

Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff

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, July 11, 2018

4:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Munt, Elkins, Dorfman, Tchourumoff, Wulff, Chávez, Commers, Kramer, Melander, Rummel, McCarthy, Reynoso

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting to order at 4:01PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt to amend the agenda to include the following business item: discussion of attorney-client privileged matters relating to the matter entitled Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company v. Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company, and Surface Transportation Board matters related to this litigation and the acquisition of the Kenilworth Corridor and Bass Lake Spur for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project and the matter entitled Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis v. Metropolitan Council, Civil number 0:14-cv-03391.

Seconded by Reynoso. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dorfman to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Rummel. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes from the June 27 meeting. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC INVITATION

Mark Hughes shared concerns regarding his Metro Mobility experiences.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2018-56 Authorize modifications to Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3C Delegation of Procurement and Contract Authority, by delegating the approval of construction contract change orders for the Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Projects.
2. 2018-165 Concur with Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of Washington County's Hadley Avenue interchange construction project.
3. 2018-166 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2019-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to eliminate the widening of a bridge and change the cost of Anoka County's Hanson Boulevard Expansion.

4. 2018-167 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the project description, total project length, and cost of MnDOT's Minnesota Highway 77 bridge rehabilitation project to reflect the project as shown in the draft 2019-2022 TIP.
5. 2018-168 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the project description of MnDOT's I-694 interchange reconstruction project.
6. 2018-173 Authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a sole source extension of a purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to provide nitrate salts, odor control equipment and odor control services at a unit price of \$0.7171 per pound to the Interceptor Services Business Unit (ISBU) for the period of August 31, 2018 through August 31, 2019.
7. 2018-176 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for the Minneapolis Interceptor Study, Project No. 807650, Contract 18P047, with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 over a 5-year period.
8. 2018-177 Authorize a public hearing on the draft Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan, MCES Project Number 806210.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment

2018-174 Approve the amended I&I grant program guidelines shown in Attachment A, and authorizes the Regional Administrator to award grants and execute grant agreements pursuant to the amended guidelines in Attachment A. The two guideline amendments include: 1. Revise the part 1 allocation from \$25,000 to \$50,000; 2. Adjust the proposed calendar so MCES can solicit for additional program participants.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2018-175 Authorize the Regional Administrator to approve the guidelines for an inflow and infiltration demonstration project grant, as described in Attachment A, for up to \$500,000.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Management

2018-164 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Xigent Solutions LLC in the amount of \$1,330,000 for a contract period up to five years to provide ongoing equipment, installation, migration, and support services.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Transportation—Reports on Consent Agenda

INFORMATION

Operator Hiring and State Fair Park and Ride Service

Brian Funk and Aaron Koski provided an update on Metro Transit's operator hiring and the State Fair Park and Ride service. Funk reported that the near-record low unemployment rate of 3.1%, coupled with an extremely competitive market for professional vehicle operators has resulted in a 33% decrease in applicants this year compared to the prior two years. New recruitment and retention initiatives have been put in place, including a few pilot programs: Operator Outreach, Applicant Readiness, and Operator Mentorship.

The 2018 State Fair Park and Ride changes include a 9:00AM start time to avoid overlap with rush hour, and a noon start time at Dunwoody on weekdays to avoid disrupting the school day. Metro Transit is reaching out to fairgoers from 2017 who purchased ride tickets on the app and online to let them know about this year's changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Melander moved to close the meeting to the public to discuss with our legal counsel in a confidential setting attorney-client privileged matters relating to the pending litigation matter entitled Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company v. Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and Soo Line Railroad Company, and Surface Transportation Board matters related to this litigation and the acquisition of the Kenilworth Corridor and Bass Lake Spur for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project and the matter entitled Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis v. Metropolitan Council, Civil number 0:14-cv-03391.

Seconded by Kramer. **Motion carried.**

Meeting closed at 4:43PM.

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Rummel to open the meeting to the public. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Council Members:

Rummel—Attended the One Water Summit. The plenary session this morning was spectacular.

Chair: None

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 11, 2018.

Approved this 18th day of July, 2018.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary