

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, April 27, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, 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 4:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Rodriguez.

PUBLIC INVITATION

Ben Plunkett, a member of the Pierce County Board in western Wisconsin, shared that he has been appointed the Met Council representative from that Board.

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

2016-51 Authorize the amendment of the 2016 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the tables attached to the business item.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Chávez, Munt (arrived after roll call), McCarthy (arrived after roll call)

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-3)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-70 Approve the final *C Line Station Plan*.
2. 2016-73 Approve a supplementary grant agreement to grant number SG2012-009, a 2012 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant, to Three Rivers Park District (TRPD), to acquire the Manor

property at Lake Rebecca Park Reserve, reducing SG2012-009 by \$82,500.43 and changing funding sources; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the supplementary grant agreement; and in coordination with Three Rivers Park District, return \$382,744.16 to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund at the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

3. 2016-75 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of St. Paul to place the Gold Line Station Area Plans Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect; find that the proposed amendment does not change the forecasts for the City; advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Wastewater, and Transportation.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2016-76 Authorize staff to implement the Planning Assistance Grant Program with a total program budget of \$1.9 million and the following criteria defining eligibility: The eligibility criteria adopted in 2015, as detailed in Table 2 of this report, with updated data. Expanded eligibility for small cities that meet the following conditions: 2014 Population Estimate less than or equal to 5,000; and have a 2015 Net Tax Capacity (NTC) per capita amount less than or equal to 125% of the regional median NTC per capita (\$1,517.22); exclude from Program eligibility Cities of the First Class, as defined by Minn. Stat. 410.01. Direct staff to budget \$1.9 million to eligible applicants in the award grant amounts defined in Table 3 of this report. Direct Council staff to implement the Planning Assistance Grant Program for this comprehensive planning cycle and make funding available to eligible communities. Authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Commers. Brief discussion followed.

Motion carried.

Environment—No Reports

Management

2016-65 Adopt the attached parameters Resolutions 2016-6, 2016-7, and 2016-8, authorizing the issuance, sale, and award of general obligation debt, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and execution of necessary documents to secure this financing. The Council is issuing three separate bond issues of which \$134.7 million is new debt at \$31 million in refunding (refinancing) current debt. The individual bond issues are comprised of the following: Capital Funding and Refunding Purposes: Series 2016A - \$30.0 million General Obligation Transit Bonds and \$7.0 million (current) Refunding Bonds; Series 2016B - \$4.7 million General Obligation Park Bonds; Series 2016C - \$100 million General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Bonds and \$24.0 million (current) Refunding Bonds.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Cunningham.

Motion carried.

2016-72 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter in an agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge No. 77 effective for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2016-68 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with SHE for the completion of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the Blue Line LRT (BLRT) Extension Project through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-71 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Cooperative Funding Agreement 15I080 with Hennepin County, in an amount not to exceed \$1,846,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-77 SW Authorize a public hearing to accept comments on proposed service changes outlined in the West End and Rout 9 Transit Study concept plan.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-79 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on contract 14P053 with MCI to purchase six coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,850,650.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Barber.

Motion carried.

2016-80 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with North Central Bus Sales (MnDOT contract 88331) for two replacement buses and eight expansion buses in an amount not to exceed \$960,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2016-90 Approve the following appointment to the Equity Advisory Committee: Acooa Ellis, At-Large Member, as committee co-chair.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Rummel.

Acooa Ellis briefly addressed the Council and stated she is eager to begin working on the EAC.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins—Attended a Citizens League Meeting where they presented their study on Metropolitan Council governance. Attended the Metro Cities Annual Meeting along with CM Munt.

Rodriguez—Attended the NW Hennepin League of Municipalities meeting at the Choo Choo along with Andrew Virden.

Munt—Spoke to the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce while they were in town. Participated in a SWLRT CAC meeting. Saw a screening of *Purple Rain* at Target Field Station. AFSCME is doing a story about union members who work in wastewater treatment at the Council.

Rummel—Attended a lecture by the Freshwater Society at the U of M. Participated in the Clean Water Council meeting where Ali Elhassan gave an excellent presentation. Attended the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity project that Council members worked on last summer. Attended a Rush Line meeting.

Commers—Teaches a class at the U of M on public/private sector interaction with undergraduates and a couple of weeks ago they did a field trip on the Green Line. The pace of transformation in that area has been dramatic, particularly around Washington Ave.

Chair: Spoke to the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce while they were in town. Attended a number of events for Water Action week, including the Governor's press conference. Has been attending State of the City and State of the County events. Continues to work on transportation at the legislature.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 27, 2016.

Approved this 25th day of May, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary