Metropolitan Council

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Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the special meeting to order at 5:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Wulff.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Two individuals commented on the MTPD immigration incident.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-9)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 2017-110 Enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for calendar year 2018 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota, for an amount up to \$1.5 million. Execute the attached resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for calendar year 2018.
- 2. 2017-114 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Western Petroleum to supply gasoline in accordance with Council specifications in an amount not to exceed \$23,258,727 for a three-year term.
- 3. 2017-115 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend and extend the contract with Health Partners for medical claims administration and the Well@Work clinic for a two-year period through December 31, 2019 with \$8,136,450 in additional funds for medical claims administration and \$1,224,000 additional funds for the Well@Work clinic. We will re-examine going out for bid for the 2020 year.
- 4. 2017-116 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 15M126 with Midwest Paratransit Services, Inc. for operation of a pilot transit project at MSP airport. The amendment adds \$250,000 for a total contract amount of \$795,000 and extends the termination date to June 30, 2018.
- 5. 2017-119 Conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2018 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 21, 2017.



The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin at 4:00PM.

- 6. 2017-120 Adopt Resolution 2017-11 as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.
- 7. 2017-121 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Andover to place the Rural Reserve Density Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Find that the proposed amendment does not change the City's forecasts. Advise the City to adopt official controls as described in the City's amendment materials within 9 months of approval of the amendment. Submit copies of the updated official controls to the Council within 30 days after adoption. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use and Housing.
- 8. 2017-122 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of St. Louis Park to place the PLACE Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Land Use, and Forecasts.
- 9. 2017-123 Approve a project change for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development Grant Central Exchange, Phase 1 project in the City of St. Paul, grant number SG011-204, conditioned upon the City producing a similar project, meeting Livable Communities Development Account criteria, within two years; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute a grant agreement reflecting the change.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment—No Reports

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2017-124 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Donlar Construction in the amount of \$16,996,000 for the construction of the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Headquarters.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

2017 Legislative Session Review

Judd Schetnan presented on the 2017 legislative session. The session began with a \$1.65B surplus to start the session. The Governor proposed increases to the E-12 Education Funding, the House and Senate proposed tax cuts and credits, and all agreed on the need for a transportation bill, but disagreed on the funding mechanism. Only five of ten budget bills had been passed by the last night of the session, with the largest budget areas still outstanding. An agreement was reached to call a special session beginning at 12:01AM on May 23. The special session, which was scheduled to last one day, ended up lasting four days. During the special session, 8 bills were passed (remaining budget bills, bonding bill, tax bill, and a labor standards preemption bill). The Governor has signed all omnibus appropriations bills, the tax bill, and the bonding bill. The transportation bill passed in the special session provides base level funding plus \$70M in additional one-time funding in the FY2018-2019 biennium, \$1M in FY2018 for a suburb to suburb demonstration project, and \$211,000 for preparation

of an enhanced transit finance report. The bonding bill includes \$12.1M for the Orange Line BRT project, \$8.75M for the Mall of America Transit Station, \$5M for Metropolitan Regional Parks, \$3.739M for the municipal Inflow & Infiltration Grant Program, pass-through grants for Como Zoo, West St. Paul Greenway project, and a multiuse path around White Bear Lake. Proposals not passed included Metropolitan Council governance changes, policy language in the omnibus transportation bill to restrict and/or prohibit LRT projects, housing plans and affordable housing allocations legislative approval requirement, and increased penalties for interfering with transit (also referred to as the "protester bill").

2017 Regional Forecast Update

Todd Graham presented on the 2017 update to the regional forecast build on the REMI-PI model update received from Regional Economic Models, Inc. in May 2017. Consistent with Minnesota Statutes 473.146 and 473.859, the Council's forecasts serve as a statement of future expectations, reflecting regional and local planning and policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 14, 2017.

Approved this 28th day of June 2017.

Emily Getty Recording Secretary