

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, May 20, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Chávez.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Cunningham.

### PUBLIC INVITATION

Bob “Again” Carney addressed the Council regarding the Governor’s budget and transportation funding.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-12)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-64 Approve a joint powers agreement (JPA) between the Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit Police, and the East Metro SWAT Team.
2. 2015-74 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise license and support agreement in the amount of \$2,610,025 to cover the period of 5/1/2015 to 4/30/2018.
3. 2015-79 Approve the Baker-Carver Regional Trail Master Plan. Require that prior to initiating development of the Baker-Carver Regional Trail, preliminary plans must be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Service for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
4. 2015-80 Authorize a grant of up to \$150,375 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an easement along Richfield Parkway for the Intercity Regional Trail. The Metropolitan Council will finance the grant through the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, with Metropolitan Council bonds funding 75 percent of the total acquisition costs. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with \$50,125 or 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.
5. 2015-81 Authorize a grant of up to \$105,300 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an easement at 7171 Ohms Lane for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. The Metropolitan Council will finance the grant

through the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, with Metropolitan Council bonds funding 75 percent of the total acquisition costs. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with \$35,100 or 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

6. 2015-83 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to extend the basic and supplemental life insurance contract with Minnesota Life for two years (January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017) which results in a \$3,000,000 increase in the contract.
7. 2015-84 Approve changes to Metropolitan Council Policy 4-1-1 Data Practices.
8. 2015-86 Approve a request by MnDOT to reconstruct eastbound I-94 from the East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Exit to the Mounds Boulevard Entrance in the City of Saint Paul, conditional upon any significant changes in the design of the proposed project being subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council prior to construction.
9. 2015-87 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Agreement with the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club related to the development of a parking lot located on undeveloped Council property east of the existing Green Line Operations and Maintenance Facility, contingent on FTA incidental use concurrence.
10. 2015-88 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend a Customer Facility Repairs and Improvements agreement (SG-2014-094) with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) in the amount of \$600,000 for a revised total of \$1,000,000.
11. 2015-90 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 131057 with Scott County for an additional \$450,000 for a new contract total of \$1,869,149 and to extend the termination date to October 4, 2015.
12. 2015-92 Authorize scheduling and conducting public hearings for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). Public hearings are scheduled for the following dates and times: June 16, 6:00PM Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins; June 17, 6:00PM Eden Prairie City Center, 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie; June 18, 6:00PM Dunwoody College of Technology, 818 Dunwoody Blvd., Minneapolis. An open house from 5:00-6:00PM will precede every hearing.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda**

#### **Environment**

2015-91 Approve the public hearing report for the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP) and adopt the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Schreiber.

**Motion carried.**

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

#### **Transportation**

2015-89 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Mansfield Oil Company to supply gasoline for Metro Mobility Demand and Agency contracts for a two-year term from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017 with an option for an additional one-year extension in an amount not to exceed \$15,226,214.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **INFORMATION**

#### Downtown East Station Pedestrian Bridge

Brian Lamb presented on the proposed pedestrian bridge at the downtown east station. The key issue is pedestrian safety. Lamb stated that trains pass through the intersections of 4<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Avenue, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue every 2.5 minutes on average. For large events, there will be increased frequency; trains will pass the intersections every 2 minutes on average. The new stadium will have 65% of attendees exiting towards the main west doors (a greater concentration compared to the Metrodome), and 70% of those will exit within the first 15 minutes of the event ending. Lamb went through a timeline of how we got to this point, starting in May 2012. Council members discussed this issue at length and had many questions for Lamb, including why the cost of the project was not being covered by the Vikings.

#### SWLRT Potential Cost Reduction

Mark Fuhrmann explained that today's topics would include the potential cost reduction evaluation, the project options work plan, and next steps. Chair Duininck asked members to keep an open mind, as all options are on the table at this point. Stakeholder meetings were held on May 6 where project partners shared their comments. Partners want to see the project move forward, with a budget of \$1.653B. The project office has developed a list of potential cost reductions. Jim Alexander explained the evaluation matrix to the group and fielded questions from Council members. Craig Lamothe also stepped in to answer questions regarding ridership and stations. The Council is scheduled to take action on the project scope and budget at their July 8 meeting. Fuhrmann and staff will be presenting to the Council again on June 10.

## **REPORTS**

Due to the time, the Chair dispensed with the Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM.

## **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 20, 2015.

Approved this 27th day of May, 2015.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary