

Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Susan Haigh
Councilmember Katie Rodriguez
Councilmember Lona Schreiber
Councilmember Gary Van Eyll
Councilmember Jennifer Munt

Councilmember Steve Elkins
Councilmember James Brimeyer
Councilmember Gary Cunningham
Councilmember Adam Duinck

Councilmember Edward Reynoso
Councilmember Sandy Rummel
Councilmember Harry Melander

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

3:00PM

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Duinck, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh, (Schreiber and Munt arrived during the Information Items)

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 3:05PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, Rummel

It was moved by Rodriguez, Cunningham

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 3)

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-231 Authorize the General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Improvements, MCES Project No. 807500.
2. 2013-245 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with Anoka County for Metro Transit to operate Trunk Highway 65 commuter express service and to execute a Purchase Order with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) for seven coach buses on contract 80P114 with an estimated cost of \$3,855,000.
3. 2013-246 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Lubrication Technologies to supply diesel fuel for the Northstar Commuter Rail Service.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No reports

Environment

2013-259 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts, totaling \$2,000,000 with SHE, Barr Engineering, HDR, and CDM Smith for assessment of reliability and sustainability of the water supply in the Metropolitan Region.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Commers

Motion carried.

Management—No reports

Transportation

2013-251 SW Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to westbound I-394 in Minnetonka in 2014, using a total of \$6,700,000, with \$1,603,965 of state Transportation Economic Development (TED) funds and \$5,096,035 of local funds.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2013-254 Approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint Metropolitan Council member Harry Melander, Brooklyn Park City Manager Jamie Verbrugge, and Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Barbara Dacy to the Housing Policy Plan Work Group.

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Commers

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

A. Metro Transit Police Update

Chief John Harrington provided an update on the Metro Transit Police Department. The new mission statement reads, "Protecting our community through innovation and problem solving." The department has completed about 92% of their action items from the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute Assessment. The department is currently working on several partnerships to reduce human trafficking, youth crime, and youth homelessness. There has been a 45% reduction in crime in the area near 7th and Hennepin. The diversity in the department has been improving, and a new organizational structure has been created.

B. Preliminary Local Forecasts to 2040

Libby Starling, Todd Graham, and Dennis Farmer presented the preliminary local forecasts to 2040. Members were given a breakdown of the forecast by city. The Council is required by statute to develop the forecasts. Forecasts of population, households, and employment are done in 10-year increments, and they develop shared expectations of a common future to inform regional and local planning.

C. Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Project Scope and Budget

Mark Fuhrmann and Jim Alexander gave an update on the Southwest Light Rail project. The SWLRT Corridor Management Committee voted on September 4 to recommend to the Council the Eden Prairie alignment (Mitchell and Comp Plan Station via Technology Drive). On September 11 the SWLRT CMC voted for site 9A in Hopkins for the OMF site location. The Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI) will be examining the freight rail alignment. Jim explained what the shallow tunnel through the Kenilworth corridor would look like and how it would work. The freight rail would be at grade. Having a shallow lrt tunnel would preserve the Kenilworth Trail and would not require acquisition of homes or businesses in the Kenilworth Corridor.

REPORTS

Chair: The Chair has had many meetings regarding the Southwest Corridor.

Council Members:

Munt—Attended a meeting with Hennepin County ARC to talk about how important transit is for people with disabilities. Participated in a meeting about the Wayzata Lake Effects project, which is an effort to redevelop downtown Wayzata. Attended Mayor Rybak's State of the City address.

Van Eyll—Carver County now has a fiber optic ring throughout the entire county.

Chávez—Met with the Burnsville City Council and brought them up to speed on Thrive MSP 2040.

Wulff—Attended the highway 77 PAC meeting along with CM Chávez. Met with the mayor and city administrator for Elko/New Market. Attended a workshop with the Lakeville City Council to get an update on the Red Line market study.

Cunningham—Spoke to the Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing about Bottineau and SWLRT.

Duininck—There will be a transportation forum at Humphrey Institute regarding freight and transportation policy. He will be attending a meeting for the Nicollet/Central PAC.

Regional Administrator: Employee recognition is taking place at the Council the last 2 weeks in September. An employee of Metro Transit will receive a 50 year service award.

General Counsel: none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 11, 2013.

Approved this 25th day of September, 2013.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary