

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, August 12, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Kramer.

Urban Scholar Presentation

Wanda Kirkpatrick presented the 2015 Urban Scholars. Urban Scholars is a 12-week program that provides college students from disadvantaged backgrounds with a professional experience focused on gaining leadership skills. The purpose of the program is to create a pipeline of talented, experienced, and diverse public employees and leaders. The Urban Scholars introduced themselves and briefly described their meaningful experiences at the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-167 Approve the Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Master Plan; require that prior to initiating development within the regional park, preliminary plans must be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system; inform the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board that costs associated with the development of a skate park and modifications or improvements to the Nokomis Community Center and the athletic fields are not eligible for regional parks funding; encourage the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to incorporate the necessary staff changes and training to properly manage and support natural landscapes as soon as feasible, so that naturalization/restoration projects described in the master plan can begin to be carried out when funding becomes available.
2. 2015-168 Approve the Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan.
3. 2015-170 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Local No. 61 AFL-CIO, effective for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

4. 2015-171 Adopt the Review Record and allow the City of Eagan to place the Gates of Eagan Apartments comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA revises the City's forecasts by -200 for jobs in each of 2020, 2030, and 2040; advise the City to consider the technical comments for Aviation, Forecasts, and Transit as described in the Review Record.
5. 2015-174 Adopt the review record and allow the City of St. Louis Park to put the Bridgewater comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) in to effect; find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
6. 2015-175 Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 14P053 with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to purchase up to seven replacement coaches in an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 contingent on satisfactory results of the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment—No Reports

Management—Report on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2015-176 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority for 2015 METRO Red Line Station to Station operating expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,228,099.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Division Level Budget Presentation

Mary Bogie introduced the Division Level Budget Presentation. The Council will be asked to adopt the preliminary operating budget and set the maximum property tax levies on August 26. Beth Reetz provided the Community Development budget information. Leisa Thompson presented the Environmental Services budget information. Ed Petrie and Heather Agesen-Huebner presented on the Metro Transit and MTS budgets, respectively. All of the presenters included information about how Thrive is being put into motion via the budgets. The Council will be asked to adopt the public comment drafts at a meeting in October, and the final budget and levies will be brought to the Council for adoption in December.

REPORTS

Chair: Had a nice tour of Edina with CM Elkins. Toured the Metro Plant along with CM McCarthy and CM Barber. Spoke to the MN MPO conference. Presented to the Southwest Corridor Transportation meeting.

Council Members:

Letofsky—Attended a meeting of the Housing Committee of the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers along with CM Dorfman. Attended Mayor Hodges's Budget Address.

Elkins—Has been attending the Metro Cities Transportation and General Government Committee meetings; Amy Vennewitz recently gave a presentation on transportation funding.

Munt—Met with Somali leaders in her district; they wanted to talk about the deferral of the Town Center station along the SWLRT.

Rodriguez—Met with a city in her district and received feedback about how much they appreciated the Council's help and support.

Wulff—Attended a Metro Cities Policy Committee meeting where the topic was metropolitan governance, and plans to attend the Friday meeting when they will discuss housing.

Rummel—Attended the Centerville City Council meeting; they're looking forward to working more closely with the Met Council on their comprehensive plan. Has been attending informational meetings on the Water Supply Plan. Attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition (MEPC) tour of the airport and the solar array.

Barber—Has been receiving positive feedback regarding the Council from cities in her district. The Southwest Transportation Corridor group also provided positive feedback regarding the Council's work.

Regional Administrator: The Urban Scholars have enriched the Council.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 12, 2015.

Approved this 26th day of August, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary