

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, June 22, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt.

BUSINESS

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

2016-103 Authorize the amendment of the 2016 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 12 Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Cunningham, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

Nay: 0

Absent: 5 Rodriguez (arrived after roll call), Elkins (arrived after roll call), Commers (arrived after roll call), Reynoso, Dorfman

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-101 Amend its local forecasts and Allocations of Affordable Housing Need for Prior Lake and Shakopee, as shown in Attachment 1.
2. 2016-109 Adopt the Accessibility Policy.
3. 2016-113 Conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2017 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 15, 2016.

The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers and will begin at 4:00PM.

4. 2016-119 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) for \$1,057,200 for payment of principal and interest on 2015 and 2016 debt service for the Eagan Bus Garage Expansion.
5. 2016-120 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 16P206 for MCES electrical motor repair services to L&S Electric for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and a term not to exceed three years.
6. 2016-122 Ratify the attached Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for repair of interceptor 7113 in the final amount of \$7,340,572.
7. 2016-123 Authorize the amendment of the SAC manual to include existing residential properties to the metropolitan SAC Deferral Program.
8. 2016-125 SW Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Champlin to place The Legends of Champlin Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, and Land Use.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment

2016-121 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute the stormwater management grants described in Attachment A in the total amount of \$1 million. If detailed project budgets vary from preliminary amounts resulting in unallocated funds, staff may re-allocate those funds among recommended proposals or high-ranking un-funded proposals. If unallocated funds exceed \$50,000, staff will bring proposed reallocations back for Council action.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by McCarthy.

Motion carried.

Management—Report on Consent Agenda

Transportation

2016-102 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a contract with Clarity Coverdale Fury to provide advertising agency services for Metro Transit and other Metropolitan Council work units on an as-needed basis over a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$9 million.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-114 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 11P199 with First Transit Inc. to extend the term by one year from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and increase the maximum contract amount by \$3,900,000 to an amount not to exceed \$31,755,940.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2016-115 Approve a request by the City of Bloomington, Hennepin County, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to construct a new westbound on-ramp to I-494 from East Bush

Lake Road in the City of Bloomington, subject to further review and approval by the Metropolitan Council if there are any significant changes in the design of the proposed project.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Community Development and Environment Committees

2016-112 Adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Rogers to put the City of Rogers – Hassan Township Merger 2030 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Regional Parks, Water Resources Management, Forecasts, and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems.
 - b. Submit one electronic copy and one hard copy of the amended plan to the Council. The electronic copy must be organized as one unified document, and integrate supplemental information as submitted by the City between December 2013 and May 2016.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Roger's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting the Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

A Line Update

Charles Carlson and Brian Funk provided an overview of the opening day for the A Line. A media preview was held on Friday, June 10. Speakers included Lt. Gov. Tina Smith, Mayor Chris Coleman, and MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle, among others. Opening day was Saturday, June 11. Sen. Amy Klobuchar spoke, as well as FTA Region V Administrator Marisol Simon. The buses went into service at 10AM along the whole line, joining frequent local service. Carlson and Funk shared a slideshow of pictures taken during the events. Between free rides on the A Line and on Route 84, over 15,000 passengers were served during the first three days of service. Tuesday, June 14 was the first day of service with fares collected. Despite some heavy thunderstorms, about 4,800 passengers were carried through the corridor, up from 15-20% from pre-A Line service. Station ambassadors were out in full force to welcome customers and help orient them with the new service. On-time performance was very strong for the first week of operations.

Stewardship: Measuring our Financial Health & “Big Picture” Budget

Mary Bogie gave a presentation on the big picture budget and the Council’s stewardship. She stated that the Council has a triple-A bond rating. Rating agencies look for economy and tax base, financial operations and reserves, management and governance, and debt and pensions. Moody’s rating listed the following credit strengths: very large tax base covering diverse economy in the Twin Cities area; well-managed financial operations with history of positive results and operating flexibility; substantial liquidity; low debt and pension burden. The credit challenges listed by Moody’s include: volatility of motor vehicle sales taxes and (state) general fund support; lower level of reserves than historically maintained in the sewer availability charge (SAC) reserve fund, though reserves have improved recently. S&P Global rating credit strength-tax base stated that although the area was not immune to the effects of the national recession, we believe that the economic base of the Council’s jurisdiction is strong and diverse, and key economic indicators continue to show improvement (indicators: unemployment, market values, area’s effective buying income). Bogie explained the operations and reserves for MCES, Metro Transit, HRA, and the General Fund. The proposed payable 2017 property tax levy shows an increase of 2%. The Council’s levy strategy continues to be to maximize the General Purpose and Livable Communities levies. Our non-debt service levies are subject to statutory levy limits that increase minimally each year in accord with a measure of government inflation called the implicit price deflator. Our recommended non-debt portion of the total levy is \$31 million and compares to a levy limit of \$35 million (89% of our levy limit). The General Purpose levy is our most flexible funding and may be used for all activities within the responsibilities of the Council. Our strategy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account increases to the levy limit with desire over time to grow and sustain a small TOD program (\$5M) within the LCDA program (\$8.4). The Tax Base Revitalization amount is a statutorily defined portion of the fiscal disparities. The Council’s debt service levies for Parks and Transit are not subject to levy limits. The amounts proposed amounts reflect the anticipated financing needs in our capital program. While the debt levies are not statutorily limited, they are effectively limited by our bonding authority. Historically, the GP levy has been used to fund CD and a portion of RA operations. Last year, and again this year, we recommend more fully allocating the RA operating budget to the operating divisions. This more accurately reflects the true cost of operations and frees up GP Levy to fund other Council Initiatives. The Council will hear a division level budget presentation at the August 10 Council meeting, and will be asked to adopt the final budget at the December 14 Council meeting.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Schreiber—SouthWest Transit has asked Metro Transit to assist with transportation relating to the Ryder Cup. Staff will look into it and report back to the Transportation Committee. Attended the ribbon-cutting for the Northern Stacks development in Fridley along with Chair Duininck.

Letofsky—The National Trust for Public Land gave Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board the Park of the Year award. Attended a kick-off event held by MnDOT for an I-94 lids study.

Barber—Attended the ribbon-cutting for the completion of the newly constructed trail segment of the MN River Bluffs Regional Trail in Carver.

Munt—The first Equity Advisory Committee was held. They are currently in the learning process about the Council. Brought together transit and roads for a press conference.

Chávez—Spoke to the River Heights Chamber of Commerce about the Council. They are very supportive of the work we do.

Chair: The bonding bill did not pass and the tax bill was pocket-vetoed by the Governor due to a \$100M error.

Regional Administrator: Today is Arlene's last Council meeting. She will be greatly missed. (She shared her thanks and brief remarks.)

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 22, 2016.

Approved this 13th day of July, 2016.

Emily
Recording Secretary