

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, February 22, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Letofsky.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-38 Approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Policy 4-6 Employee Conduct.
2. 2017-39 Approve the bylaws of the Equity Advisory Committee.
3. 2017-41 Authorize the Regional Administrator or his delegate to negotiate and execute a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) for the \$1,000,000 FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant award. These grant funds will be used for station area planning along the planned METRO Gold Line (Gateway) BRT corridor in Washington and Ramsey Counties as described in the grant application.
4. 2017-44 Authorize the Regional Administrator or his delegate to negotiate and execute a pass-through Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Hennepin County for the \$1,200,000 FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant award. These grant funds will be used for advanced station area planning and developing implementation strategies along the planned METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau) LRT corridor in Hennepin County as described in the grant application.
5. 2017-48 Authorize the Regional Administrator to re-convey property that was part of the original South Saint Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant site to the City of South Saint Paul at no cost in accordance with the original acquisition agreement.
6. 2017-49 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Vadnais Heights and Maplewood Interceptor Rehabilitation, Project 808810, Contract 16P177, to Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive responsible bid of \$11,352,022.00.

7. 2017-50 Adopt the Facility Plan for the Brooklyn Park and Champlin Regional Sewer Rehabilitation Project 809300, per Resolution No. 2017-1.
8. 2017-51 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a construction cooperation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for maintenance access structure construction at interceptor crossings of interstate I-35W within the City of Minneapolis, Project 807645.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment

2017-47 Approve the process for 2017 stormwater innovation grants described in Attachment A, and authorize staff to advertise the availability of grant funding and solicit applications for the 2017 grants.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

2017-52 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with the University of Minnesota for \$605,108 to conduct an evaluation of metro sewage sludge incinerator ash as a phosphorus source for crop production.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Reynoso.

Motion carried.

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2017-46 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Railworks Track Systems, Inc. for construction in the amount of \$11,817,000 for the upgrades to the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers and replace the embedded rail at the intersections of Park Ave., Nicollet Ave., and Hennepin Ave.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2017-27 Approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Vice Chair pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.B.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

MAWSAC Report on Water Supply Planning Activities

Council member Sandy Rummel introduced the presentation and provided background on the 2017 Report of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) to the Minnesota Legislature. Lanya Ross presented the information item. The 2017 MAWSAC Report is titled Water

Supply Now and For the Future: Steps Toward Sustainable Water Supplies. MAWSAC was created by the MN Legislature in 2005 and consists of 18 members whose purpose is to assist and guide the Metropolitan Council's water supply planning, approve the Master Water Supply Plan, and appoint the Technical Advisory Committee, which was created in 2015 by the MN Legislature to advise MAWSAC. The Committee includes representatives from state agencies, counties, municipalities, and utilities. We are fortunate to have four extensive aquifers and three major rivers in the metropolitan area. An average home can collect over 600 gallons of water during a moderate rainfall. We currently use more groundwater than surface water because most of the region's development expanded to areas away from rivers. The largest and fastest growing water use is by public water supply systems. The region is expected to 450 million gallons of water per day by the year 2040. Much of the region's future growth is expected to occur in areas that could have groundwater shortages. Currently, our average municipal water use is 125 gallons per person per day. If we can reduce it to 90 gallons per person per day, our region could grow by almost 800,000 people without increasing water use above today's total. Ross used the City of Woodbury as an example that has a water conservation program that is resident and business-friendly. Woodbury received a grant from the Council for an incentive program to help reduce residential water demand by up to 3.8 million gallons each year. The cities of Burnsville and Savage have been supplementing their drinking water with treated quarry water. Future work on the water supply issue needs funding and continued leadership and support from regional and state policymakers. By supporting local leadership and collaboration, our shared water supplies will sustain us through the challenges ahead. Ross fielded questions from Council members.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins—Attended the annual meeting of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. The Orange Line, SWLRT, and the Mall of America Transit Station were all prominently featured and have the Chamber's support. Attended a Sensible Land Use Coalition (SLUC) meeting that featured Met Council governance and transit. John Kari was the moderator, Sean Kershaw and Patty Naumann were the panelists.

Rodriguez—Attended the SLUC governance meeting. Met with the City of Medicine Lake along with Freya Thamman and Andrew Virden. It's a tiny city run by volunteers. Freya was able to offer them a number of resources to make the comp plan process easier. Presented to the Maple Grove City Council; they continue to be concerned about the Hwy 610/I-94 connection. Representatives Smith and Peppin were also in attendance. Met with new Corcoran Council member Brian Dejewski, (along with Freya Thamman), who is the COO at Mobile Hope.

Dorfman—Attended the annual meeting of the Downtown Council, which highlighted Metro Transit's successes.

Munt—Had a good problem-solving meeting with the cities of Minnetonka and Hopkins, looking at how we can reconfigure a stormwater pond to maximize the development potential at the Shady Oak light rail station. Jim Alexander and his team are working to figure it out. Met with folks from the Community Engagement Steering Committee. They're interested in helping with listening sessions regarding the fare increase. Listened to Sen. Osmeck's press conference; people are concerned with transit funding cuts and the notion that the FTA can redirect funds from SWLRT to fund roads, which is not true.

Wulff—The SAC Task Force has been going well. They were originally supposed to have four meetings but have expanded to six because there has been so much to discuss. Staff will now work with a consultant and the Task Force will reconvene later in the summer with the results of those ideas.

Reynoso—Today's Consent Agenda included the bylaws for the EAC and they appreciate the Management Committee passing that item. The EAC has had some phenomenal meetings recently and are working on work plans. Thanked his colleagues for being involved.

Melander—Met with the Washington County Commissioners along with CM Rummel, CM Munt, and Chair Duininck. Shared a story about public transportation was so important to his family growing up and continues to be an important part of our region.

Commers—The Riverview PAC is on track to reach agreement on an LPA this summer. Three significant issues are the question of how to move from downtown St. Paul to West 7th and whether to serve on West 7th or on an alignment with CP RR, where to cross the river, and the potential/prioritization to serve the Ford Plant site.

Rummel—The Rush Line is on track to settle on an LPA in March. It is a long and difficult process, but it's gratifying to see it come together.

Letofsky—Attended the Citizens League event where Pat Born spoke about their governance study report.

Chair: Spoke to a group during Transportation Day at the Capitol. Participated in a meeting at the Governor's office regarding transportation and transit funding. CTIB has a workshop scheduled for March 3 to work through possible dissolution issues. There were some governance bills up this week; our staff did an excellent job on responding and being at the Capitol as needed.

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 February 22, 2017.

Approved this 8th day of March, 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary