

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, March 11, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, 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.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Bob “Again” Carney Jr. shared his thoughts on the MPRB and SWLRT.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Kramer.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Rodriguez.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

Schreiber abstained.

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-32 Adopt the review record and allow the City of Brooklyn Park to put Town Center comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA does not change the City’s forecasts.
2. 2015-33 Authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order to Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, GA not to exceed \$2,830,000 to provide Clarifloc polymers at a unit price of \$1.25 per pound to the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020.
3. 2015-34 Increase the delegated construction change order authority for contract 13P184 and ratify the increased estimated amount for the emergency repairs to Interceptor 7113.
4. 2015-35 Authorize the Regional Administrator to proceed with the sale of two fee title properties located at 7240 Rolling Acres Road within the City of Victoria to the adjacent property owner for an amount equal to no less than the appraised value of \$750.
5. 2015-36 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source procurement contract not to exceed \$675,000 for the upgrade of the MCES Empire WWTP Fire Alarm/Mass Notification system by Simplex Grinnell.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Report on Consent Agenda

Environment

2015-54 SW Approve a land lease and community solar subscription agreement with Oak Leaf Energy Partners.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2014-301 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on contract 12P227 with Gillig Corporation to purchase three option buses and bus rapid transit (BRT) features for twelve buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,960,092. This purchase is contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit and completion of environmental clearance for the A Line project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2015-43 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to approve the Knorr sole source and the purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$1,005,000 for Knorr brake parts used on the motor trucks as part of Overhaul 2 of the Bombardier Type 1 vehicles.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

2015-48 SW Approve the resolution to direct the Green Line LRT Extension and Blue Line LRT Extension Project Offices to closely collaborate with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) for the development of design, engineering, environmental review, and construction of both LRT projects and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board relating to the Green Line LRT Extension and Blue Line LRT Extension.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-46 Approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: Anani d’Almeida—District E; Patricia Schwietz—District F; Suyapa Miranda—District G; Peter Dugan—District H; and Jim Hovland—TAB Chair.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

2015-49 1. Approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III, A.1.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Litigation Review
Cunningham, Chair	Rummel, Chair	Chávez, Chair	Schreiber, Chair	Chávez, Chair
Commers, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Kramer, Vice Chair	Rodriguez, Vice Chair	Melander, Vice Chair
Wulff	Melander	Melander	Barber	Cunningham
Chávez	Schreiber	Rodriguez	Munt	Schreiber
Kramer	Reynoso	Barber	Elkins	
Munt	McCarthy	Cunningham	Dorfman	
Dorfman		Rummel	Letofsky	
Elkins			Reynoso	
Letofsky			McCarthy	
			Commers	

2. Approve the following special committee assignments recommended by the Chair:

Audit
Reynoso, Chair
Chávez
Letofsky

3. Approve the appointment of Katie Rodriguez as the Metropolitan Council member representative to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

2015-50 Approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Vice Chair pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.B.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

2015-51 Approve the appointments of Jon Commers—Chair, Marvin Johnson—District 1, James Saefke—District 2, Mary Hershberger Thun—District 4 (Carver County), Kathi Mocol—District 4 (Scott County), William Neuendorf—District 5, Kathi Hemken—District 6, Chip Halbach—District 8, Pamela Harris—District 10, Phillip Klein—District 11, Kristina Smitten—District 12, James McClean—District 13, Elizabeth Wefel—District 14, Elizabeth Kautz—District 15 and William Droste—District 15 to the Land Use Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Status of the Council's Response to HUD Complaint

Dave Theisen, Deputy General Counsel and Libby Starling, Manager of Regional Policy and Research, provided a report on the status of the housing complaint that was filed against the Metropolitan Council, the State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in mid-November 2014. The complaint was filed by the cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Richfield, along with MICAH (Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing). HUD is investigating the claims. The Council's response will focus on responding to factual allegations in the complaint and providing background and information on the Council's authority.

Legislative Update—Governor's Transportation Proposal

Judd Schetnan, Director of Government Affairs, provided an update on the Governor's transportation proposal. The proposal provides stable and reliable funding. The Governor's budget proposal increases transit funding via a ½ cent transit dedicated sales tax for the metro area, and would raise \$2.8B over ten years. This would cover transit capital and operating costs. Transportation needs to grow as the region grows; by 2040, we will have a 29% population growth (over 800,000 people) and 36% employment growth. Schetnan reported that the past ten years focused on overcoming bus funding shortfalls and maintaining the existing regular route system. Over this time, bus ridership has grown 14%.

REPORTS

Chair:

Reiterated the need for the Governor's Transportation Proposal and ½ cent sales tax.

Thanked Council members for their assistance and support with the 7 County Tour.

Council Members:

Elkins: Has been meeting with City administrators and senior staff in some of the cities in his district (Richfield, Edina, and Hopkins) to hear about what is going on in their cities.

Reynoso: Has been meeting with the City of East Bethel, most recently regarding Hwy 65.

Toured the East Bethel Wastewater Treatment Plant along with Chair Duinick as part of the 7 County Tour.

Reported on people he has met while riding transit and how impactful it can be to learn from our riders.

Thanked staff for their hard work, especially his Sector Rep Annalee Garletz.

Wulff: Met with Scott County Farm Advisory Board which meets quarterly; she provided them with an update on the Council's policy plans.

Schreiber: Several meetings regarding the BLRT. Thanked staff for the great meetings they have held in her district.

Melander: Thanked staff for their responsiveness to the Lost Lake spill.

Rummel: Attended meetings with CM Melander regarding the Gold Line.

Attended a water summit in Hugo which brought together several communities who have concerns. The Council is working closely with the DNR on water issues.

McCarthy: Met with the Blind and Visually Impaired; they are very thankful for public transit.

Met with the City of Shoreview.

Cunningham: Attended several meetings regarding regional economic competitiveness.

Attended the Penn Avenue Community Works (C Line) which we're working on with several partners.

Met with staff to talk about the Broadway Ave. study and is excited for the PAC to start.

Letofsky: Greeted her fellow CMs and stated that she's looking forward to being part of the Council.

Munt: Taped a League of Women Voters TV show along with Minneapolis CM Reich.

Participating in SWLRT meetings.

Delivered 10,000 postcards to the legislature on behalf of the MoveMN campaign.

Met with members of the TAAC and received feedback on Metro Mobility.

Rodriguez: Thanked Chair Duininck for attending the NW Hennepin League of Municipalities meeting.

Had follow-up meetings with the cities of Plymouth and Minneapolis regarding the Hwy 55 BRT report

Presented to the Maple Grove City Council on *Thrive MSP 2040* and other Council policy plans.

Met with Commissioner DeJournett of the Three Rivers Park District along with CM Schreiber.

Will be touring Independence, Maple Plain, and Corcoran with Sector Rep Freya Thamman.

Commers: Toured the Ford Plant site along with Chair Duininck as part of his 7 County Tour.

Serving on the Riverview PAC; they will be bringing some recommendations back to the region.

Regional Administrator: Pat Born was not in attendance.

General Counsel: No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 11, 2015.

Approved this 25th day of March, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary