

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, March 9, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Letofsky.

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

1. 2016-36 Authorize the amendment of the 2016 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Cunningham, Rummel, Commers (arrived after roll call)

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-37 Authorize internal loans to cover the cash flow needs of Environmental Services capital funds.
2. 2016-38 Approve the updated Investment Policy.
3. 2016-44 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Transit Managers and Supervisors Association (TMSA) effective for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment

2016-55 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to approve the process identified in Attachment A for the 2016 stormwater grant program and authorize staff to advertise the availability of funding and solicit applications for 2016 grants.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2016-3 Approve a request by MnDOT to close the West 16th Street ramp across to/from southbound Highway 169 in the City of St. Louis Park, subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council if there are any significant changes in the design of the proposed project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

2016-40 Amend the *Regional Transitways Guidelines*, Chapter 5, as follows: Add a guidelines related to noise mitigation in section 5.1 – Light Rail Transit Runningways: “Severe” and certain “Moderate” noise impacts identified through the NEPA process should be considered for mitigation if they meet the criteria for reasonableness, feasibility and cost effectiveness. Add the following text in the discussion below the new guideline: General guidelines for considering mitigation include: Reasonableness: noise mitigation provides at least a 5 dB reduction in project noise. Feasibility: noise mitigation is practical from engineering, operations, and safety standpoints and may also take other factors into account such as community input and visual impacts. Cost effectiveness: the standard cost per benefited receptor is approximately what it would cost to build a 10’ high noise wall. Direct staff to update the associated *Runningway Guidelines User Guide* to add applicable definitions and criteria.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-46 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Interagency Agreement 16I013 with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) to fund METRO Orange Line Project Development activities.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Retreat Follow-up: Update on Education and Housing Work Related to HPP

Libby Starling provided the introduction and Tara Beard presented the information. The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires that local governments share draft Comprehensive Plan Updates with affected jurisdictions, including adjacent cities, associated counties and school districts in order to align planning prior to adopting plans. The *2040 Housing Policy Plan* noted that the intended alignment might not be occurring in a meaningful way with affected school districts. To further investigate and potentially mitigate barriers to this intended alignment, Council staff has met with various school district officials

and other stakeholders. These conversations have supported the need to improve school district understanding of the content of Comprehensive Plan Updates and thereby encourage feedback that is more meaningful. Beard has interviewed the following: MN Dept. of Education, St. Paul Public School District, Mounds View School District, Farmington School District, Osseo School District, Wayzata School District, Stillwater School District, Shakopee School District, and Hazel Reinhardt, school demographer. School planning and city planning have different geographical boundaries and serve different populations, and school planning focuses on the next five years while city planning looks out much further. School planning also focuses on single-family housing, while city planning focuses on multiple housing types. Schools may benefit from longer range planning and more timely updates on current developments. Schools and cities both may benefit from more robust communication around potential school construction and closings. Cities may benefit from unique information school districts have about their community. Beard stated that next steps include continued outreach to additional school districts and providing technical assistance to the school districts and cities regarding demographic forecasts and information on regional developments. A Comprehensive Plan Update – Housing Element review workshop for school district officials is planned for summer 2017.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Reynoso—The interview and recommendation process for the Equity Advisory Committee appointments has been completed. Chair Duininck has received the recommendations for his consideration. CM Reynoso thanked community members Rick Cardenas, Shauen V.T. Pearce, Marsha Cressy, and Denetrick Powers, Council members Munt, Barber, and Chávez for their work, and thanked the staff involved (Lesley Kandaras, Brooke Crosby, Michelle Fure, and Cedrick Baker).

Dorfman—HUD Secretary Julian Castro was here last week and Chair Duininck and Council member Cunningham participated in a roundtable discussion with him. It was a great event.

Munt—Had a great experience at the Clean Water Summit. The Council has \$6B worth of water infrastructure and 650 employees working on clean water. The Governor will discuss the importance of clean water funding at his State of the State address tonight.

Rodriguez—Attended the I-94 West Corridor Legislative Preview where Chair Duininck, Commissioner Zelle, and area legislators presented. There was lots of consensus about the need for transportation funding. Also attended a Regional Solicitation Workshop hosted by Metro Cities. Congratulated Wayzata School District's hockey team, which took first place at the high school hockey tournament.

Letofsky—Is attending the MN Transportation Convention along with CM Rodriguez. Today they heard from the State Demographer. Participated in an Orange Line tour. Attended the Minneapolis Chamber's Annual Meeting. Todd Klingel is retiring.

Commers—Attended Geo:Code 2.0, which included participation from Metro GIS and the Met Council and was coordinated by Hennepin County and hosted by the U of M. It was an open data code-a-thon where people were invited to rethink how to use public data. Participated in an event regarding the Riverview Corridor at the College of Design.

Elkins—Attended the Edina State of the City address and the 494 Corridor Commission's Legislative Meeting. Participated in the Orange Line tour with CM Letofsky.

Schreiber—Part of the BLRT project includes Community Works meetings hosted by Hennepin County and CM Schreiber suggested they hear from Libby Starling about the demographics along the corridor. She presented at a meeting in late February.

Chair: No report.

Regional Administrator: Arlene McCarthy announced her retirement. It is a very critical position at the Council and she will be missed.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 9, 2016.

Approved this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary