

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, October 14, 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 4:06PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Letofsky.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-219 Approve the East Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment.
2. 2015-220 Approve the Highway 96 Regional Master Plan Amendment to include development plans for the Snail Lake Marsh; require that prior to initiating development, preliminary plans must be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineer Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
3. 2015-221 Authorize a grant of up to \$707,013 to Washington County to acquire a 33.5 acre property for Lake Elmo Park Reserve. The Metropolitan Council's grant finances up to 75 percent of the total acquisition costs from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund using the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund account. The grant will be financed as follows: \$424,208 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and \$282,805 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Acknowledge Washington County's grant match of \$235,671 that finances at least 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. If the total acquisition costs are higher than estimated, Washington County is responsible for the difference. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.
4. 2015-222 Adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to authorize the Community Development Director to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program.
5. 2015-224 Approve the 2016 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

6. 2015-225 Approve the attached resolution changing certain designated position titles in the Minnesota State Retirement System unclassified plan.
7. 2015-228 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to construct Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) Vactor Waste Phase 2 Project 805950, Contract 15P082A, to Rice Lake Construction Group for their low, responsive bid of \$2,658,200.
8. 2015-234 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Master Plan comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts; advise the City to implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Transit.
9. 2015-235 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the Stadium Village/University Avenue Station Area Plan comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts; advise the City to implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Transit.
10. 2015-236 Approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2015.
11. 2015-237 Adopt amounts listed as Payment Standards for the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective November 1, 2015.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment—Report on Consent Agenda

Management—Report on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2015-229 Adopt the proposed 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with a budget of \$5,058,670; adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a planning grant under MAP-21; authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of FHWA and FTA planning funds.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2015-230 SW Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds; authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for distribution of FHWA STP funds.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Dorfman.

Motion carried.

2015-239 SW Find the twelve grant applications submitted to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) for CY 2016 funding to be consistent with the Council's 2040 Transportation Policy Plan adopted in January 2015.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2015-243 SW Determine that it is in the best interests of the Council and the public to continue use of the Snelling property for Transit purposes consistent with Council TOD Policy goals and FTA guidance, and authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul (“City”) and the Saint Paul Port Authority (“SPPA”) to provide a framework for communication and negotiation with respect to the development of the property at 400 Snelling Avenue, St. Paul; and to provide to the City and the SPPA the appraisal or appraisals obtained by the Council for the Council property.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-244 Establish the Metropolitan Council Equity Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Recently Released MetroStats: Disparities Unmasked: The Twin City Metro in 2014

Libby Starling and Matt Schroeder gave a presentation on the recently released *MetroStats*, titled “Disparities Unmasked.” They reported that, overall, our metro area has some of the highest overall rates of employment and homeownership in the country, but we also have some of the largest disparities by race and ethnicity in the country. The disparities are particularly striking for African Americans compared to whites. A series of graphs illustrated the percent of people in the region with a high school diploma or higher, the percent of people employed, the percent not in poverty, the per capita income, and homeownership rates. Next steps will include analyzing the demographic diversity within each group and how it might influence disparities. The Areas of Concentrated Poverty will be updated, and the Council will analyze how housing and transportation can help to mitigate some gaps.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Chávez—Attended the opening of Lakeshore Townhomes in Eagan and presented a plaque that was given to the Council.

Chair: Participated in a trip to D.C. to advocate for the Gateway Corridor where he was able to meet with the FTA Administrator. Attended the Solar Event at the Blue Lake Plant along with CM Barber.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 14, 2015.

Approved this 28th day of October, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary