

Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff

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 9, 2017 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Tchourumoff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Reynoso.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2017-148 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and award a contract with Securian in the amount of \$7,500,000 to provide basic and supplemental life insurance for all eligible Council employees for a period of five years, January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.
2. 2017-149 Approve changes to the Employees in the Workplace Policy.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No Reports

Environment—No Reports

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2017-142 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute amendment #1 to the Project Development (PD) Continuance and Engineering Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Southwest LRT (SWLRT), (Green Line Extension) Project between the Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) to extend the HCRRA 20% share of funding for this phase through March 2018, for an amount not to exceed \$59.9 million.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2017-158 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements in the amount of \$958,000 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and \$359,000 with SouthWest Transit (SWT) to provide supplemental transit operating funding during CY 2017.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Division Level Operating Budget Presentation

Mary Bogie introduced the preliminary 2018 unified budget and levies. Management is recommending that the Council levy \$85.3M in property taxes for collection in 2018; this reflects a 2.0% increase from the 2017 levies. Council levies have increased 20% over 10 years. Government inflation, as represented by the federal price deflator for state and local governments, has increased 26% over the same time period. Beth Reetz presented the Community Development Division budget, Leisa Thompson presented the Environmental Services Division budget, and Nick Thompson and Ed Petrie presented the budgets for MTS and Metro Transit, respectively. At the August 23, 2017 meeting, the Council will be asked to adopt the preliminary operating budget and set the maximum property tax levy.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Rummel—Attended a state government initiative awards ceremony where the Council won an exemplary award for the solar garden work.

Rodriguez—Attended the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) conference along with staff and CMs Letofsky and McCarthy. The lack of sufficient funding for public transportation was a common theme from around the country.

Elkins—Attended the Metro Cities Transportation and General Government Policy Committee meeting.

Letofsky—Attended and assisted with the multimodal tour of the Midtown Greenway as part of the APTA conference.

Chair: Attended the St. Croix Bridge opening. Had a fantastic tour of the Metro Plant. Provided the welcome remarks at the APTA Sustainability and Multimodal host session. This is Washington County week, which includes meetings with local government and tours of Lake Elmo and Hugo.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 9, 2017.

Approved this 16th day of August, 2017.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary