

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					

Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Tchourumoff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Rodriguez.

BUSINESS

Chair Tchourumoff explained that the business items on this agenda are related to the Green Line Extension (SWLRT) freight rail agreements. Jim Alexander provided overviews of each item. Council members discussed the items and Alexander answered questions.

Transportation

2017-150 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Agreement with Twin Cities and Western Railroad (TCWR) for the Southwest LRT Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$16.1 million.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2017-162 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Hennepin County, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (collectively, the "Government Parties") on matters pertaining to the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project and BNSF.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-163 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Shared Use Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) related to operations and maintenance on the Wayzata Subdivision as a result of the Southwest LRT Project.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-164 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for the Southwest LRT Project in an amount not to exceed \$1 million.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-165 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for the Southwest LRT Project including the following for a cost not to exceed \$10 million: acquiring fee title of two parcels from BNSF; acquiring temporary property licenses from BNSF for construction of the Project; acquiring permanent easements from BNSF; deeding properties rights acquired for the Project to BNSF of portions of two privately owned parcels needed for construction of retaining walls.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Council Members: None

Chair: Thanked staff for their hard work on the Green Line Extension project.

Regional Administrator: None

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Special Meeting of August 16, 2017.

Approved this 23rd day of August 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary