Metropolitan Council

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Gary Van Eyll James Brimeyer

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 3:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso.

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Chávez.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

- 1. 2014-66 Authorize the procurement of three 6,000 gallon sludge tanker trucks from Nuss Truck and Equipment (Mack Trucks), for a total of \$753,176.
- 2014-67 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Engineering Services Contract for design and construction support for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project, Contract No. 13P210 to HR Green in the amount of \$1,501,958.
- 3. 2014-68 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Excelsior Interceptor 7017 (Segment 2) Project No. 802851, Contract No. 13P247, with SR Weidema, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$7,891,524.45.
- 4. 2014-71 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend contract 12P042 with Mansfield Oil, Inc. to increase the maximum compensation by \$4,604,873 for an amended amount not to exceed \$19,096,786.
- 2014-73 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) actions to design the next regional solicitation based on modal subcategories and on the prioritizing criteria outlined in the attachments, with additional review of emissions as criteria for the Roadways category by the work group.
- 6. 2014-74 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project scope and budget for SP# 091-090-075, the Crystal Lake Regional Trail in Robbinsdale.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No reports



Environment—Reports on Consent List

Management—No reports

Transportation—Reports on Consent List

OTHER BUSINESS

Adopt the attached Resolution to direct the Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO) to proceed with Project Development; prepare and submit Municipal Consent Plans on the Southwest LRT (SWLRT) Project to Hennepin County and the five host cities, Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park with, among other features, 15.8 mile light rail transit line extension of the Green Line, 16 new LRT stations, two shallow LRT tunnels in the Kenilworth Corridor with an LRT bridge over the channel, an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) in Hopkins and a westernmost station at Mitchell Road in Eden Prairie; and hold a joint public hearing with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on the plans on May 12, 2014.

Mark Fuhrmann presented the staff recommendation to outline and summarize the scope, budget, and schedule for the Southwest LRT project.

Chair Haigh invited testimony from interested persons; 36 people testified, most were interested citizens in support of the project, although several indicated their disapproval. There were also several individuals representing businesses involved with TC&W who testified in support of no freight reroute.

CM Munt read a statement from the SWLRT CAC. Out of the 40 members, only one dissented. She thanked the SPO staff and asked the Council to make a timely decision.

Chair Haigh then closed the testimony portion of the meeting and entertained a motion on the item.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Munt.

Chair Haigh thanked everyone for participating. Council members and Chair Haigh shared their thoughts and discussed the issue. Many members expressed concerns over postponing the project.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 14 Rodriguez, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Elkins, Duininck, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Haigh

Nay: 2 Cunningham, Wulff

Absent: 1 Brimeyer

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Special Meeting of April 9, 2014.

Approved this 30 day of April, 2014.

Emily Getty Recording Secretary