# **Metropolitan Council**

Council Chair Adam Duininck

Council Members Katie Rodriguez

Deb Barber

Katie RodriguezJennifer MuntLona SchreiberSteve Elkins

Gail Dorfman

Cara Letofsky Mari

Gary Cunningham

Edward Reynoso Marie McCarthy Sandy Rummel Harry Melander

el Richard Kramer er Jon Commers Steven Chávez Wendy Wulff

## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Letofsky, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Duininck

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Chávez.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-5)

#### **Consent Agenda Adopted**

- 2015-98 Adopt the financial parameters in Resolutions 2015-2, 2015-3, and 2015-4, authorizing the issuance, sale, and award of general obligation debt, the incurrence of related issuance expenses and execution of necessary documents to secure this financing. Collectively, the below new debt issues total \$151.0 million and are made up of the following: Capital Funding Purposes: \$45.0 million General Obligation Transit Bonds, Series 2015A; \$6.0 million General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2015B; \$100.0 million General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2015C.
- 2. 2015-103 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add civil engineering to and increase the cost of its rehabilitation at the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area in Washington County.
- 3. 2015-104 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease for additional office space in St. Paul not to exceed \$350,000 annually.
- 4. 2015-112 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the services agreement with HealthPartners to include the build-out and administration of an on-site clinic, very near the Robert Street location, for an amount not to exceed \$942,600 for two years of operation and build out costs. The HealthPartners administrative services contract ends in 2017 at which time we will rebid the contract.
- 2015-119 Adopt the review record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the Nicollet Island East Bank Small Area Plan comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts. Advise the City to implement advisory comments on Transit.



#### BUSINESS Community Development—Report on Consent Agenda

#### **Environment—No Reports**

#### Management—Reports on Consent Agenda

#### Transportation

2015-114 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., for the construction of the A Line BRT project and arterial BRT Pilot Station at a cost of \$11,492,841.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **INFORMATION**

SWLRT Update

Mark Fuhrmann, Jim Alexander, Joan Hollick, and Craig Lamothe provided an update on SWLRT. They went over the potential cost reduction evaluation, the construction cost estimate review, the transit options review, and the project options work plan deliverables schedule. Criteria for evaluating cost reductions include the following: must identify cost reductions totaling at least \$341M to keep the project budget at \$1.65B, must have forecasted average weekday ridership (2040) of 29,000 to 30,000, and must be a shared sacrifice by all communities along the line. SWLRT Project Office staff met with project partner staff to discuss potential cost reduction scenarios on May 27 and June 1. Staff will present a technical capacity review and potential cost reduction scenarios to the Council at its June 24 meeting, and will bring a recommendation on project scope and budget to the July 1 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Council is scheduled to take action on the project scope and budget at its July 8 meeting.

#### **REPORTS**

Chair: Met with Gateway Commission members along with CM Melander. Attended the MEDA Luncheon where entrepreneurs of color were honored. Participated in the Shakopee Business Leaders Group meeting along with CM Barber. Provided an overview of the legislative session for the Council's All Staff Meeting.

**Council Members:** 

Elkins—Attended the 494 Corridor Commission. Met with the Bloomington HRA to discuss market trends and demographics.

Rummel—Attended the first Rush Line information meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Participated in the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition event. Attended a ribbon cutting for a regional park trail in Hugo that was well attended.

Commers—Attended an event for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. Paul Foundation.

Letofsky—Attended a ribbon cutting for the West River Parkway trail. Thanked Loren Olson from the City of Minneapolis for facilitating a meeting with the new housing director for the City of Minneapolis.

Munt—Will be attending a reception for Barb Thoman from Transit for Livable Communities.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11PM.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 10, 2015.

Approved this 24th day of June, 2015.

Emily Getty Recording Secretary