

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, October 26, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Dorfman.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-180 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to remove curb-and-gutter from the City of Brooklyn Center's Evergreen School Area Trail and Sidewalk System project (SP # 109-591-001). This action would occur pending the approval of the 2017-2020 TIP.
2. 2016-193 Approve the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan. Require that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board submit estimated land acquisition costs that were not quantified in this master plan as an amendment to the master plan for Metropolitan Council review and approval prior to seeking grants for acquisition of applicable parcels. Inform the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board that in order to be eligible for future regional parks funding for soil contamination remediation, the project requests must meet the specific criteria delineated in the Regional Parks Policy Plan that is in effect at the time of the request. Require that prior to initiating development within the regional park, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board must send preliminary plans to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
3. 2016-194 Approve a grant of up to \$183,000 to Dakota County to pay part of the acquisition costs for the Hansch parcel at 1252 Carriage Hills Drive in Eagan for Lebanon Hills Regional Park; authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council; consider reimbursing Dakota County for up to \$112,841 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs associated with the acquisition; and inform Dakota County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

4. 2016-195 Approve the Regional Parks System Parks and Trails Legacy Project List for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019 based on current appropriation estimates from Minnesota Management and Budget.
5. 2016-206 Adopt amounts listed as Payment Standards for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2016.
6. 2016-207 Approve the Utility Allowance Schedule for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2016.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2016-205 Award six Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development grants as follows, totaling \$4,750,000, and award two Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account Transit Oriented Development grants as follows, totaling \$1,028,365, and authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Recommended Projects	Applicant	Points	LCDA-TOD	TBRA-TOD
Lexington Station	St. Paul	97.71	\$800,000	0
Great River Landing	Minneapolis	97.62	\$638,500	0
L&H Station	Minneapolis	93.43	\$1,361,500	0
Riverdale Station Apartments	Coon Rapids	93.15	\$985,000	0
Sanctuary on Vandalia	St. Paul	86.14	\$716,500	\$615,000
Union Flats (aka 2300 Territorial)	St. Paul	84.14	\$248,500	\$413,365
Total Recommended			\$4,750,000	\$1,028,365
Total Available			\$4,750,000	\$1,875,000
Total Remaining			0	\$846,635

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

Environment—No Reports

Management

2016-178 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the LELS Local 192, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2016-181 Approve Resolution 2016-26 expressing the Council's findings with regard to expenditures that comply with the public purpose doctrine and that the Regional Administrator implement new and update existing policies and procedures in accordance with these findings.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2016-196 SW Release the draft Transportation Public Participation Plan for the purposes of obtaining public comment.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-197 SW Award and execute a contract with Siemens Industry Inc. (Siemens) for the fabrication and delivery of 27 low floor light rail vehicles and related materials and services, at a total cost not to exceed \$118,092,506, with an option to purchase up to 50 additional low floor light rail vehicles. Issue Limited Notice to Proceed to initiate design and engineering in the amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-203 SW Approve a request by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for improvements to the I-35W corridor in Minneapolis including a new southbound exit to Lake Street; a new northbound exit to 28th Street, a new 12th Street transit ramp, and extended MnPASS lanes. This request is subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council if there are any significant changes in the design of the proposed project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-211 SW Find the ten grant applications submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY 2017 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2040 Transportation Policy Plan adopted January 2015.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2016-215 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment to contract 15P026 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA), in the amount of \$519,980 for design and construction support services for the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-217 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with Hogle Bus (MnDOT Contract 88294) for up to 39 replacement buses and 16 expansion buses in an

amount not to exceed \$3,781,200; and North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 88331) for up to 55 replacement buses and 24 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$5,136,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2016-219 SW Approve the following Metropolitan Area 5310 grant awards for 2017:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Achieve Services, Inc.	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Augustana Chapel View Homes, Inc.	New Bus	\$60,800
Northeast Contemporary Services, Inc.	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (Rosemount)	2 Replacement Buses	\$121,600
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	3 Replacement Buses	\$228,800
NEWTRAX, Inc.	6 Replacement Buses	\$364,800
ProAct, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses	\$168,000
Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc. – Chaska	2 New Buses	\$121,600
Volunteers of America of Minnesota	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Dakota County	Mobility Management	\$235,000
Newtrax, Inc.	Mobility Management	\$144,000
Scott County	Mobility Management	\$84,000
Total		\$1,963,200

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2016-218 Adopt the Public Comment Draft of the 2017 Unified Budget.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 15 Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duininck

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Rodriguez, Cunningham

REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins—Attended Rail~Volution and participated in really good sessions on TOD.

Letofsky—Also attended Rail~Volution and appreciated that they focused on preserving affordable housing in neighborhoods connected by rail.

Munt—Attended a community conversation in Hopkins about whether white privilege exists. The outcome was that privilege does exist and there are very specific things that a city, a police department, a school district, and individuals can do in order to welcome people of color into the community. Hopkins is 40% diverse right now. SWLRT CAC met and discussed construction phasing.

Chair: Recently spoke to the REALTORS association in Dakota County. Spoke to the Willmar Rotary Club (Chair Duininck's hometown is Willmar) where he talked about the importance of transportation and transit to greater MN. Attended the ICLV in Baltimore; the theme was higher education and workforce and economic development. The One Water workshop will be held tomorrow. Met with the new MTS Director, Nick Thompson.

Regional Administrator: Introduced the new MTS Director, Nick Thompson.

General Counsel: Thanked Jeanne Matross for her years of service. Jeanne is retiring from the Council. Jeanne shared a few words.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 26, 2016.

Approved this 9th day of November, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary