

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 Duininck	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Gary Van Eyll	James Brimeyer					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:06PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Reynoso.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins.

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

2014-227 SW Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables.

It was moved by Brimeyer, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Wulff, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 5 Munt, Van Eyll, Duininck, Commers, Chávez

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2014-236 Ratify the justification for and declaration of emergency for effluent pump repair at the Metro plant.
2. 2014-237 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Kingwood Management to provide property management services for 150 Council owned residential properties known as the Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP) units. The contract term is one year with options to renew for four additional one year periods. Total cost of the five year contract will not exceed \$1,000,000.

3. 2014-239 Adopt amounts listed below as Payment Standards for the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2014.
4. 2014-240 Approve the 2014-2015 Utility Allowance Schedule for the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2014.
5. 2014-243 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Contract No. 14P077 with Total Mechanical Services in the amount of \$8,243,077.
6. 2014-245 Commit \$2M in Council-controlled funds to leverage a \$6M Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) funding commitment to complete METRO Orange Line Project Development and Engineering activities.
7. 2014-246 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute purchase agreements, contingent upon Council approval of Action Item 2014-227 on October 22, 2014, with: Høglund Bus (MnDOT Contract 72485) for up to 32 replacement buses and 9 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,364,177; and North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT Contract 72487) for up to 32 replacement buses and 20 expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,356,000.
8. 2014-247 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract No. 14P053 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) for the base purchase of 49 coach buses and an additional 95 option buses over a five-year contract term contingent on satisfactory results from the Pre-Award Buy America Audit. The total price of the base purchase is \$30,013,248. Immediately exercise two option buses in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
9. 2014-248 Find the eleven grant applications (summarized in the Attachment) submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY2015 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan adopted November 2010.
10. 2014-249 Concur with TAB's action to defederalize the City of Carver's Demonstration Bus Service project, contingent on TAB approval on October 15, 2014.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2014-242 Release the draft Service Improvement Plan for public review and comment.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Julie Nelson, Government Alliance on Race & Equity

Julie Nelson, from the Government Alliance on Race & Equity, provided a presentation that highlighted the key concepts and tools for achieving racial equity. The Government Alliance on Race and Equity is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. She stated that there are six transformational strategies for government: use a racial equity framework, build organization capacity, implement racial equity tools, be data-driven, partner with other institutions and communities, and operate with urgency and accountability. The Alliance uses a three-pronged

approach: support a cohort of governmental jurisdictions, develop a “pathway for entry” for new jurisdictions, and build cross-sector collaborations to achieve equity in our communities.

2040 TPP Process/Schedule Update

Amy Vennewitz presented on the draft 2040 Transportation Policy Plan. Her presentation focused on the summary of comments received and the revised adoption schedule. The public comment period lasted from August 14 to October 1. There were 10 public meetings (at least one in each county) with over 150 participants. The Council hosted a public hearing on September 17, which included 6 testifiers. Approximately 880 comments were received. The TPP adoption schedule has been revised to accommodate response to the comments. The Council will have a discussion on responding to public comments at the November 5 meeting.

REPORTS

Chair: Participated in the InterCity Leadership Visit to San Francisco along with Pat Born where they had an opportunity to look at transportation, housing, and equity. Participated in the 30th Annual Conference on Policy Analysis on a panel with Commissioner Ehlinger during which they discussed health equity. Attended a Cabinet meeting regarding the Ebola crisis. Attended the Employee Recognition breakfast.

Council Members:

Melander—Reported that he was very impressed by MCES’ response to an issue in his community.

Schreiber—Attended the ribbon-cutting for the last section of 610 which was also attended by the Governor.

Elkins—Attended the Pentagon Park building-breaking where instead of golden shovels they had golden sledgehammers.

Wulff—Spoke to the Woodbury League of Women Voters. Reported that the Eastman Nature Center has an excellent kids’ play area.

Rummel—Attended a State of the Waters meeting which was very well attended. Participated in a MAWSAC meeting.

Rodriguez—Attended the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities meeting. Took friends on a progressive dinner along the Green Line.

Cunningham—Participated in Penn Avenue Community Works with Hennepin County and other partners where Council staff gave a presentation on connections along that corridor.

Brimeyer—Shared his thoughts on the Star Tribune article that focused on Council members’ transit ridership.

Regional Administrator: Julie Nelson spent time with staff and will be spending time with the Executive Team. This is employee recognition week. Will meet on November 5 to hear about and deal with a procurement and contract administration issue with respect to a non-profit organization we have contracted with to provide transportation in Dakota County.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 22, 2014.

Approved this 5 day of November, 2014.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary