

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, December 10, 2014 5:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the special meeting to order at 5:05PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Van Eyll.

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### PUBLIC INVITATION

Chip Halbach from Minnesota Housing Partnership spoke about the great challenge that the region faces with affordable housing and encouraged the Council to examine how other policy plans can help ensure the success of the Housing Policy Plan.

### BUSINESS

#### Joint Report of the Transportation and Management Committees

2014-272 Amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables attached to the business item.

It was moved by Brimeyer seconded by Rummel

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

Aye: 15 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Wulff, Elkins (arrived after roll call)

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-24)

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Van Eyll.

**Consent Agenda Adopted**

1. 2014-259 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the terms of the following volume-based financial contracts, as needed, so as to provide continued service through December 31, 2015: Wells Fargo and US Bank – General banking services; Elavon, authorize.net and Paypal – Credit card processing, gateway and management payment services; Bank of America (BoFA) – Purchasing card services; Wells Fargo and US Bank – Custodian, securities lending, trustee, and escrow.
2. 2014-260 Approve the list (attached to business item) of Authorized Financial Institutions for 2015.
3. 2014-261 Approve the parameters in Resolution 2014-23 to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement. And further, to issue the related General Obligation Sewer Note securing the loan agreement substantially in the form of the Note referenced in the Resolution.
4. 2014-270 Authorize the General Counsel to amend the legal services agreement with Best Flanagan to increase the maximum contract price as follows: Law Firm: Best Flanagan; Legal Services: CCLRT Condemnation, Real Estate Matters, Contract No. 10P149; Term: 06/30/10-12/31/16; Current Price: \$375,000; Proposed: \$200,000; New Price: \$575,000.
5. 2014-271 Adopt the Continuity of Operations Policy to guide the organization in the development, exercising, and maintenance of continuity of operations plans that address an unexpected, catastrophic disruption of its services to the region.
6. 2014-276 Authorize the Regional Administrator to make ongoing maintenance and support service payments on a sole-source basis for installed software and hardware, with the services to be procured from the vendors on the attached 2015 Information Services Sole Source Vendor List up to the amount listed.
7. 2014-279 Authorize internal loans to cover the cash flow needs of Environmental Services' capital funds.
8. 2014-281 Approve revisions to the Non-Represented Plan effective January 1, 2015.
9. 2014-282 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract award to Sherwood Electromotion for the overhaul of the Type 1 LRV traction motors in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.
10. 2014-283 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include in the 2015-2018 TIP funding to improve, replace, and construct bus facilities in Minneapolis and St. Paul (SP# TRF-TCMT-1588).
11. 2014-287 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 13P211 with Omni Materials to provide lime kiln dust from \$456,000 to \$800,000.
12. 2014-288 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cohabitation Agreement with SouthWest Transit (SWT) regarding the cohabitation of SWT's bus services and the Council's proposed light rail transit service at SouthWest Station located in Eden Prairie.
13. 2014-289 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Master Funding Agreements (MFAs) with the following local agencies for the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (SWLRT Project): Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority; Hennepin County; Cities of Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park; Three Rivers Park District; Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.
14. 2014-291 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding for 14 "Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities" projects.

15. 2014-292 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to purchase equipment and installation support services necessary to upgrade the Blue Line data network in the amount of \$1,082,600.
16. 2014-297 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to approve Sole Source procurement and contract amendment with e-Builder for an increased amount of \$169,000 to a total value not to exceed \$850,000.
17. 2014-299 SW Adopt the resolution for the UPWP contracted funds.
18. 2014-302 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. for final design and delivery of shelters and pylons for the A-Line arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) line and arterial BRT Pilot Station in an amount not to exceed \$1,248,703.
19. 2014-304 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Brasco International, for the purchase of 200 bus passenger waiting shelters at a cost of \$1,094,350.
20. 2014-305 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 12P042 with Mansfield Oil, Inc. to extend the termination date of the contract from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and increase the maximum compensation by \$3,351,517 for a new contract total of \$22,448,303.
21. 2014-307 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2015 for the following projects:
  - Capital:
    - 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$63,604,736
    - 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$15,900,000
    - 3) Orange Line BRT - \$3,000,000
    - 4) Blue Line Vehicle Procurement - \$6,000,000
    - 5) Red Line—Cedar Grove Station - \$9,705,812
  - Operating:
    - 1) Red Line BRT Service - \$1,450,514
    - 2) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service - \$454,583
    - 3) Northstar Commuter Rail Service - \$6,297,289
    - 4) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) - \$22,517,287
    - 5) I-35W South Express Service - \$177,216
22. 2014-308 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Carver for \$826,200 to operate service between Carver and downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.
23. 2014-309 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a three-year contract (14P164A), with an option to extend for two years, with Veit Container Corporation to provide solid waste disposal services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$1,203,595.14.
24. 2014-318 Approve a 12-month extension to Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant number SG009-078, South Lewis Avenue Redevelopment, for the City of Watertown, provided that by February 28, 2015 the City submits evidence of full financing, an executed development agreement and a detailed construction schedule showing the

starting and completion dates of all remaining grant-funded activities and construction of both phases of the senior housing development associated with the project.

**BUSINESS**

**Community Development**

2014-317 Award \$1.5 million in Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as follows:

**Rental Housing Proposals**

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Morgan Square Townhomes	Lakeville/Dakota Co.	36		\$145,000
Broadway Flats	Minneapolis	103		\$200,000
Hawthorne EcoVillage	Minneapolis	75		\$200,000
Mill City Quarter	Minneapolis	150		\$214,000
Sunwood Village	Ramsey	47		\$200,000
Twin Lakes Apartments	Roseville	64		\$200,000
<b>Sub-total Rental:</b>		<b>475</b>		<b>\$1,159,000</b>

**Ownership Housing Proposals**

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Waconia Townhomes	Carver Co. CLT	4		\$31,000
City of Lakes Community Land Trust	Minneapolis		20	\$150,000
St. Paul Inspiring Communities	St. Paul HRA		10	\$160,000
<b>Sub-total Ownership:</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>\$341,000</b>
<b>TOTAL RENTAL AND OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>479</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez

**Motion carried.**

2014-319 Accept the public comment report on the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*. Adopt the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* as part of the comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 473.145, superseding and replacing any housing policies adopted by the Council prior to the May 28, 2014 adoptions of *Thrive MSP 2040*. Use the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* as a basis for making investment decisions, expanding the Council's technical assistance and informational resources, and providing advisory comments to local governments.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez.

**Motion carried.**

## **Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda**

## **Management—Reports on Consent Agenda**

## **Transportation**

2014-290 SW Adopt Resolution 2014-32 that authorizes access to property for survey, environmental testing, or geotechnical investigation before eminent domain proceedings in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapters 473 and 117.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Schreiber.

**Motion carried.**

2014-294 SW Determine that the South St. Paul Airport 2032 Long-Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) is consistent with the Metropolitan Council's development guide. Determine the preferred alternative in the 2032 LTCP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan with no change from its regional aviation system classification of Minor airport. Direct staff to include the updated LTCP in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins.

**Motion carried.**

2014-296 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services contract with AECOM for Advanced Design Consultant (ADC) Services for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (METRO Green Line Extension) Project in an amount not to exceed \$117,654,545.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

2014-300 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with HDR for the completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the BLRT Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Schreiber.

**Motion carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

2014-293 Adopt Resolution 2014-33 in support of the application by the City of Minneapolis for designation of a portion of the city as a "Promise Zone" under the federal initiative.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Duininck.

**Motion carried.**

2014-320 Receive the recommendations of the Equity Working Group and direct the Regional Administrator to plan for implementation of the recommendations.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Chávez.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

Thrive Indicators

Libby Starling and Todd Graham presented on the set of draft indicators intended to measure the region's progress toward *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes. The number of indicators should not be overwhelming; staff originally looked at 75 potential indicators. Indicators will be informed by research linking actions to outcomes and will be defensible; they will also be understandable, maintainable, meaningful, and refine able. There will be a public engagement process to seek advice for improvement and build a consensus with the public. The indicators are expected to be adopted by the Council in Spring 2015.

**REPORTS**

Chair: Participated in the Itasca Project small group meetings which focused on transportation and funding. Participated in CTIB and PRO meetings. Participated in SWLRT CMC meeting which included good discussion. Met with U of MN leaders to discuss energy and climate change issues along with CM Commers. Attended the Greater MSP annual meeting.

Council Members:

Cunningham—Attended a Metro Transit meeting with North Minneapolis residents who are concerned about safety. CM Duininck also attended.

Munt—Move MN Campaign convened over 200 stakeholders.

McCarthy—Attended a Blaine City Council workshop and a Roseville City Council meeting.

Melander—Met with Washington County commissioners and encouraged fellow Council members to engage County commissioners.

Duininck—Also attended the meeting with Washington County commissioners.

Elkins—Discussed SAC charges with the Bloomington City Council.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

**OTHER BUSINESS (after 6pm)**

Chair Haigh opened the public comment period at 6:05PM. No one signed up to speak; public comment closed at 6:11PM.

2014-286 Adopt the following resolutions and the 2015 Unified Budget:

- 2014-25: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2014-26: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2014-27: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2014-28: Certification of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for Debt Service on Future
- 2014-29: Certification of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds
- 2014-30: Cancellation of 2014 Tax Levies, Payable 2015 for General Obligation Transit and Parks Bonds
- 2014-31: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2015 Unified Budget

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

- Aye: 16 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh
- Nay: 0
- Absent: 1 Wulff

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14PM.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 10, 2014.

Approved this 14th day of January, 2015.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary