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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 27, 2014 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Councilmember Brimeyer called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Reynoso.

BUSINESS

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

2014-201 Adoption of the following resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's Preliminary 2015 Unified Operating Budget and the Proposed 2014, Payable 2015, Tax Levies:

2014-13: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's Preliminary 2015 Unified Operating Budget

2014-14: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's Proposed 2014 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors

2014-15: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's Proposed 2014 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue

2014-16: Adopting of a Proposed 2014 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund

2014-17: Adopting of a Proposed 2014 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act

2014-18: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2014 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds

2014-19: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2014 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds

2014-20: Cancellation of Tax Levies for General Obligation Transit and Parks Bonds

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez

Nay: 1 Wulff

Absent: 5 Rodriguez, Van Eyll, Duininck, Melander, Haigh

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-13)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-109 Approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Employees in the Workplace Policies: 4-3 Compensation, 4-4 Benefits, 4-7 Performance Management, and 4-8 Organized Labor Relations.
2. 2014-185 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a 20 year extension to the existing lease agreement with US Bank Center LLC via contract amendment. In addition to the extension, the amendment provides a renewal option for three additional 5 year periods. This will be the third time extension of the lease, and will ensure the Council's tenancy of a climate controlled transit waiting area in downtown Saint Paul until 2034. The amendment obligates the Council to pay a total of \$575,000 in operating funds over the next 20 years and requires the Council to invest a minimum of \$350,000 of renovation in the leased property.
3. 2014-189 Approve the resolution changing certain designated position titles in the Minnesota State Retirement System unclassified plan.
4. 2014-191 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a fourth amendment to the lease agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Griggs Midway Corporation for CCLRT Project closeout activities for the period September 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$185,000 and a total lease amount not to exceed \$3,445,000.
5. 2014-192 Authorize amending the Workers Compensation Legal Defense contract with the Heacox Hartman law firm in order to add \$450,000.00.
6. 2014-194 Authorize the Regional Administrator to apply for calendar year 2015 grants from the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for the following projects:
 - Capital
 - Orange Line (I-35W South BRT): Est. \$7,500,000
 - Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT): Est. \$63,605,000
 - Blue Line: Est. \$6,000,000
 - Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT): Est. \$15,900,000
 - I-35W BRT Express Enhancements: Est. \$173,900
 - Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station: Est. \$10,400,000
 - Operating
 - Northstar Commuter Rail: Est. \$6,300,000
 - Blue Line: Est. \$10,600,000
 - Green Line: Est. \$11,900,000
 - I-35W South BRT Express Operating: Est. \$179,000
 - I-35W South BRT Express Enhancements: Est. \$15,000
 - Cedar Avenue BRT Express: Est. \$405,000
 - Red Line: Est. \$1,600,000

7. 2014-195 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award grants and execute grant agreements pursuant to the guidelines.
8. 2014-196 Pass Resolution 2014-12 authorizing acquisition of permanent and temporary easements necessary for the North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Improvements Phases 5-8 projects and authorize Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels that staff cannot acquire by negotiation.
9. 2014-197 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 3 – Elm Creek East, Project No. 808630, Contract No. 14P099, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$12,027,092.00.
10. 2014-198 Ratify the Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for Metro Plan flood access.
11. 2014-199 Ratify the Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for Repairs to Interceptor 7113.
12. 2014-203 Adopt the review record and allow the City of Corcoran to put the Peachtree Partners, LLC Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect; find the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
13. 2014-204 Authorize continued administration of rental assistance programs serving special populations as outlined below and authorize the Regional Administrator, the Community Development Director, the Director of Housing and Livable Communities and the HRA Manager, as appropriate, to submit applications and execute grant agreements for continued participation and funding.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2014-200 Release the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment; authorize a public hearing to be conducted regarding the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* at 5:00PM on October 20, 2014 as part of the Community Development Committee meeting; keep the public record open until 5:00PM on October 30, 2014; and direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation—Reports on Consent Agenda

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 27, 2014.

Approved this 10th day of September, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary