

Metropolitan Council

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Councilmember Edward Reynoso
Councilmember John Doan
Councilmember Sandy Rummel
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer
Councilmember Jon Commers
Councilmember Steven Chávez
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE Smith, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Duinick, Reynoso, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Haigh stated the presentation by Judd Schetnan would be moved from the end to the beginning of the meeting.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schreiber

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Chávez

INFORMATION

A. Legislative Update

Judd Schetnan provided an overview of the 2013 legislative session. The Council will receive \$129.859 million to fund existing transit operations for SFY 2014-2015, \$18 million to fund the state's share of lightrail operations for the Blue Line and the Green Line, \$37 million one-time capital construction appropriation for SWLRT, and a \$153.372 million base was established for SFY 2016-2017. The Omnibus Tax Bill includes \$35.8 million in regional transit capital (RTC) bonding authorization for the Council. RTC bonds will be used for capital improvements (fleet replacement, capital preservation, park-and-ride lot expansions/improvements, and transit station improvements). The RTC bonds support the capital projects of all the regional transit providers and services throughout the region. The Legacy Bill includes \$33.7 million for the Parks and Trails Fund in SFY 2014-2015, \$6.3 million for the Outdoor Heritage Fund in SFY 2014, and \$3.537 for the Clean Water Fund in SFY 2014-2015. The Council will also receive \$17 million for our regional park operations and maintenance funds in SFY 2014-2015. The Transit Operator Assault Bill passed both the House and Senate, and will make assaults on transit operators a gross misdemeanor if an assault inflicts demonstrable bodily harm. The MCES Housekeeping Bill also passed both bodies with strong support; it will clean up obsolete language from statutes governing wastewater treatment services. The Council will be redistricted in accordance with the State law requiring the Council districts to be redrawn in years ending in "3" based on the most recent census data. The bill signed into law designates Map 1A as the official map. Maps were devised with three central principles guiding the process: to keep local units of government in one district (except Minneapolis and St. Paul), to have reasonable population deviations (in the 3-4% range), and to ensure geographic representation throughout the region.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-113 Authorize renewal of its property insurance, effective 6/1/13-6/1/14, with FM Global in an amount not to exceed \$1,495,000.
2. 2013-130 Authorize the Regional Administrator to exceed the 10% amendment authority for professional and technical services contracts, and amend the Elemental Materials Technology contract to a total amended contract value in an amount not to exceed \$613,430 for work related to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT).
3. 2013-132 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Knutson Construction, for the construction of the Highway 610 & Noble Parkway Park and Ride in Brooklyn Park at a cost of \$8,363,040.
4. 2013-138 Authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 5/31/13-5/31/14, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
5. 2013-140 Approve the list of projects recommended for federal funding for up to \$922,151 under the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program and for up to \$1,200,338 under the New Freedom program as listed in Attachment A; authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the JARC program and the New Freedom program to fund the recommended projects and the contingency list of JARC projects.
6. 2013-141 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Excelsior Area Improvements Interceptor 7017 (Segment 1) Force Main Project 802850, Contract 13P043 with SR Weidema, Inc. for their bid of \$8,048,056.90.
7. 2013-142 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Lift Station L7, Project Number 805520, Contract 12P068, with Magney Construction, Inc. for its low bid of \$1,229,130.
8. 2013-143 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the L7 Force Main, Project Number 805530, Contract 12P069, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for its low bid of \$4,794,190.
9. 2013-144 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Hoglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 56190) for up to seven low floor expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$833,000.
10. 2013-145 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add 18 projects on the attached list using a total of \$979,200 in federal Section 5310 funding in 2013.
11. 2013-146 Rescind Business Item SW 2013-110 authorizing the Council to enter into a grant agreement with the Cities of Prior Lake and Shakopee for \$775,000 for the Marschall Road Transit Station; and authorize the Council to enter into a grant agreement with Scott County for \$775,000 for the Marschall Road Transit Station.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No reports

Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management

2013-127 Approve the attached Resolution 2013-2 to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement. And further, to issue the related General Obligation Sewer Note securing the loan agreement substantially in the form of the Note referenced in the resolution.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff

Motion carried.

Transportation

2013-131 Authorize an additional 2% (\$1,757,007) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$4,392,518 to a revised change order authority of \$6,149,525 for the Central Corridor (Green Line) Systems Contract.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Schreiber

Motion carried.

2013-133 Adopt the West Suburban Service Changes Recommended Plan and approve the Title VI Service Equity Analysis of the Recommended Plan.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Smith

Motion carried.

2013-134 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute 1.) a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the Central Station Block in downtown Saint Paul, 2.) an easement agreement with the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for bus waiting area improvements, and 3.) an operations and maintenance agreement with the City of Saint Paul for a stair and elevator tower.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Chávez

Motion carried.

2013-135 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Wellington Management Inc. for Wellington's partial use of a Metropolitan Council transit easement at Hiawatha Avenue and Lake Street in Minneapolis.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Smith

Motion carried.

2013-136 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) in the amount of ~~(\$1,956,484.00)~~ \$1,964,484 for the development of The Interchange project.

It was moved by Duinick and seconded by Reynoso to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) in the amount of \$1,964,484 for development of The Interchange project.

It was then moved by Duinick, seconded by Reynoso to amend the business item 2013-136 adopted by the Transportation Committee by striking the amount of \$1,956,484 and substitute the correct amount of \$1,964,484. The motion was adopted by the Council.

The Council then voted to adopt the amended motion to authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) with Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) in the amount of ~~(\$1,956,484.00)~~ \$1,964,484 for the development of The Interchange project.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Chair: Chair Haigh has spent a great deal of time on legislative matters. Participated in the Policymaker Discussion in Minneapolis regarding a variety of transit and transportation initiatives in North Minneapolis. Attended the Greater MSP Board of Directors meeting where a presentation was given on the return of investment study done by the Itasca Project. Participated in a meeting with the DEED Commissioner regarding the Statewide goals around economic competitiveness. Participated in the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board meeting. Met with Commissioner Ehlinger to discuss the Health in all Policies initiative. Attended the Great River Gathering and the East Metro Transit Alternatives meeting at the Union Depot.

Council Members:

Cunningham: Attended the SAC working group meeting. Traveled to Indianapolis with the Greater MSP group. Participated in an event for the Trust for Public Land. Attended a meeting for the Midtown Corridor. Spoke at a MICAH meeting regarding the Council's work on diversity. Attended a meeting with Van Jones and many local officials.

Smith: Attended the Transportation Research conference and heard Jay Cowles and Commissioner Ehlinger speak.

Kramer: Spent time calling new constituents, including mayors and city council members.

Schreiber: Attended a meeting in Shoreview that was hosted by TAB and MnDOT. Also attended the Thrive MSP 2040 outreach meeting in Shoreview.

Duinick: Spoke at an open house at 1515 Central Ave. in Northeast Minneapolis where an old warehouse has been rehabilitated into office space. Attended the Regional Solicitation TAB/MnDOT meeting that CM Schreiber also attended. Participated in the first Transportation Policy Plan Task Force meeting. Attended the 46th Street Station event.

Elkins: Participated in the first Transportation Policy Plan Task Force meeting. Next Wednesday the SLUC will be having an event with four former Met Council Chairs on a panel.

Chávez: Attended the North Minneapolis Thrive MSP 2040 outreach meeting. Participated in a meeting regarding the Red Line. Attended a MAC meeting.

Wulff: Toured the proposed Kingswood special recreation feature along with CM Brimeyer.

Regional Administrator: The Council has started the annual internship program. There are 70 graduate and undergraduate students, and we will also be welcoming 6 high school students.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 22, 2013.

Approved this 12 day of June, 2013.

Emily Getty

Recording Secretary