$8,000,000

Operating:

- 1) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service - \$169,614
- 2) I-35W South Express Service - \$353,343
- 3) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) - \$24,536,206
- 4) Northstar Commuter Rail Service - \$6,972,395
- 5) Red Line BRT Service - \$1,552,850

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Transit Revenue Forecast for 2018-2019 Biennium

Mary Bogie and Brian Lamb presented on the Metropolitan Council Transportation Funding Forecast for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2016-2019. A surplus of \$1.4B is expected for the next biennium. Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) is expected to make up 44% (\$225M) of our overall 2016 transit operating budget of \$517M. The total projected transportation deficit for SFY 2018-2019 is \$89M. The preferred solution to the deficit is the Governor's transit sales tax proposal, which recognizes instability of MVST revenues, creates stable, long-term funding that allows us to effectively plan and budget transit investments, eliminates the entire deficit, funds needed transit growth to accommodate job growth and workforce demands, and enhances equity and geographic balance throughout the region. Absent the Governor's sales tax proposal, some options are under consideration to balance the Council's transportation budget. These options are a fare increase, service reduction, and medical assistance revenues for eligible Metro Mobility services.

MN Energy Plan

Sara Smith introduced Lise Trudeau from the MN Dept. of Commerce, and Becky Alexander from LHB, who presented to the Council on the MN Energy Action Plan. Minnesota's 2025 Energy Action Plan is funded by a grant from the US Department of Energy. The project team consists of representatives from the MN Dept. of Commerce, the Legislative Energy Commission, the Rocky Mountain Institute, the Great Plains Institute, and LHB. Three stakeholder advisory meetings were held between July and December 2015. The project team reached additional stakeholders through the Metro and Greater Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) meetings, a presentation to the Minnesota Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA), a food processors' workshop, and the Great Plains Institute's Energy Innovation Celebration Collaboratory. In addition, the project team conducted over twenty interviews with stakeholder advisory committee members, observers, and other stakeholders, and reviewed relevant literature and Minnesota-specific studies. Stakeholders identified strategies for growth in five key areas: transportation, energy supply and grid modernization, efficient buildings and integrated energy systems, industrial and agricultural processes, and local planning and action. The complete Plan can be found at http://www.leg.leg.mn/projects/2025/MN_E2025_final.pdf.

Thrive Lens Deployment

Lesley Kandaras and Dan Marckel presented on the Thrive Lens deployment. The Thrive Lens operationalizes Thrive; it is a tool to align decisions with Thrive and a resource to support staff and Council members as they converse in the language of Thrive. It is not a check list or a compliance exercise. Staff integrated Thrive Lens into business items and information items. Moving forward, all business and information items should use the new template and complete the Thrive Lens Analysis section. Beyond using it in business and information items, staff should use the lens at meaningful application points within divisions' decision-making structures.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins—Attended Hennepin County Commissioner Randy Johnson’s retirement party. Attended Bloomington’s annual pre-legislative meeting.

Munt—Attended a construction kick-off for 66 units of affordable housing in Mound. The development is called Indian Knoll Manor and the Council invested \$400,000 in it. Participated in a convening of housing advocates.

Rodriguez—Attended the TAB and MPOSC annual meetings. Met with Commissioners from Three Rivers Park District. Participated in a tour of Fridley’s TOD planning.

Cunningham—Attended a meeting of Equity in Place.

Letofsky—Attended the Metro Cities Policy Agenda Meeting where they adopted their agenda for the 2017 legislative session. MAC is working on their CIP. Attended the PlanIt conference.

Chair: None

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

2016-239 Adoption of the following Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council’s 2017 Unified Budget and the 2016, Payable 2017, Tax Levies:

- 2016-30: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council’s 2017 Unified Budget
- 2016-31: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council’s 2016 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2016-32: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council’s 2016 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
- 2016-33: Adopting of 2016 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2016-34: Adopting of 2016 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2016-35: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2016 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds
- 2016-36: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2016 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

- Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Duininck
- Nay: 1 Wulff
- Absent: 2 Reynoso, Rummel

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 14, 2016.

Approved this 11th day of January, 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary