

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, December 9, 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 4:08PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-17)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-258 Authorize the Regional Administrator to make ongoing maintenance and support service payments on a sole-source basis for installed software and hardware, with the services to be procured from the vendors on the attached 2016 Information Services Sole Source Vendor List up to the amount listed.
2. 2015-274 Approve a land exchange at Spring Lake Park Reserve that exchanges 16.06 acres of regional parkland that is used for agricultural purposes for 8.26 acres of wooded bluff land along Spring Lake within the Mississippi River, as depicted in Attachment A; approve a master plan boundary amendment to Spring Lake Park Reserve that removes a total of 31.78 acres from the park reserve boundary, including 16.06 acres of existing regional parkland and an adjacent 15.72 acre parcel that is a privately owned inholding, as depicted in Attachment B.
3. 2015-275 Approve an amendment to the Land Exchange Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Washington County for Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park dated February 2008, subject to the following conditions: allow an acre for acre land replacement or an equally valuable facility exchange within Cottage Grove Regional Park that is acceptable to the Council to fulfill the remaining obligations of replacing 13.36 acres that were removed from the regional park; provide a final extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2022, with consequences including, but not limited to, withholding regional parks funding to Washington County if the terms of the agreement are not met by the expiration date.
4. 2015-276 Approve an amendment to the boundary of Lake Waconia Regional Park to add the 33.77 acre property known as Coney Island.

5. 2015-278 Approve the attached list of Authorized Financial Institutions for 2016.
6. 2015-279 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the terms of the following volume-based financial contracts, as needed, so as to provide continued service through December 31, 2016: Wells Fargo and US Bank (general banking services); Elavon, authorize.net and PayPal (credit card processing, gateway and managed payment services); Bank of America (purchasing card services); Wells Fargo and US Bank (custodian, securities lending, trustee and escrow).
7. 2015-296 Approve revisions to the Non-Represented Plan effective January 1, 2016.
8. 2015-298 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include funding to improve, replace, and construct bus facilities in Minneapolis and St. Paul (SP# TRF-TCMT-16BE).+
9. 2015-299 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the scope and description of MnDOT's I-35W pavement resurface and rehabilitation project (SP# 6284-166).
10. 2015-300 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the cost of Three Rivers Park District's Bassett Creek Regional Trail project (SP# 091-090-076).
11. 2015-302 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Restated and Amended Cooperative Funding Agreement (CFA) for Project Development (PD) with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT).
12. 2015-303 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a sole source subordinate agreement with Minnesota Valley Transportation Authority for METRO Red Line Station-to-Station Service 2016 operating expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,453,231.
13. 2015-305 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Taxi Services, Inc. to provide Metro Mobility Premium Same Day (PSD) service from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,779,293.
14. 2015-306 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend Contract #14P205 for ticket vending machines for Bus Rapid Transit Stations from \$1,200,000 to \$1,333,000 to purchase ten additional ticket vending machines.
15. 2015-312 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the cost, change the sponsor, and add stairways to the scope of Hennepin County's Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail Crossings project.
16. 2015-313 SW Authorize acquisition of permanent and temporary easements necessary for the 2016 Trenchless Rehabilitation Program and authorize Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels that staff cannot acquire by negotiation.
17. 2015-314 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Polydyne, Inc. to provide Clarifloc CE-819 polymer at a unit price of \$0.785 per pound and Clarifloc CE-817 polymer at a unit price of \$0.110 per pound delivered to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2015-292 Award four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development grants as follows, and authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Recommended Projects	Applicant	Points	LCDA-TOD Development
Place	St. Louis Park	103	\$2,000,000
Superior Plating	Minneapolis	81	\$395,000
66 West	Edina	81	\$900,000
Raymond Avenue Flats	St. Paul	74	\$1,000,000
Total Recommended (LCDA)			\$4,295,000

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2015-293 Award six Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants, as follows, and authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Development Projects	Applicant	Points	Recommendation
Youth Link	Minneapolis	82	\$841,852
Selby-Milton-Victoria	St. Paul	79	\$597,000
Great River Landing	Minneapolis	77	\$500,000
Village on Rivoli	St. Paul	74	\$975,000
Arlington Row	St. Louis Park	65	\$581,000
Great River Landing Parking	Hastings	60	\$1,485,000
Total Recommended			\$4,979,852

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

2015-294 Award \$2.2 million in Local Housing Incentives Account grants as follows and authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Rental Housing Proposals

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
66 West	Edina	39		\$400,000
Marshall Flats	Minneapolis	36		\$400,000
Indian Knoll Manor	Mound	16	50	\$400,000
72 Cesar Chavez	St. Paul	40		\$400,000
Sub-total Rental:		131	50	\$1,600,000

Ownership Housing Proposals

Project	City/Applicant	Number of New Units	Number of Preserved Units	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Ivy Estates	Forest Lake	6		\$150,000
City of Lakes Community Land Trust	Minneapolis		20	\$150,000
Homes Within Reach	Hennepin County Suburbs		6	\$114,000
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	Multiple cities	40		\$186,000
Sub-total Ownership:		46	26	\$600,000
TOTAL RENTAL AND OWNERSHIP		177	76	\$2,200,000

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2015-295 Approve proposals for Project Based Voucher Assistance (PBV) and authorize staff to execute necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the owners of the projects to assign a total of 68 vouchers in six projects as follows:

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2015-311 Authorize a grant of up to \$101,583 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire an easement for the Nokomis-Minnesota River Regional Trail (formerly Intercity Regional Trail); the Metropolitan Council will finance the grant through the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) with Metropolitan Council bonds funding up to 75 percent of the estimated total acquisition costs. Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with \$33,861 or 25 percent of the total estimated acquisition costs. If the total acquisition costs are higher than estimated, the Park District is responsible for the difference. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2015-280 Approve the revised project scope and cost estimate of \$1.496 billion as recommended by the Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee at their November 12, 2015 meeting; direct staff to prepare Blue Line Extension Municipal Consent Plans consistent with the project revised scope, and submit to Hennepin County and the cities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and Minneapolis; authorize scheduling and conducting a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Hennepin County, and the Metropolitan Council on the revised plans on January 19, 2016 at Hennepin County’s Minneapolis Central Library.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Cunningham.

Dan Soler provided a brief presentation.

Motion carried.

2015-307 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) to receive funds in 2016 for the following projects:

Capital:

- 1) Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) - \$99,314,531
- 2) Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) - \$17,760,000
- 3) Orange Line BRT - \$10,738,500
- 4) Mall of America Station - \$2,250,000

Operating:

- 1) Red Line BRT Service – up to \$1,725,010

- 2) Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service – up to \$191,344
- 3) Northstar Commuter Rail Service - \$6,755,400
- 4) Light Rail Service (Blue Line and Green Line) - \$23,194,427
- 5) I-35W South BRT Express Service - \$286,209

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

2015-308 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease agreement and a cooperative construction agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Cedar Grove Transit Station.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Management and Transportation Committees

2015-301 Authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

- Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Duininck
- Nay: 3 Munt, Dorfman, Wulff
- Absent: 0

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-282 Approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: Steve Elkins – Metropolitan Council alternate; Doug Anderson – District A; Brad Tabke – District B; Suzanne Sandahl – District C; Jamez Staples – District D; David Van Hattum – Transit Representative; Kenya McKnight – Transit Representative; Ethan Fawley – Non-motorized Representative; all effective January 1, 2016.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

To accommodate the 6PM requirement for taking up item 2015-304, Chair Duininck stated that the Information Items and Reports would be moved ahead of item 2015-304.

INFORMATION

Areas of Concentrated Poverty: What do the Newest ACS Data Tell Us?

Libby Starling and Matt Schroeder presented the newest data from the American Community Survey (ACS) that was very recently released by the US Census Bureau. This data was collected over the 2010-2014 time period. Starling and Schroeder focused on data related to Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs). ACPs are census tracts where 40% or more of residents are living with incomes below

185% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, this equals an income under \$44,826 in 2014. For one person living alone, this equals an income under \$22,331 in 2014. A subset are the Areas of Concentrated Poverty where at least half of the residents are people of color (ACP50). Poverty rates have increased from 15.8% in 2000 to 22.8% in 2010-2014. In St. Paul, 48% of residents live within an Area of Concentrated Poverty. Concentrated poverty is expanding into the suburbs and is growing rapidly. Starling and Schroeder shared a list of cities that has seen this growth, as well as the population that is living in these areas. The ACPs are less socioeconomically well-off than the region as a whole, but highly educated people are still present in ACPs. The poverty rate seems to be declining, however, it is hard to say that for certain at this time. This information will be used to inform Council policies. For additional, more detailed information, Starling and Schroeder recommend visiting www.metrocouncil.org/data.

Comprehensive Water Quality Assessment of Metropolitan Area Streams

Karen Jensen presented the Comprehensive Water Quality Assessment of Metropolitan Area streams. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services monitors wastewater treatment plants and major rivers. They began monitoring streams draining to major rivers in 1989. Jensen showed a map of this area. Stream watersheds vary greatly in size; for example, Eagle Creek is 2 square miles, while the Crow River is 3600 square miles. About 90 small, non-MCES municipal wastewater treatment plants discharge to streams, with the majority discharging into the Crow River. The Comprehensive Water Quality Assessment of Select Metropolitan Area Streams is a technical executive summary that includes plain language fact sheets, individual sections for each stream, and technical and support sections. It can be found online at www.metrocouncil.org/streams.

REPORTS

Chair: Attended a Municipal Legislative Commission meeting where the issue of the Governor's Water Summit was raised; MLC would like to be involved. Met with Minneapolis BOMA group to discuss the upcoming legislative session. Met with Commissioner Linc Stine of the MPCA along with some of his leadership staff, Leisa Thompson and Wes to discuss water issues. Rode the Northstar line. If you're interested in serving on the Equity Advisory Committee, please let Chair Duininck know. Thanked everyone for their service during his first year.

Council Members:

Barber—Attended an event celebrating the completion of the SW Connection Project (Hwy 101 bridge connects Scott and Carver Counties).

Munt—ULI convened a table of developers that examined two SWLRT stations (Blake Road and Beltline) and gave recommendations to make these TOD areas. Wayzata is working to make their downtown a destination.

Dorfman—Attended the retirement party for Mayor Jacobs (longest serving Mayor in the history of St. Louis Park).

Elkins—Participated in an Orange Line Tour with the Bloomington Chamber.

Letofsky—Spoke to a delegation from Kenya. They were interested in how we do ethics in government.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

Chair Duininck temporarily adjourned the meeting at 5:54PM.

Chair Duininck called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

2015-304 Adopt the following Resolutions for the Metropolitan Council's 2016 Unified Operating Budget and the Proposed 2015, Payable 2016, Tax Levies:

2015-26: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2016 Unified Budget

2015-27: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2015 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors

2015-28: Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2015 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue

2015-29: Adopting of 2015 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund

2015-30: Adopting of 2015 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act

2015-31: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2015 for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds

2015-32: Resolution Certifying a Tax Levy for 2015 for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds

Public Testimony: Elsie Mavard, a resident of St. Paul, shared her concern that her property has been misclassified as non-homestead and over-valued. She wanted the Council to know that when she got everything fixed she was not going to have to pay the whole amount.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Letofsky, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duininck

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Rodriguez, Cunningham, Melander

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 9, 2015.

Approved this 13th day of January, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary