

Metropolitan Council

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Councilmember Edward Reynoso
Councilmember John Doan
Councilmember Sandy Rummel
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer
Councilmember Jon Commers
Councilmember Steven Chávez
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Smith, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinick, Doan, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Haigh suggested amending the agenda by moving the Information Item up to immediately before the Transportation Committee reports. It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Rummel to approve the amended agenda.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Van Eyll.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-13)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-64 Approve the award of a contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Maintenance and Installation to Alarm & Communications Systems, inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a two year period with a one year option to extend.
2. 2013-82 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a Dakota County project in 2013 for the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road (SP #019-060-010) with a total cost of \$880,000.
3. 2013-83 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP #062-610-004) from 2013 to 2015.
4. 2013-84 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study in 2013 with a total cost of \$756,250.
5. 2013-85 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute multiple sole source agreements with Minnesota Valley Transportation Authority (MVTA) for:
 1. Cedar Avenue BRT Express Service and Public Facility Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$585,000 for 2013.
 2. Cedar Avenue Red Line Station to Station BRT Service, including Pre-Revenue activities, and Public Facility Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$2,120,000 for 2013.
6. 2013-86 Ratify the Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for repair of the Burnsville Lift Station L-13 Forcemain.

7. 2013-87 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract for MCES Electrical Motor Repair to L&S Electric for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 and a term not to exceed three years.
8. 2013-88 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a five year contract to provide Uniform Rental Services for MCES staff with G & K Services, Inc., Contract 12P223A, for a total \$382,610.
9. 2013-89 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Burnsville to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
10. 2013-90 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of New Brighton to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
11. 2013-92 Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$250,000 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for construction of a pedestrian bridge over Interstate 35W in the City of Lino Lakes for the Central Anoka County Regional Trail. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
12. 2013-93 Authorize a grant of up to \$253,140 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Anoka County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 1.3 acre Leibel parcel as depicted in Attachment 1 for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$151,884 from the FY 2013 Parks and trails Legacy Fund appropriation

\$101,256 from Metropolitan Council bonds

Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$84,380 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for the local 25% match to this grant. However, the council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

13. 2013-94 Amend Section 2 of Park Grant SG-2012-096 as follows:

2. Grantees Duties or Grant Project.

The Grantee, who is not a Met Council employee, will:

At Fish Lake Regional Park, reconstruct paved roads, parking lots and trails; and at Cleary Lake Regional Park, reconstruct paved roads, parking lots, and trails.

BUSINESS

Community Development

- 2013-91 Approve the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan as recommended by Council staff, except for the following changes:

Include high frequency express bus station areas as eligible for Transit Oriented Development grants.

Communities receiving Livable Communities Act Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD Development) grants must adopt a station area plan for the pertinent station area within one year of completion of preliminary engineering for the station's transit line.

Projects receiving LCDA-TOD Development grants must be consistent with a completed station area or small area plan prior to receipt of grant funds. This does not apply to LCDA-TOD Pre-

Development grants when they are awarded to assist with creating for Transit Oriented Development zoning implementation tools.

Council staff is directed to accelerate a study of the affordability of housing in each community.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Smith

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management—No Reports

INFORMATION

- A. Major Scoping Decisions for Southwest Light Rail Transit—Mark Fuhrmann gave an update on the progress on SWLRT, including an overview of the preliminary engineering technical issues. The 25 PE technical issues were shown in text and on a map. The three big issues are: Eden Prairie alignment adjustments, freight rail co-location/relocation, and operations and maintenance facility location. Updates will continue to be given at Council meetings.

Transportation

2013-81 Adopt the following guiding principles, not listed in order of priority or weight, to be applied when determining the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) project scope during Preliminary Engineering:

Comply with current federal and state laws, rules, and guidelines;

Follow Regional Transitway Guidelines, regional policies and regional plans adopted by the Metropolitan Council and follow best business practices of the Council;

Follow SWLRT Design Criteria, including criteria for safety and security;

Positively impact (increase) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) rating criteria;

Positively impact (increase) ridership;

Positively impact (increase) land use, economic development and access to affordable housing by coordinating with local station area plans;

Positively impact (increase) equity so that community benefits and burdens are equally shared; The opportunities and challenges of growth and change are equitably shared across our communities, both geographic and cultural;

Positively impact (increase) environmental benefits;

Positively impact (increase) use of the intermodal transportation network including bus, light rail, trails and sidewalks;

Positively impact (decrease) or not impact the project schedule;

Positively impact (decrease) capital cost;

Positively impact (decrease) operating cost; and

Actively engage and encourage input from interested persons and impacted communities via public involvement and established advisory committees process.

With the consent of the Chair, this modified resolution was moved by Duinick, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

2013-98 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of the Highway 610 and Noble Parkway Park and Ride project in Brooklyn Park.

It was moved by Duinick, seconded by Melander.

Motion carried.

2013-100 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to increase the contract price for contract number 12P179, for the construction of the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) 140th and 147th Street Stations a cumulative amount of up to \$366,700 (10%) of the original contract price.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

2013-104 SW Establish the start date for revenue service on the METRO Red Line as Saturday, June 22, 2013.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Chair:

Participated in the Environmental Congress meeting which CM Rummel attended. Participated in a CTIB meeting where they passed their legislative policy going forward. Participated in the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board meeting which included presentations on community engagement and entrepreneurship. Has met with legislatures. Attended a Cabinet meeting. Participated in a regional transit investment forum at the Humphrey School. Participated in the Itasca Project quarterly meeting. Presented to the St. Paul and Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors about housing and regional goals. Met with Mayor Tyra-Lukens along with CM Van Eyll. The Regional Housing Convening will be held on June 6 at the Bloomington Civic Center.

Council Members:

Kramer—Attended Mayor Coleman’s State of the City address with CM Melander.

Melander—Thanked staff for their hard work in helping prepare for and attend a meeting in Woodbury.

Rummel—Attended MAWSAC. Talked with Maplewood about their Livable Communities grant applications.

Wulff—Attended the spring meeting for the Dakota County Township Association.

Cunningham—Spoke at the Loring Park annual meeting.

Elkins—Met with Richfield City Manager to discuss mismatches between affordable housing demand and supply. Spoke to the Richfield housing task force. Attended the Bloomington Richfield Water Management organization’s annual meeting. Attended the Bloomington State of the City address.

Munt—The Transit for a Stronger Economy campaign was invited by Rep. Frank Hornstein to present to the House Transportation Committee and the turnout was excellent. Attended the St. Paul Chamber luncheon.

Brimeyer—Attended the St. Louis Park State of the City address.

Regional Administrator:

Greater MSP Ahead is on April 19. Many business and community leaders are expected to attend and will be discussing the future of the region.

General Counsel: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 27, 2013.

Approved this 10 day of April, 2013.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary