

RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

July 14, 2009

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in the Council Chambers, Third Floor Court House, with the following members present: Carter, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough – 6. Absent: Bennett - 1.

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at 10:27 AM

AGENDA

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the July 14, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes from the June 9, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0.

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Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes from the June 23, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0. .

1. Appointment of Commissioner Bennett as the alternate to the I-94 Corridor Commission

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-26)

WHEREAS, The I-94 Corridor begins at the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul and travels east to the St. Croix River; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority adopted the Minnesota I-94 Corridor Joint Powers Agreement (“Agreement”) on March 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement was previously adopted by Washington County Regional Railroad Authority; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of the Agreement has created the I-94 Corridor Commission (“Commission”) which allows its member parties to advocate for and analyze the feasibility, environmental impacts, engineering, construction of a multi-modal transportation system that may include light rail, bus rapid, commuter rail, multi-use trails, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority appointed Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt as its representative to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to appoint an alternate to the Commission; Now. Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby appoints Commissioner Tony Bennett as its alternative representative to the I-94 Corridor Commission for 2009.

2. Legacy Funeral Home, LLC – Land Use License

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Commissioner Rettman asked for an explanation of the Land Use License.

Chair McDonough responded that, if approved, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) would lease property in Maplewood to Legacy Funeral Home, LLC, and that the lease would generate revenue for the RCRRA.

Commissioner Rettman commented that the property leased should be posted with signs showing that it is owned by the RCRRA and will eventually be used for transit purposes just like other RCRRA properties.

Tim Mayasich, Director, RCRRA, replied that the Northeast corridor is marked and signed and this property is a part of that corridor.

Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-27)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority owns the premises located at 1870 English Street, in Maplewood, commonly known as the English Street lot; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Funeral Home, LLC desires a License for the use of this premises for funeral home service annex parking; and

WHEREAS, RCRRA desires to financially benefit from the interim use of this property; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority hereby authorizes the Regional Railroad Authority Chair and Chief Clerk to execute a license agreement with Legacy Funeral Home, LLC, for a one year term, with an option to renew consecutive one year terms, at the annual fee of \$1800 for 2009 and a 3% escalator for each consecutive renewal year.

3. Issue a Request for Proposals for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parker.

Commissioner Rettman said she knows that the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be a part of the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Proposal, but wants to highlight that this be clearly identified as part of the process in the Request for Proposal (RFP) draft and final draft.

Tim Mayasich, Director, RCRRA, assured that they will find the appropriate location in the RFP for that language.

Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Ortega, Parker, McDonough – 6. Nays – 0. (R09-28)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is developing the Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub serving Amtrak and other intercity rail, intercity and regional buses, and the Central Corridor light rail line, and

WHEREAS, The next phase of the project development will advance the design to facilitate construction of the project in early 2011, and

WHEREAS, Federal funding is available to support Preliminary Engineering Services for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub; Now, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority authorizes the County Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for Preliminary Engineering Services for the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Hub, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office, in accordance with the County Board policies and procedures on issuance of Requests for Proposals and evaluation of proposals, with direction to staff to return to the Regional Railroad Authority with a recommendation for selection of a proposer.

There being no further business, Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.