

Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Adam Duininck

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, May 27, 2015 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duininck called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Schreiber.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-10)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-95 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Parkeon, Inc. for a Ticket Vending Machine System for the A-Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Line, in an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million, with options to expand the System to the C-Line, in an amount not to exceed \$1 million, and to the D-Line, in an amount not to exceed \$2 million, for a total amount of \$4.2 million.
2. 2015-99 Approve the Theodore Wirth Regional Park Master Plan. Require that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board submit estimated land acquisition costs that were not quantified in the master plan as part of a master plan amendment for Metropolitan Council review and approval prior to seeking future grants for land acquisition. Require that prior to initiating development within the regional park, preliminary plans must be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system. Inform the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board that costs associated with modifications or improvements associated with the golf courses are not eligible for regional parks funding. Approve a grant in the amount of \$1,743,000 from the 2011 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program, comprised of \$1,569,000 in State bonds and \$174,000 in Council bonds. This grant shall be used for design and construction consistent with the North Wirth concept in the master plan, including trail development, buildings, bridges, landscaping, grading, parking areas, lighting, downhill infrastructure, utilities, surveys and site investigations, design, and project management.
3. 2015-100 Authorize a grant of up to \$288,172 to Washington County to acquire an easement for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail. The Metropolitan Council will finance the grant through the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund, with Metropolitan Council bonds funding

75 percent of the total acquisition costs. Washington County will match the grant with \$96,057, or 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

4. 2015-101 Adopt the review record and allow the City of Chanhassen to place the CSAH 61 Corridor comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
5. 2015-102 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Prior Lake to place the Gateway Redevelopment comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
6. 2015-105 Authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies, Inc. not to exceed \$6,675,000 to provide nitrate salts, odor control equipment, and odor control services at a unit price of \$0.7171 per pound to Interceptor Services for the period of June 01, 2015 through May 31, 2018,
7. 2015-106 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Corcoran Rogers Connection, Elm Creek Interceptor, Project No. 808510, Contract No. 15P051, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$3,433,460.00.
8. 2015-107 Reject as bids for Contract No. 14P252, North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 5, Project No. 808650 and authorize rebidding this construction contract.
9. 2015-108 Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Seneca Area System Rehabilitation, Phase 3, Project No. 808030, Contract No. 14P262 with Minger Construction for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$6,345,953.00.
10. 2015-109 Authorize the Regional Administrator, or his delegate, to execute a joint powers agreement (JPA) for the joint solicitation of community solar garden subscriptions.

BUSINESS

Community Development—Reports on the Consent Agenda

Environment—Reports on the Consent Agenda

Management

2015-96 SW Authorize the renewal of its railroad liability insurance, effective 6/1/15-6/1/16, for the Northstar Commuter Rail Operations in an amount not to exceed \$1,140,000.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

2015-97 SW Authorize renewal of its property insurance with FM Global, effective 6/1/15-6/1/16, in an amount not to exceed \$1,580,000.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried.

Transportation

2015-76 Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into a Construction and Transit Operations and Maintenance Interface Agreement with the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority and the Minnesota Vikings related to the Downtown East Light Rail Station area, surrounding block, and proposed pedestrian bridge.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by McCarthy.

Council members discussed the item. Some voiced their opposition.

Chávez made a motion to amend the motion on the floor by adding: However, this resolution does not authorize the expenditure of money without further Council approval. Letofsky seconded.

The Council discussed the proposed amendment. They voted to adopt the amendment.

The Council voted on the amended motion.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015-115 Approve the following appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: Todd Kemery—District H.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Legislative Update

Judd Schetnan, Governmental Affairs Director, provided a summary of the legislative session. The session began with a \$1.8+B surplus and over \$1B left unspent in 2016-2017 (to date). The House, Senate, and the Governor agreed on the need for a transportation bill, but disagreed on the funding mechanism. The Governor will call a Special Session to handle remaining business. This is expected to include at least two bills of interest to the Council: Legacy and Environment Finance. Budget bills must be enacted by June 30 to avoid any agency shutdowns. The Chair and Council members were confirmed by the Senate.

Master Water Supply Plan Update

Lanya Ross, Principal Environmental Scientist for MCES, gave an update on the Master Water Supply Plan. She provided a summary of the planning process, which began with *Thrive MSP 2040*. Input so far has included public meetings, guidance from MAWSAC, Community Technical Work Group input, and MCES staff reviews. Common themes gathered from the input include a vision for regional water supplies, concern about bias toward surface water, water quality, and conservation. The Council will be asked to approve the public review period and hearing at its June 24th meeting; public input will be solicited through August 25th. The Plan is expected to be ready for adoption in September, 2015.

Overview of the Council's Response to the Fair Housing Complaint Filed with HUD

Libby Starling, Manager of Regional Policy and Research, and Dave Theisen, Deputy General Counsel, provided an update on the Council's response to the Fair Housing complaint that was filed with HUD. Starling went over the Council's role in housing and explained the complaint, which was filed with HUD on December 17, 2014. Complainants were MICAH, and the Cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Richfield. HUD is reviewing the complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Starling then described the complaints and the Council's responses.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of May 27, 2015.

Approved this 10th day of June, 2015.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary