

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, July 27, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Cunningham, Reynoso, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:06PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-133 Approve the Sugar Hills Regional Trail Master Plan. Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$100,000 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs associated with trail construction within the project area shown in Attachment 1. Inform Anoka County that 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.
2. 2016-134 Approve a grant of up to \$733,064 to Dakota County to acquire the Burger parcel at 13584 Fischer Avenue for Spring Lake Park Reserve; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
3. 2016-135 Approve a grant of up to \$350,283 to Dakota County to acquire the Doehling parcel at 2835 120th Street West for Lebanon Hills Regional Park; and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
4. 2016-140 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for calendar year 2017 to provide funding for public commuter rail service in Sherburne County, Minnesota for an amount up to \$1.4 million; execute the attached Resolution of the Governing Body (Metropolitan Council) to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for calendar year 2017.
5. 2016-146 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Cologne to place the Cologne 2016-A Comprehensive Plan into effect. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater and Land Use.

6. 2016-152 Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Edina to place the Millennium at Southdale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect. Revise the City's forecasts for population and households for 2020, 2030, and 2040, as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on Consent Agenda

Environment

2016-141 Adopt the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2017: Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of \$211,941,538; Industrial Strength Charge: \$.22 per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids); Industrial Strength Charge: \$.11 per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand); Brewery Strength Charge: \$.69 per barrel; Standard Load Charge: \$60.24 per thousand gallons; Holding Tank Load Charge: \$10.30 per thousand gallons; Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: \$77.46 per thousand gallons; Collar County Load Charge: \$75.24 per thousand gallons; Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.4130 per excess pound of TSS; Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.2065 per excess pound of COD; Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: \$15.00 per thousand gallons; Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and I&I Exceedance Rate: \$421,000 per million gallons /day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2016-132 SW Approve three administrative amendments to the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add the following Products as described in detail below: (1) Gold Line Station Area Planning; (2) Spending on the Regional Highway System; and (3) TPP Engagement Work.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

Joint Report of the Environment and Community Development Committees

2016-142 Adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions: Recommendations of the Environment Committee: Approve the City of Lexington's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. Recommendations of the Community Development Committee: Authorize the City of Lexington to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect. Advise the City to implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Regional Transitway Priorities: Peer Region Research

Cole Hiniker explained that the prioritization of transitways emerged when the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) was being developed. Hiniker introduced Sean Libberton, a consultant from Parsons Brinckerhoff, who was hired to help with this project. The 2040 TPP identifies a \$31 billion investment in existing and expanded transit. Libberton provided an overview of his transitway prioritization peer region research. The peer regions that were researched were Denver, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Toronto. Libberton stated that striking a regional balance is an important objective in the prioritization process. Control of funding drives the prioritization, and prioritization is often linked to campaigns for funding referenda. Project “readiness” is addressed in a variety of ways. He found that the most common factors in measuring project merit include ridership, access to destinations, air quality, and cost effectiveness.

BLRT Project Update Including Scope/Budget, Schedule, FEIS Determination of Adequacy and BLRT Section 106 MOA

Dan Soler presented an update on the BLRT project scope and cost estimate, and Kathryn O’Brien provided an environmental update. The municipal consent cost estimate (15% engineering) is \$1.496B. Previous project scope included costs for elements that benefited MnDOT, Hennepin County, and Brooklyn Park. Project partners pay for benefits received as part of the project through cost participation. MnDOT’s cost participation is \$8.2M; Hennepin County’s cost participation is \$4.1M; Brooklyn Park’s cost participation is \$8.2M. The CMC recommended scope additions are: 63rd Ave. at-grade pedestrian improvements, rail control center modifications, up to \$5M in modifications at Hiawatha OMF to accommodate LRV overhaul functions, and rail crossings and gates north of TH 610. The adjusted cost estimate (30% engineering) is \$1.536B. The final environmental impact statement was published on July 15. Hard and electronic copies are at area city halls and libraries. Documents can also be found on the website: www.bluelineext.org. The Record of Decision (NEPA) is anticipated for September 2016. The Council is required to determine the adequacy of the FEIS. The FEIS is adequate if it addresses potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping, if it provides responses to substantive comments received during draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping, and if it was prepared in compliance with environmental rules. The draft section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides measures to avoid adverse effects on five historic properties, provides mitigation measures for an adverse effect on six historic properties, and assigns the responsibility of carrying out the terms of the agreement to the Met Council as the Project Sponsor.

SWLRT Project Update Including Scope/Budget, Schedule and Application for Entering Engineering

Jim Alexander and Nani Jacobson provided an update on the SWLRT project scope and cost estimate and the application to enter engineering. The cost of scope elements is estimated at \$16.2M, which is included in the project cost estimate of \$1.79B. Recognizing the total in-kind land value eliminates the \$15.1M local funding shortfall; local cash remains constant at \$850.5M; it raises the project cost estimate to \$1.839B; it does not increase CTIB, HCRRA, or State contribution amounts. The updated schedule anticipates a 2021 revenue operations date. Construction is scheduled to complete in 2020, with system-wide integration testing, pre-revenue testing, and training operation activities to occur in 2021 (these durations are based on lessons learned from the Green Line). Jacobson stated that the FEIS was published in the Federal Register on May 13. The written comment period to receive comments on adequacy of the FEIS under MEPA occurred from May 13-June 13, 2016. Comments were posted on the project website on June 30. On August 10, the Council will be asked to take action on the MEPA Determination of Adequacy, the project scope, schedule, and budget, and the authority to submit engineering application. Documents can be found on the project website: www.swlrt.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 27, 2016.

Approved this 10th day of August, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary