Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE
Haigh, Smith, Schreiber, Van Eyll, Munt, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Reynoso, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Commers, Chávez

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
Chair Haigh requested the agenda be amended by removing the Chair and Council members’ reports at the end of the meeting due to time constraints, and switch the last two information items so Commissioner Zelle would present first. It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Munt.

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Kramer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 4)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-180 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and purchase, at up to the appraised value, a 9.18 acre property from a private owner for a park-and-ride facility located at 11738 Hudson Road, Woodbury. That, in the event the negotiations are not successful, the Metropolitan Council also authorize the Regional Administrator to initiate condemnation proceedings on that property.

2. 2013-183 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) #22 in an amount not to exceed $425,000 under the existing Master Funding Agreement to reimburse the City of Minneapolis for the installation of isolation couplers and a new valve for stray current protection on the watermain at the intersection of Ontario Street Southeast and Washington Avenue Southeast.

3. 2013-184 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Purchase Order for a Caterpillar 924K Wheel Loader with hi-rail and accessory attachments under a Cooperative Procurement Venture (CPV) with the State of Minnesota in an amount not to exceed $400,000.

4. 2013-185 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 35 effective for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

BUSINESS

Community Development—No reports

Environment—No reports

Management—Reports on Consent List
Transportation—Reports on Consent List

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2013-201 Approve Chair Haigh’s recommendation to appoint the 26 people on the attached list to the Housing Policy Plan Work Group with Councilmember Roxanne Smith and Beverly Oliver Hawkins as co-chairs.

   It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Smith.

   Motion carried.

2. 2013-202 Receives the TOD Strategic Action Plan and directs the Regional Administrator to begin its implementation.

   It was moved by Munt, seconded by Brimeyer.

   Motion carried.

3. 2013-203 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a sub-grant of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to PB Placemaking for $30,000.

   It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

   Motion carried.

INFORMATION

A. MnDOT Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP)

MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle gave a presentation on MnSHIP, the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan. It is a fiscally constrained 20-year capital investment plan that guides MnDOT’s capital investment decisions for the state highway system. It is required by federal and state law to be fiscally constrained, and publically conveys MnDOT’s capital investment priorities. Commissioner Zelle reported that MnDOT forecasts it will have $18 billion of capital revenue over the next 20 years, but inflationary pressure will reduce the capital buying power of that funding to less than half by 2033. The estimated need for MnDOT’s investments over the next 20 years total $30 billion, which leaves a $12 billion funding gap. MnDOT has been hosting public meetings around the state to gather input for MnSHIP. Meeting attendees were asked to choose their preferred investment approach from three options. The month of July is the public comment period. A public hearing is scheduled for July 29, 4:00-5:30PM at MnDOT offices.

B. Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension): Update on Operations and Maintenance Facility Finalists

Mark Fuhrmann presented on SWLRT technical issue #23, operations and maintenance facility. The tier 1 site selection criteria include: flat/rectangular site size of 10-15 acres, allows for efficient LRT train movement, has good roadway access, and is compatible with adjacent land use. There are 18 tier 1 candidate sites, most of which are located in Eden Prairie. There were several evaluation criteria for tiers 2 and 3, including both operational and site characteristics. There were 7 sites that filled the criteria and shared the following common factors: site size and geometry meet space program needs, require private parcel acquisition, use not represented in comp plans or zoning requirements, and pose tax base impacts. The preliminary cost estimates for the 7 different sites ranged from $30-$50 million. Mark also provided a NEPA update. The FTA and the Council will develop a Supplemental DEIS (SDEIS) which will evaluate potential new environmental impacts.

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 July 10, 2013.

Approved this 24 day of July, 2013.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary