

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, July 26, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Elkins.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Elkins.

BUSINESS

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

2017-118 Authorize the amendment of the 2017 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables attached to the business item.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 – Rodriguez, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 5 – Schreiber, Munt (arrived after roll call), Dorfman (arrived after roll call), Melander (arrived after roll call), Chávez

Joint Report of the Transportation and Management Committees

2017-159 SW Amend the 2017 Unified Budget – Capital Program (annual appropriation) and Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) as indicated and in accordance with the Capital Program – Attachment #1 (Program Level).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 – Rodriguez, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 5- Schreiber, Munt (arrived after roll call), Dorfman (arrived after roll call), Melander (arrived after roll call), Chávez

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 5)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-136 Accept the report of the requests from the ten Regional Parks Implementing Agencies for state fiscal year 2018 operation and maintenance funds, as shown in Table 1.
2. 2017-137 Approve a grant of up to \$38,687 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an easement on a parcel at 5309 70th Street West for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$12,893 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs associated with acquisition of this easement. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
3. 2017-138 Approve a grant of up to \$178,499 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an easement on a parcel at 4900 77th Street West in Edina for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District up to \$59,500 for costs associated with acquisition of this easement, from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted, and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
4. 2017-139 Approve a grant of up to \$105,368 to Dakota County to acquire the Smith parcel at 173rd Street and Pilot Knob Road in Lakeville for the North Creek Greenway Regional Trail; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
5. 2017-146 Authorize renewal of its property insurance with FM Global, effective 8/1/17 – 8/1/18, in an amount not to exceed \$1,455,000.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2017-143 Award 12 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows and authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Recommended Projects – Contamination Investigation	Recommended amount
Minneapolis – Calhoun Towers	\$43,900
Recommended Projects – Contamination Cleanup	Recommended amount

Edina – 49 ½ Street Mixed Use Redevelopment	\$338,900
Minneapolis – 205 Park	\$206,300
Minneapolis – 1500 Nicollet	\$390,800
Minneapolis – Azine Alley	\$267,400
Minneapolis – East Town Apartments	\$250,000
Minneapolis – Nordic House	\$500,000
Minneapolis – Park 7	\$165,200
Minneapolis – Target Field Station	\$363,900
Saint Paul – Pioneer Press Affordable Housing	\$750,000
Saint Paul – West Side Flats III-A & III-B	\$343,700
South Saint Paul – Hardman Avenue South	\$323,700
TOTAL Recommended	\$3,943,800
Total Available	\$4,375,000
Total Remaining	\$431,200

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2017-144 Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grants as follows, totaling \$200,000; authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council;

Recommended Projects	Applicant	TOD Predevelopment
Ramsey West/River Balcony Connection	St. Paul	\$100,000
Bassett Creek Valley Redevelopment	Minneapolis	\$100,000
	Total Requested	\$200,000
	Total Available	\$250,000
	Total Remaining	\$50,000

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

Environment

2017-145 Adopt the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2018:

Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of \$219,749,756;

Industrial Strength Charge: \$.235 per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);

Industrial Strength Charge: \$.1175 per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);

Brewery Strength Charge: \$.737 per barrel;

Standard Load Charge: \$60.24 per thousand gallons;

Holding Tank Load Charge: \$10.92 per thousand gallons;

Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: \$77.46 per thousand gallons;

Collar County Load Charge: \$75.24 per thousand gallons;

Strength component of Industrial Load Charge: \$.4130 per excess pound of TSS;

Strength component of Industrial Load Charge: \$.2065 per excess pound of COD;

Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: \$15.00 per thousand gallons;

Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Exceedance Rate: \$428,000 per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate)

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Management

2017-135 Approve the Triennial FTA DBE Program Goal as recommended by staff.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez.

Cunningham moved to remand the item back to the Management Committee. Letofsky seconded. Cunningham explained his motion to refer the item back to Committee was based on the Council's commitment to equity as stated in *Thrive MSP 2040*, and suggested increasing the goal.

Aaron Koski from the Office of Equal Opportunity was called on to speak to this item from a staff perspective. He explained that there is a deadline of August 1 to have the goal submitted to the FTA.

The Council discussed Cunningham's motion to refer the item back to the Management Committee. The Council discussed approving the original motion to meet the deadline set by the FTA and revisiting the goal in Committee. The Council also discussed having further discussions about establishing aspirational goals higher than the 15 % DBE goal stated in the business item. After the Council expressed an interest in having further discussions on aspirational goals, Cunningham "withdrew" his motion to commit the business item to the Management Committee. Melander moved that the main motion be amended to include a statement that Council staff and the Management Committee conduct

further discussions on establishing an aspirational goal higher than the 15% goal for all Council construction contracts. The amended motion was seconded by Cunningham. The motion to amend was passed. The Council voted on the main motion as amended. The main motion as amended was passed.

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-140 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the current Masterson Personnel contract for temporary staffing services by extending the length of the contract by an additional two years (expiring December 2019). The contract provisions and rates are to remain the same. Increase the dollar amount by \$675,000 (\$337,500 per year).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2017-141 Authorize the Green Line Extension LRT Project Office to use condemnation on the following parcels appraised at greater than \$1 million in the event that staff is not able to acquire by negotiations:

Parcel Number	Owner
211	Rosemount
302	Liberty – Golden Triangle
401	AMS
406	Real-Time Properties
424	Hopkins Tech Center
505	Pawn America
508	5501 Building Company
701	Calhoun Towers

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2017-151 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Max Steininger, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000 for the Bassett Creek Tunnel Box Culvert (17P108).

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2017-155 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project to add a cable median barrier to US Highway 10 from Anoka to Elk River.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried.

2017-156 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to install rail gates at Hardman Avenue in South St. Paul.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2017-157 SW Adopt the Transportation Public Participation Plan.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2017-154 SW Accept the public comment report for proposed fare adjustments and authorize the recommended fare change proposal (attachment B) for service operated by all regional transit providers participating in the regional fare structure, with changes to be effective October 1, 2017 or as noted on the attached proposal. That the Metropolitan Council directs staff to develop a fare policy recommendation by EOY 2017 for Council consideration to help determine when future fare adjustments should be considered and how future fare increases will continue to drive towards: a. Creating solutions for a more sustainable funding structure; b. Understanding the best way to grow ridership while equalizing subsidies across modes to the best extent possible; c. Mitigating disproportionate impacts of increased fares on people of color, low income communities, youth and seniors, and persons with disabilities; d. Addressing the future considerations included in the Equity Advisory Committee recommendation from July 18, 2017. That the Metropolitan Council directs staff to develop a report for review by the Council by 1st quarter 2018 that will: a. Look at how travel distances could be considered as part of overall fare policy, and b. Identify opportunities to implement a reverse commute fare aimed at growing ridership on reverse commute trips. That the Metropolitan Council directs staff to update the Council at least every six months on the TAP program's results, including assessment of the program and recommendations for potential expansions of the program, reporting back to the Council by June 2018.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Rummel.

Cunningham moved to amend the staff recommendation by making the following changes to part b: increase the proposed fare for express off peak from \$2.50 to \$2.75; increase the proposed fare for express peak from \$3.25 to \$3.50; and increase the 31 pass for express from \$120 to \$125. Seconded by Melander.

Cunningham explained that an across-the-board increase of \$.25 would result in local urban routes being subsidized less than the express routes. The region subsidizes express riders more than local riders, and this difference will only be exacerbated by a higher level of increase for local routes resulting from the proposed fare increase.

The Council discussed Cunningham's motion to amend the staff recommendation.

Motion failed.

The Council discussed the main motion.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2017-160 Approve Chair Duininck's recommendation to create a Regional Growth Strategy Work Group and appoint the following Council members to serve on the Work Group: Jon Commers, Chair; Deb Barber; Steve Elkins; Cara Letofsky; Katie Rodriguez; and Sandy Rummel.

It was moved by Dorfman, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 26, 2017.

Approved this 9th day of August 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary