

Council Chair Susan Haigh

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Adam Duinick	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 3:30PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinick, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the special meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 3:35PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Rodriguez.

BUSINESS

Joint Report of the Management, Community Development, Transportation, and Environment Committees

2014-157 Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 17 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinick, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-139 Authorize a grant of up to \$18,911 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire a permanent public trailway easement for the Intercity Regional Trail, financed as follows: \$11,347 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$7,564 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up

to \$6,303, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant. Inform Three Rivers Park District that this action does not set a precedent allowing other land acquisition grant requests to be considered after a regional park agency has acquired land.

2. 2014-140 Approve an amendment to the Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan to change the park reserve boundary to add the property at 27280 Tucker Road. Authorize a grant of up to \$505,560 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire a 38.56-acre parcel at 27280 Tucker Road for Crow-Hassan Park Reserve, financed as follows: \$111,369 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$394,191 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$168,520, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
3. 2014-178 Consider reimbursing the City of Saint Paul up to \$500,000 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for Phase II of the Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan implementation projects. These include 3,200 lineal feet of new roadway and bike lanes, more than 3,000 lineal feet of new trails, a trailhead parking lot, surface water features, burial of overhead power lines, installation of sanitary and water utilities, signage, slope stabilization and landscaping. Acknowledge that the Council does not, under any circumstances, represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
4. 2014-179 Authorize a grant of up to \$950,781 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Scott County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire 146 acres located in Blakeley Township at 24236 Union Trail, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve. The grant is financed as follows: \$570,469 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$380,312 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Scott County will match the grant with up to \$316,927, its 25% share of the total acquisition costs. Consider reimbursing Scott County up to \$316,927, its 25% share of the total acquisition costs, from a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
5. 2014-180 Approve the Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail Development Mast Plan (Referral No. 50045-1). Authorize a grant of \$382,000 to partially finance an overlook redevelopment project included in the master plan that is consistent with the 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program. Require that prior to initiating the overlook redevelopment project and any future construction identified in the master plan, that preliminary plans to be sent to Scott Denz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
6. 2014-181 Approve a minor amendment to the 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program as depicted below:

Park Agency	Project Description	CIP Amount as Proposed	CIP Amount as Amended
Mpls. Park & Rec. Board (MPRB)	Construct Ridgway Parkway RT overlook pending Metro Council review and approval of master plan	\$382,000	\$382,000
Mpls. Park & Rec.	Above the Falls RP development pending Metro Council review and	\$979,000	\$100,000

Board (MPRB)	approval of master plan		
Mpls. Park & Rec. Board (MPRB)	Repave existing parkway streets to and through regional parks, parking lots, and stormwater management improvements plus replace associated lighting with 50% state (the grant) and 50% non-state funding.	\$0	\$879,000
	Totals	\$1,361,000	\$1,361,000

7. 2014-182 Community Development Committee approve changing the Livable Communities Act grant amendment process and all active Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant agreements, including LCDA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and regular-program LCDA grants, to allow: grantees the discretion to reallocate up to 20% of the grant amount among the grant-funded activities, provided: (1) the grant funds may be used only for project activities for which the Council awarded the grant funds; (2) that the reallocation does not significantly change the project deliverables; and (3) the grantee receives written permission from Council staff prior to reallocating any grant funds; staff to administratively approve budget reallocation requests that exceed 20% of the grant amount, provided that the reallocation does not significantly change the project deliverables.
8. 2014-188 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute easements with the City of Bloomington for the temporary and permanent use of land for the construction of the Lindau Lane extension; negotiate and execute an Operations and Maintenance agreement for storm water facilities.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2014-183 Award four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development grants in the amount of \$124,625, and two Tax Base Revitalization Account Transit-Oriented Development grants totaling \$250,000, as follows:

Recommended Projects	City	Recommended Amount	
		LCDA-TOD	TBRA-TOD
Shady Oak Zoning	Hopkins/Minnetonka	\$50,000	\$0
Target Field Station—Pad A	Minneapolis	\$0	\$26,625
PLACE	St. Louis Park	\$100,000	\$0
NW University/Dale	St. Paul	\$40,000	\$0
Downtown East Park	Minneapolis	\$60,000	\$0
729 Washington Avenue N	Minneapolis	\$0	\$98,000
TOTAL		\$250,000	\$124,625

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

CM Chávez asked how the recent decision by the Minneapolis Park Board to not be involved in the Downtown East Park would affect those funds. Guy Peterson briefly explained that the Downtown East Park funds would be used for planning and encouraged the Council to support the recommended amount.

Motion carried.

Environment—No reports

Management—No reports

Transportation

2014-186 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with SHE for the completion of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the SWLRT Project through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$2,160,487.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Brimeyer.

Motion carried.

2014-190 Release the Draft 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) for public review and comment; and authorize a public comment period from August 14, 2014 to October 1, 2014, including a public hearing on September 17, 2014 at 5:00PM.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Division Level Budget Presentation

Mary Bogie introduced the budget presentation with a timeline for the budget development. The Council will be asked to adopt the preliminary operating budget and set the maximum property tax levy on August 27. In October, the Council will be asked to adopt the public comment drafts, and on December 10 the Council will be asked to adopt the final budget and levies. Staff is recommending a 0.5% increase to the Council's property tax levy. Bogie stated that the Council's strategy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) increases to the levy limit with the desire that, over time, it will grow and sustain a small TOD program (\$5M) within the LCDA program (\$8.4M). The Council levy represents about 2% of revenues from property taxes paid by metro area residents. Currently the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals \$6.5B. Within the CIP, transitways make up 51%, preservation accounts for 37%, expansion takes up 9%, and improvements make up 3%. The staff proposed budget for 2015 is \$927M and represents a 4% increase over the 2014 adopted budget. The 2014 amended budget is \$894M.

Guy Peterson presented on the Community Development portion of the budget. The CD budget proposes \$300K for housing authority to take on mobility counseling and to conduct fair housing activities, and \$100K for Parks equity activities. CD proposes \$500K for 2015 for comprehensive planning grants, \$100K for Parks visitors survey, \$1.0M for participating and partnership in the Community Land Bank, and \$500K for climate change activities.

Leisa Thompson presented the Environmental Services portion. The OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) liability is fully funded. There will be no increase in the SAC rate, and there will be a 5.9% increase in debt service. MCES has a 25% energy reduction goal. MCES operations are \$141M, and

the ES 2014 CIP is \$1.6B. The CIP is financed 90% by wastewater bonds and 10% by PayGo. The proposed 2015 Capital Budget is \$163M.

Arlene McCarthy and Brian Lamb presented on the Transportation section of the budget. Transportation operations are \$498M, and the 2014 CIP is \$4.5B (including new rail projects). The CIP is funded by 58% federal funds, 17% by CTIB, 12% by transit bonds, 6% by the State, and 7% by local/other funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Special Meeting of August 13, 2014.

Approved this 27 day of August, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary