

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, April 26, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, 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 Letofsky to amend the agenda by removing 2017-88 and 2017-89 from the Consent Agenda, seconded by Cunningham.

It was moved by Letofsky to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes from the previous Council meeting.

### BUSINESS

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

1. 2017-74 Authorize the amendment of the 2017 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables attached to the business item.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Dorfman, Reynoso, Melander (arrived after roll call)

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 8)

**Consent Agenda Adopted**

1. 2017-75 Approve the West End and Route 9 Recommended Plan, including the Title VI Service Equity Analysis.
2. 2017-76 Approve the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Master Plan. Inform Washington County that a master plan amendment which includes the location and estimated development costs for the proposed adventure course must be approved by the Council prior to implementation of the project. Require Washington County to submit to the Council the future forest restoration plan for the stormwater conveyance project area and erosion study of the east ravine that are referenced in the master plan, upon completion of these documents. Consent to Washington County granting a drainage and stormwater ponding easement to the South Washington Watershed District as shown in attachment 1, subject to the Council's receipt of an executed Operation and Maintenance Agreement between Washington County and the South Washington Watershed District.
3. 2017-77 Approve a land exchange between Anoka County and the City of Fridley that exchanges 1.8 acres of regional park land at the Rice Creek West Regional Trail for 1.9 acres of City-owned land adjacent to the trail corridor as described in attachment 1 and depicted in attachment 2. Approve a master plan boundary amendment to the Rice Creek West Regional Trail corridor that removes 1.8 acres and adds the adjacent 1.9 acres as depicted in attachment 2, adds trailhead parking, and shifts the trail alignment approximately 100 feet south of its current location as depicted in attachment 3. Require that the City of Fridley ensure that an easement of acceptable width to Anoka County for the relocated regional trail alignment is granted at no cost to Anoka County. Determine that the costs associated with relocation of the Rice Creek West Regional Trail are not eligible for regional parks funding from the Council.
4. 2017-78 Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$175,000 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs it incurs to build a segment of the Coon Creek Regional Trail along Egret Boulevard in the City of Coon Rapids; and inform Anoka County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that it will reimburse Anoka County and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
5. 2017-79 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two contracts for legal defense related to workers' compensation claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$900,000.00 over the two-year term of the contracts.
6. 2017-86 Approve proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council Land Use Advisory Committee.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development**

2017-90 Adopt the updated Metropolitan Urban Service Area Implementation Guidelines as follows: 1. Regarding comprehensive plan amendment requests for land use and staging changes: a. The city's overall residential density for development since 2000 must be a minimum of three units per developable acre. Determination of this density will be based on approved preliminary plats as reported in the Plat Monitoring Program. b. The following will not be counted in a city's density calculation: replatted areas that were previously platted and reported in the Plat Monitoring Program; existing developments that are part of townships or areas being annexed from townships. Areas that have failing sub-surface sewage treatment systems (SSTS) and no on-site alternative SSTS locations. The city shall provide documentation from a licensed SSTS inspector confirming the failure of the existing system and the existing conditions on the site that prohibit the installation of a new SSTS. c. Communities may receive credit for the installation of stormwater BMP facilities provided that the facilities are located on separate lots or outlots, are publicly-owned, properly maintained, and do not encroach upon or modify an existing natural resource. 2. Regarding review of decennial updates to local comprehensive plans: a. For communities that participate in the Council's Plat Monitoring

Program, the Council will calculate density giving credit on a 1:1 basis for housing units platted or developed that yield and overall average density in excess of the applicable minimum net density required in the current metropolitan development guide. The housing unit credits will be applied to areas guided for the next decade of planned development on urban services and to any other proposed reguided areas. b. For communities with platted development history, the Council will calculate density using an acreage average of the city's actual platting since 2000, the lowest allowable density on land guided for development for the next decade of planned development, and any reguided land within the community's current approved MUSA. c. For communities without platted development history, the Council will calculate density using the lowest allowable density on land guided for development for the next decade of planned development and any reguided land within the community's current approved MUSA. d. The Council will not include in the density calculations any remaining undeveloped land within the current approved MUSA in the city's existing comprehensive plan, with the exception of areas that are being reguided in the comprehensive plan update.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Barber.

CM Letofsky and CM Elkins shared comments.

**Motion carried.**

2017-88 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Ramsey to place the Woodlands 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts. Strongly encourage the City to consider implementing the existing lower rural residential density guiding or employing density transfer and conservation design methods in the proposed site design to minimize the impacts to existing habitat, and consider siting of municipal stormwater management facilities on publicly-dedicated outlots instead of constructing them on private property, which could hamper site maintenance activities.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

**Motion carried.**

2017-89 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Ramsey to place the Brookfield 8<sup>th</sup> Addition Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts. Strongly encourage the City to consider implementing the existing lower rural residential density guiding or employing density transfer and conservation design methods in the proposed site design to minimize the impacts to existing habitat, and consider siting of municipal stormwater management facilities on publicly-dedicated outlots instead of constructing them on private property, which could hamper site maintenance activities.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Barber.

CM Elkins made comments.

**Motion carried.**

**Environment**

2017-81 Approve the process for the 2017 Green Infrastructure Pilot grant described in Attachment A, and authorize staff to advertise the availability of grant funding and solicit applications for the grant.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Kramer.

CM Wulff, CM Chávez, and CM Munt shared comments.

**Motion carried.**

2017-83 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to the Wastewater Services Agreement with Elko New Market according to the attached agreement (amendment two).

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff.

**Motion carried.**

**Management**

2017-92 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment #3 to the legal services contract (14P026) with Nossaman, LLP related to freight rail for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension).

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

**Transportation**

2017-85 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Schmitt & Sons, Inc. to provide regular route local transit service within the Bloomington, Edina, and Roseville regular route transit service contract from July 30, 2017 through July 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$24,600,000.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Schreiber.

**Motion carried.**

2017-93 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust project cost and the description of the Scott County TH 169/ TH 41/CSAH 78/CSAH 14 Intersection Improvement Project.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

Council Members:

Cunningham—Attended the groundbreaking for Downtown View, which is 46 units of high quality housing and supportive services in downtown Minneapolis for young people who are experiencing homelessness. This project is being built by YouthLink. The Council put in over \$900,000 into this project along with other partners including the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County. Attended the Lake Street Council Annual Meeting. Lake Street in Minneapolis is one of our main thoroughfares and home to many immigrant communities.

Elkins—Attended a Bloomington Chamber event with Rep. Erik Paulsen. Rep. Paulsen supports balanced funding for both roads and transit.

Munt—Attended an affordable housing forum that was organized by the Somali community and the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability. Over 1/3 of Somali people who live in Eden Prairie have moved in the last year, mainly because landlords are no longer taking Section 8 vouchers. Attended a Transportation Forward rally at the Capitol that included 12 speakers who talked about how transit cuts would hurt them. Filmed a League of Women Voters show along with CM Rodriguez. It will air for 2 months on cable television. Two letters to the editor appeared in the Eden Prairie and Wayzata papers, urging for transit funding.

Rodriguez—Met with some University of MN students, along with Michelle Fure and Nick Eull, who are worried about possible fare increases and transit cuts. Attended the Metro Cities Annual Meeting. Attended the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition and they talked about how long that coalition will be able to keep itself funded due to few funding sources. They hope to stick together for the next 3 years unless things change. Attended the Commuter Choice Awards along with CM Letofsky and CM McCarthy.

Wulff—Shared a plaque she received in the mail as a thank-you for attending the Dominion groundbreaking in Apple Valley. Dominion is building a 163-unit affordable senior housing development right by the 140<sup>th</sup> Street Station on the Red Line. The access to transit was a big attraction to that site.

Letofsky—Attended the Lake Street Council Annual Meeting, the Commuter Choice Awards, the YouthLink Downtown View groundbreaking, and the transit rally. Served as a judge for the hotdish revolution again this year. It's a fundraiser for a neighborhood in NE Minneapolis.

Melander—Met with the Mayor of Newport and Commissioner Bigham on numerous issues and will be meeting with them again.

Rummel—East Metro Strong came to Vadnais Heights to try to inform local chambers of commerce about the transit legislation. It was modestly attended, possibly due to a lack of advance notice and poor weather. She was surprised at how many people who attended weren't aware of the impacts and possibilities of transit funding cuts.

Chair: Attended the Metro Cities Annual Meeting. Participating in negotiations with the railroads. Thanked General Counsel Don Mueting for his service upon his retirement.

Regional Administrator: Echoed thanks to General Counsel Don Mueting for his years of service, his advice, wisdom, and professionalism. We had a very successful bond sale today. The \$105M GO Wastewater Revenue Bonds came in at a price of 2.8658%. The parameters stated no higher than 4.75%, so it was well within the parameters. The \$40M GO Transit Bonds were sold at 1.7756%. We benefit from our AAA bond rating.

General Counsel: Shared his thanks for being part of the wonderful team at the Met Council. Until a new General Counsel is named, he will remain the primary enforcer.

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 April 26, 2017.

Approved this 24th day of May 2017.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary

