

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, January 25, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Dorfman, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-1 Approve the revised station name for the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Project of Plymouth Avenue to Plymouth Avenue/Theodore Wirth Park.
2. 2017-7 Authorize internal loans to cover the cash flow needs of Environmental Services and Metro Transit capital funds.
3. 2017-15 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for Large Diameter Interceptor Cleaning Project 807642, Contract 16P149, to Doetsch Environmental Services for their low, responsive, responsible bid of \$4,106,442.
4. 2017-16 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for North Area Interceptor Phase 9 Rehabilitation Project 808690, Contract 16P241, to Michels Corporation for their low, responsive, responsible bid of \$9,889,235.57.
5. 2017-17 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute master contracts for wastewater treatment plant projects, Group A (Contract 16P125 A & B), with Black & Veatch and Brown & Caldwell, each at \$6,000,000; and Group B (Contract 16P125 C, D, & E) with HRGreen, SEH, and TKDA, each at \$2,500,000.
6. 2017-21 Adopt the Review Record and allow the City of Richfield to place the Cedar Avenue Corridor Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect; advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Regional Parks, Transportation, and Wastewater.
7. 2017-22 Approve an amendment to parks grants agreement SG2013-121 to change the grant amount to \$4,617,904.55.
8. 2017-23 Approve an amendment to parks grant agreement SG2014-052 to change the grant amount to \$1,277,307.54 and, extend the grant term to June 30, 2018.

9. 2017-25 Approve a revision to the Administrative Plan to establish and maintain a separate waiting list for the Council-owned housing units known as the Family Affordable Housing Program.
10. 2017-29 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and any other necessary documents, to allow the assignment of an accompanying grant agreement between Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and Twin Cities Community Land Bank LLC to Land Bank Twin Cities, Inc.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Management

2017-9 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2017-5 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a partnership agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for funding of the final design of the I-35W and Lake Street Transit Station and I-35W Transit Bridge in the amount of \$2,210,927.38.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-11 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute: a real estate purchase agreement between the Council and CP related to the acquisition of the Bass Lake Spur in an amount not-to-exceed \$27,450,000 (*amount not to exceed is contingent upon FTA concurrence*); an associated Bass Lake Spur Freight Rail Easement Agreement among CP, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (TCWR), and the Council (*both agreements are contingent upon a positive decision by the Surface Transportation Board and TCWR's assumption of the common carrier obligations*).

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2017-37 Approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: Tony Yarusso – Chair; Richard Theisen – District A; Robert Moeller – District B; Margie Andreason – District C; and Anthony Taylor – District D.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Judd Schetnan provided an update on the 2017 legislative session. Council issues at the legislature include the Governor's FY2018-2019 budget recommendation, the Governor's updated bonding recommendation, and committee overviews. Per the State Constitution, the Governor released his budget on Tuesday, January 24. The budget recommendations set our budget priorities for the session. The governor's budget recommendations are in the context of improved financial conditions compared to where the state was a few years ago: \$1.4B projected budget balance for FY18-19; another \$1.44B projected balance for FY20-21; seven forecasts in a row with positive budget balances; State's AAA rating restored in 2016; budget reserves at an all-time high. The Governor's recommendation for transportation is a ½ cent metro area sales tax. The sales tax is projected to raise \$3B over 10 years. In the next biennium, it would raise \$174.6M in FY18 and \$271.8M in FY19. In a budget year, we seek two funding sources for the regional parks system: operations and maintenance funding and the metro regional parks portion of Legacy funding. The O&M funding amount is the same as the FY16-FY17 appropriation. The Legacy amount is consistent with the agreed-upon 40/40/20 split and is slightly down from FY16-FY17 enacted levels. The governor recommends Clean Water Funds for two water supply initiatives. The Metro Area Water Supply Sustainability Support: support communities implementing projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats, provide cost-effective regional solutions, support local implementation of wellhead protection plans, and prevent degradation of groundwater resources. The initiative is intended to help provide for safe and plentiful drinking water, while protecting the region's diverse water resources. The Water Demand Reduction Grant Program: Met Council will continue passing through this funding, as grants, to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures by municipalities in metro area. The Council will encourage communities to implement measures that have proven to reduce water use. We are investing a lot of time and energy in going to committees to provide them an overview of what we do and why we matter to the region. We've had five information-sharing meetings with committees, including the Metro Plant Tour just yesterday. Thanks to CM Letofsky for joining us! Next week, we have three more overviews. This work is important because it allows us to provide context to committees before they take up specific bills that could affect the Met Council authorities or operations.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Wulff—Met with Dakota County Mayor/Manager group. The Dakota Co. CDA gave a presentation on affordable housing. Since 1992, the County has built 29 senior housing/affordable housing complexes where they are the owner/developer of the projects, and they were looking feedback from cities on whether they want to continue with that model or do more outside partnering. They've also been doing affordable family housing developments every year with tax credits, and branching out more with non-profits for supportive housing.

Munt—SWLRT CAC met and is transitioning from an advisory body to construction work groups around each station so business and home owners will get at least 30 days' notice before construction begins in their area. There will be a phone app and a hotline for questions.

Schreiber—Attended an affordable housing summit in Maple Grove with CM Rodriguez and Sen. Hoffman. Former CM Smith organized it and it was well attended.

Rodriguez—Attended the SLUC meeting today and heard presentations on economics and demographics. They reinforced that our population is aging and that the worker shortage will continue to get worse. Attended the Municipal Legislative Commission.

Chair: Participating in meetings with legislators and hearings at the Capitol. SPO has been working hard to secure the final outstanding agreements before we apply for the full funding grant agreement. Congratulations on the Canadian Pacific item that was adopted today. Other items include negotiations

with TC&W and BNSF railroads. CTIB continues to work through issues regarding a possible dissolution, which includes many legal, contractual, and logistical challenges.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 25, 2017.

Approved this 8th day of February, 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary