

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, June 28, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Melander, Kramer, Duinick

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Kramer.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)

#### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-125 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contracts in an aggregate amount to not exceed \$650,000 and for a time period to not exceed five years, for financial advisory services with three firms: Springsted Incorporated, Public Resources Advisory Group (PRAG), and Ehlers and Associates.
2. 2017-126 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 121155) for up to 20 replacement buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
3. 2017-129 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute Construction Contract 17P054 for MCES Project 808910 Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution Renewal – Phase 1 with Total Construction & Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$5,487,100.00.
4. 2017-130 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award Contract 17P053 in the amount of \$595,323.07 to CDW LLC for the purchase of Cisco network equipment, which includes access points, switches, and controllers.

### BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2017-113 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a BLRT Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 4 to the Master Funding

Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Utility Relocation in an amount not to exceed \$3.25M.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

**Motion carried.**

2017-131 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to purchase a small bus.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

**Motion carried.**

**Management**

2017-127 Authorize the Regional Administrator to: 1. Borrow from the Council's internal investment pool in an amount not to exceed \$40 million at any one point in time to continue to cash flow project expenditures incurred to date under Council Business Item 2016-182 and provide additional cash flow through September 2017 with repayment of such cash flows by Hennepin County through their assumption of the state's share of project capital costs and implementation of a Transportation Tax as outlined in their Board Action 17-2027. 2. Negotiate agreement of terms for repayment of Council cash flows with Hennepin County. Access to the authorized internal cash flow financing funds beyond July 2017 is contingent upon execution of a formal repayment agreement with the County. 3. Utilize Metro Transit available bond arbitrage dollars to fund interest expense on internal borrowings (loans).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

2017-128 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment #2 to the legal services contract (16P030) with Greene Espel, PLLP related to freight rail for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez.

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

2017-117 Approve the following appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: Anthony Taylor – District G.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins.

**Motion carried.**

2017-134 Approve Chair Duininck's recommendation to appoint and reappoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee to terms as noted:

Chair	<b>Mary Hamann-Roland</b> , Mayor, City of Apple Valley (serves at the pleasure of the Council)
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The following persons are recommended for appointment or reappointment to three-year terms in the listed expertise categories:	
Local Government	<b>Janet Jeremiah</b> , Community Development Director, City of Eden Prairie <b>(reappointment)</b>
Transportation	<b>Jacqueline Corkle</b> , Associate, WSB & Associates <b>(new appointment)</b>
Finance	<b>Kate Speed</b> , Program Officer for Lending, Twin Cities LISC <b>(new appointment)</b>  <b>Margo Geffen</b> , Senior Administrative Manager, Hennepin County Housing Development and Finance <b>(new appointment)</b>

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

State of the River Report by Friends of the Mississippi River and the National Park Service’s Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA)

Lark Weller from the National Park Service – Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) and Trevor Russell from Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) presented on the State of the River Report. Goals of the report include communicating information on the state of the Mississippi River to a broad audience in an easily accessible way, increasing public awareness about the range of factors affecting water quality and river health, and building public support around priorities for action to protect the river and its watershed. For this edition of the report, there are 14 key indicators of water quality and river health, broken into categories that help answer the big questions about swimming and recreation, water quality, river life, and more. Weller and Russell explained the background and trends of flow and hydrology. Residents can help maintain a healthy water balance by installing practices such as rain gardens, rain barrels, pervious pavers, and by restoring native landscapes. These are proven strategies for reducing excess runoff and improving water quality in the Mississippi River. Weller and Russell also explained the impacts of excess phosphorus and nitrate levels, as well as various bacteria pollution. The good news is that there are positive trends in our bald eagles, mussels, and fish populations, which point to a restored river that is once again home to healthy and abundant wildlife. The river currently meets standards for pesticides and chloride, however, vigilance is required to minimize the potential impacts of these pollutants over time. The State of the River Report and additional information can be found on the website: [www.stateoftheriver.com](http://www.stateoftheriver.com).

## Release of the 2016 Generalized Land Use Inventory

Libby Starling presented the 2016 Generalized Land Use Inventory, which represents existing land use (not tax classifications, planned land use, or land cover) based on aerial photography. The Inventory is updated every five to seven years. The seven-county region is 1.9 million acres, which is nearly the size of Puerto Rico. The mix of land uses is agriculture, undeveloped, residential, other developed uses, park and recreation, transportation, and water. Starling showed graphs illustrating the growth in parks and recreation areas, and the average annual acreage of agricultural land lost from 2000-2016.

## REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins—Participated in his monthly meetings with senior staff at Hopkins, Edina, and Richfield. Edina is seeing demand for redevelopment in the Southdale area.

Munt—SWLRT CMC met today and she thanked Chair Duinck for bringing cautious optimism to the cities on the line. A \$60M TOD project is planned for the Southwest Station in Eden Prairie. It's 220 housing units and 13,000 square feet of retail space.

Rodriguez—Has been attending public engagement events for the fare increase. Attended the TransitCenter training. Participated in a GOP Senate District meeting in Champlin with Commissioners Johnson and Schulte and Council member Schreiber. Attended the Ovations brunch which celebrates outstanding operators at Metro Transit. Thanked Chair Duinck for his good work.

Chair: Met with MIRAC along with Wes Kooistra, Brian Lamb, and Chief Harrington. Participating in railroad negotiations. The first Council meeting on July 12 will include an information item on the fare increase. Communications is compiling the public input. The vote is planned for July 26. Attended a Ramadan Iftar hosted by Chief Harrington. Spoke at the LGBTQ Pride lunch that was coordinated by staff at the Council.

Regional Administrator: Please plan for a longer meeting (Council and Committee of the Whole) on July 12 when we will be discussing the fare increase. Thanked Council members for attending the Ovations brunch where operators were honored. Part of our work plan for the next month will include celebrating Chair Duinck's time at the Council. We will make sure Council members are informed of events.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 28, 2017.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary