

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 25, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:07PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

### BUSINESS

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

1. 2015-31 Authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables in the business item.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Cunningham.

**Motion carried** on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14—Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: Melander (arrived after roll call), Dorfman, Commers

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-15)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-29 Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 13P183 with New Flyer Industries to purchase 11 articulated buses in an amount not to exceed \$8,140,000 contingent upon approval of BI 2015-31.
2. 2015-37 Approve changes to the Metropolitan Council Policy 4-2-2 Disability Management and eliminate Policy 4-10.
3. 2015-39 Authorize a grant of up to \$220,500 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire four trail easements 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 \$73,500, or 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

4. 2015-40 Authorize a grant of \$85,894 to reimburse Three Rivers Park District for the costs to acquire two regional trail easements in Bloomington through condemnation 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 \$28,631, or 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.
5. 2015-41 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source contract award with Cubic Transportation Systems for the upgrade of all regional bus fixed route Go-To card readers in the amount not to exceed \$5.3 million.
6. 2015-42 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a two year contract for Armored Transport Services to Star Security in an amount not-to-exceed \$617,000 for a two-year period.
7. 2015-44 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 35, effective for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
8. 2015-52 Authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Lift Station Improvements, Lift Station L-13, Meters 501A and 501B, Project No. 805550, Contract 14P176, with Rice Lake Construction Group for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$2,824,800.
9. 2015-53 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a three-year contract (14P164B) with an option to extend for two years with Republic Services Corporation to provide solid waste disposal services at Environmental Services facilities beginning April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$1,365,634.40.
10. 2015-55 Amend the by-laws of the Livable Communities Advisory Committee to add two members with expertise in planning, economic and community development/engagement, representing traditionally under-represented people, and eliminate the requirement for staggered terms.
11. 2015-56 Approve the award of 100 Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBV) to the following project and authorize staff to execute necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and project owners:

Project Name	City	Number of Units in Project	Number of PBV Units Requested	Target Pop.
Parview Villa	Columbia Heights	146	101	Age 62+ and disabled

12. 2015-57 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of St. Louis Park to put *Highway 7 & Glenhurst* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
13. 2015-58 Approve the Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan Amendment.
14. 2015-66 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add local road work and increase the cost of its pedestrian/bike improvement project on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Arcade Street to Bush Avenue.

15. 2015-67 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of replacing Bridge #90621 on CSAH 135 over the Maxwell Channel of Lake Minnetonka in Orono.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development**

2015-47 Approve the 2015 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins.

#### **Motion carried.**

2015-59 Release a draft amendment to the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment; conduct a public hearing on May 4, 2015, regarding the draft amendment to the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment; keep the hearing record open until 5:00PM on Friday, May 15, 2015; and direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft amendment to the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez.

#### **Motion carried.**

2015-60 Direct Council staff to implement the Planning Assistance Grant Program for this comprehensive planning cycle using the grant criteria outlined in Option 2 of the business item report.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Elkins.

#### **Motion carried.**

### **Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda**

#### **Management**

2015-24 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a three year contract with Masterson Personnel for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for clerical and administrative temporary services.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

#### **Motion carried.**

### **Transportation—Reports on Consent Agenda**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

2015-63 Approve the appointment of Kjensmo Walker as Chair of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

#### **Motion carried.**

## INFORMATION

### Update on Snelling Site Redevelopment

Lucy Galbraith, Director of Transit Oriented Development, provided an update on the Snelling site. She began with an overview of the TOD policy goals, which are to maximize the development impact of transit investments by integrating transportation, jobs, and housing; to support regional economic competitiveness by leveraging private investment; to advance equity by improving multimodal access to opportunity for all; and, to support a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system through increased ridership and revenues. In 2012, the City of St. Paul and Metro Transit agreed to plan the redevelopment of the two parcels at the southern end of the site. In 2014, the City of St. Paul, the Metropolitan Council, and the property owner of the large parcel to the north signed a nonbinding MOU to hire a consultant to explore redevelopment of the entire combined site. The final report was delivered in June 2014. The shared goals and objectives in the MOU include maximizing the use of transit, promoting TOD adjacent to the Snelling LRT station, and creating a model redevelopment with higher density within a pedestrian and transit-user friendly environment. The consultant's report found that the site has several factors supportive of redevelopment, but there is a large gap between the cost of needed infrastructure and what the market will support. Projected market values suggest this gap is unlikely to close in a reasonable time frame. The next steps will be to meet with City staff and resolve any issues, draft scope for the solicitation, issue the solicitation, and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

### Updated Regional Forecasts and Upcoming Revisions to Local Forecasts

Libby Starling, Todd Graham, and Dennis Farmer presented the updated regional forecasts and upcoming revisions to local forecasts. Forecasts inform Council efforts including transportation modeling, water supply modeling, and allocation of affordable housing. Methods used for determining the regional forecast are REMI PI, a regional economic model forecasting employment, economic migration, and population; and national GDP and employment projections from the long term forecast used by MN's State Economist. The revised regional forecasts to 2040 are as follows: Population: 3,633,000; Households: 1,485,000; Employment: 2,016,000. The Community Development Committee is scheduled to recommend the adoption of local forecasts at its June 15 meeting. The recommendation is scheduled to come before the Council on July 8.

## REPORTS

Chair: Participated in Transit Driver Appreciation Day at Heywood. Visited the Mayor of Apple Valley and her staff. Attended an East Metro Strong workshop.

Council Members:

Munt—Interviewed candidates for TAAC positions along with CM Rodriguez and CM Reynoso.

Elkins—Attended the 494 Corridor Commission board meeting. Visited with Bloomington city staff.

Cunningham—Participated in a bus tour of Minneapolis along with Chair Duininck, CM Letofsky, and CM Dorfman as part of Chair Duininck's 7 County Tour.

Reynoso—Inspired by the TAAC interviews.

Rodriguez—Also inspired by the TAAC interviews. Thanked Chair Duininck for spending time in her district as part of his 7 County Tour.

Rummel—Participated in a MAWSAC meeting.

Barber—Thanked staff for being so receptive to questions and for being so helpful as she begins her first term as a Council member. Attended a meeting with Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Waconia.

Schreiber—Attended the NW Hennepin tour with Chair Duininck and CM Rodriguez as part of Chair Duininck's 7 County Tour.

Chávez—Attended the Dakota County Mayors and Managers meeting where Chair Duininck gave a presentation.

Wulff—Met with townships in her district at their spring meeting; they expressed concern regarding Zip Rail.

Regional Administrator: No report

General Counsel: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38PM.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 25, 2015.

Approved this 22nd day of April, 2015.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary