

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, August 10, 2016 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 Rummel, seconded by Reynoso.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-145 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and award a contract with MetLife in the amount of \$800,000 to provide long-term disability insurance for all eligible Council employees for a period of three years, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
2. 2016-153 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute three contracts for legal defense related to tort and property damage claims, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the three-year term of the contracts.
3. 2016-154 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract 16P018 with Apollo Video Technology in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. The original contract value was \$482,848. This amendment would increase the total contract value to \$882,848.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment—No Reports

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2016-137 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an interagency agreement with the City of Minneapolis for employer outreach and other Travel

Demand Management (TDM) services in downtown Minneapolis in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

2016-147 Determine the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (Project) (METRO Green Line Extension); and authorize the Chair to sign the Final EIS Determination of Adequacy on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-148 SW Adopt the attached Resolution and direct the Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO) to submit the application for Entry into Engineering to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Resolution includes the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee recommendations: approve the Southwest Light Rail Transit project scope as described in Attachment A; approve the Southwest Light Rail Transit cost estimate of \$1.858 billion as the project budget; acknowledge the Southwest Light Rail Transit revised project schedule that anticipates a revenue service year of 2021; authorize staff to submit the Application to Enter Engineering.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-155 Determine that the Lake Elmo Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) conforms to the metropolitan aviation system plan and is consistent with Council policy.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Reynoso.

Bridget Rief from the MAC and Russ Owen from the Council answered questions from the Council members.

Motion carried.

Joint Reports

2016-144 Modify the eligibility requirements of Right-of-Way Loan Fund (RALF) parcels as follows: limit RALF loan requests to rights-of-way threatened by development or to hardship acquisitions of homestead properties, with exceptions for other properties considered on a case-by-case basis.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Barber.

Brief discussion followed. CM Commers voted nay.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Division Level Budget Presentation

Mary Bogie provided a general overview of the preliminary 2017 unified budget and levies. The proposed payable 2017 levy is \$83.6M. Management is recommending that the Council levy \$83.6M in

property taxes for collection in 2017. This reflects a 1.9% increase from the 2016 levies. The Council's four non-debt service levies are subject to statutory levy limitations. Three of the levy limits are allowed to increase with the implicit price deflator for state and local government services – a measure of how inflation affects state and local units of government. For taxes payable in 2017, that index increased by 0.201 percent. Staff is recommending that the general purposes levy and the two Livable Communities levies are certified that the statutory levy limit. Staff is also recommending that there be no levy in 2017 for the highway right-of-way acquisition loan program. There are sufficient funds available in the program to cover anticipated loan demand. Council levies have increased 17.7% over ten years. Government inflation, as represented by the federal price deflator for state and local governments, has increased 26% over the same period. Beth Reetz, Director of Community Development, provided an overview of the Community Development division budget. Community Development has \$16.3M in the General Fund and HRA, and \$87.8M for pass-through programs. The Parks Capital Program is \$344M (\$167M in authorized projects and \$177M in planned projects). Leisa Thompson, General Manager of Environmental Services, provided an overview of the MCES budget. In 2016, the Council funded six stormwater projects. All projects support the long-range goals of stewardship and sustainability as defined in *Thrive MSP 2040*. The operating budget for MCES is \$146M. This excludes debt service and pass-through grants and only focuses on operations expenses. The MCES Capital Program is \$1.6B, which includes an amendment from June which added an additional \$124M to the authorized capital program. Ed Petrie, Director of Finance at Metro Transit, and Heather Aagesen-Huebner, Manager of MTS Administration, provided the overview for the Transportation division. The operations budget for transportation is \$545M. Metro Transit operations for 2017 has a budget of \$438M; Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) has an operations budget of \$107M. The preliminary 2017 capital budget is \$600M.

REPORTS

Chávez—Presented Chair Duininck with the golden shovel he received at the groundbreaking for the Minnesota Vikings facility in Eagan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 10, 2016.

Approved this 24th day of August, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary