



MINUTES

September 12, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was convened on Friday, September 12, 2014 at the Santa Cruz METRO Administrative Offices, located at 110 Vernon Street, in Santa Cruz, California.

SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Directors were present:

Director Hilary Bryant



Director Dene Bustichi



Director Karina Cervantez



Director Daniel Dodge



Director Zach Friend



Director Ron Graves



Director Michelle Hinkle



Director Deborah Lane



Director John Leopold



Director Bruce McPherson



Director Lynn Robinson



Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer



STAFF PRESENT

Alex Clifford, CEO

Leslyn K. Syren, District Counsel

SANTA CRUZ METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (in alphabetical order)

Ciro Aguirre, Santa Cruz METRO

Carolyn Derwing, SEA President

Liseth Guizar, Santa Cruz METRO

Joan Jeffries, Santa Cruz METRO

Debbie Kinslow, Santa Cruz METRO

Will Regan, SEIU/VMU

April Warnock, ParaCruz

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None.

5. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

7-1. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING LEAVE TO PRESENT A LATE CLAIM FOR THE CLAIM OF CSAA INSURANCE EXCHANGE, SUBROGATING FOR MARYLOU CERMENO

7-2. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS OF

- i. June 27, 2014
- ii. August 8, 2014
- iii. August 22, 2014

7-3. RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FY15 WITH ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

7-4. CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE WALKER TO THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) FOR A TERM OF OFFICE ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

7-5. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE THREE (3) LICENSE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ (UCSC) FOR THE REAL PROPERTY RIGHT TO USE SANTA CRUZ METRO BUS STOPS FOR THE NIGHT OWL, FALL FROLIC, AND SHADOW SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS. UCSC SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO RENEW THESE AGREEMENTS FOR TWO SUCCEEDING FIVE-YEAR PERIODS

Director Lane requested an amendment to the minutes, item 7-2i. She stated the comment on excess dust was describing the Operations facility and not the Pacific Station.

Public comment: None.

ACTION: MOTION: GRAVES SECOND: BRYANT

CONSENT AGENDA PASSED WITH THE CAVEAT THAT STAFF MAKE THE CORRECTION TO ITEM 7-2i.

MOTION PASSED WITH YEAS FROM DIRECTORS BRYANT, BUSTICHI, GRAVES, HINKLE, LANE, LEOPOLD, MCPHERSON AND ROBINSON WITH DIRECTOR MCPHERSON ABSTAINING FROM ITEM 7-2ii, DIRECTORS BRYANT AND HINKLE ABSTAINING FROM ITEM 7-2iii AND DIRECTORS CERVANTEZ, DODGE AND FRIEND ABSENT.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Syren reviewed the title of the item to be discussed in closed session.

Public comment: None.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:46am.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**
Anticipated Litigation:
Govt. Code section 54956.9
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b). One(1) case.
Leslyn K. Syren, District Counsel

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:57am.

9. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**
Ms. Syren stated there was no report for Closed Session
10. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR ROUTE 6**
Carolyn Derwing, Schedule Analyst, presented her staff report requesting approval for the resolution to request a public hearing.

ACTION: **MOTION: LEOPOLD** **SECOND: GRAVES**

Public comment: None.

Chair Bustichi and Director Leopold requested staff to contact La Posada to ensure their shuttle would be available to individuals from their community who wish to attend the Public Hearing at the October 24 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR ROUTE 6 WITH THE REQUEST THAT STAFF CONTACT LA POSADA TO ENSURE THEIR SHUTTLE CAN BE USED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS CERVANTEZ, DODGE AND FRIEND ABSENT.

11. **CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000**
Mr. Clifford presented the Staff Report and requested the awarding of the contract with Hill International stating they would be engaged to move the project forward and attain some schedule recovery.

Director Leopold asked where the money for this contract would be coming from.

Chair Bustichi encouraged the Board to approve the contract stating Hill International would be looking into cost savings and staving off liability.

Mr. Montesino stated this was not in the budget and wanted to know where the money comes from. He expressed concern over the project manager as he thought they already had one.

Chair Bustichi requested Mr. Clifford provide funding source at the next meeting. Mr. Clifford stated he would and asked for the approval to meet with the unions prior to bringing the information back to the Board.

Public comment: None.

ACTION: MOTION: LEOPOLD SECOND: GRAVES

APPROVE OF CONTRACT WITH HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE CEO BRING BACK INFORMATION ON PROJECT FUNDING AND MEET WITH THE UNIONS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS CERVANTEZ, DODGE AND FRIEND ABSENT.

12. STRUCTURAL DEFICIT WORKSHOP II OF VIII

Mr. Clifford and staff reviewed slides that addressed questions from the previous workshop and introduced new information on PEPRA, MAP-21 and STA. Those who presented in order of appearance were: Debbie Kinslow, Assistant Finance Manager; Thomas Hiltner, Grants/Legislative Analyst; Robyn Slater, HR Manager; and Leslyn Syren, District Counsel.

Questions raised were as follows:

Slide 12.21: Director Leopold requested information on grant tracking (e.g. applied vs. awarded). Mr. Hiltner replied he would bring that back to the Board at the next workshop.

Slide 12.26: Director Leopold asked how eligibility was established and how does it relate to the consumer price index. Mr. Hiltner replied that you would only be eligible if the operating costs in one year did not exceed the previous year's cost more than the increase of the consumer price index.

Director Leopold asked how Santa Cruz METRO was doing compared to other agencies. Mr. Clifford replied that peer comparison was a topic they would be covering in the following workshop.

Public comment: None.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, 9:00 AM AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ

Vice-Chair Robinson announced the following meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:41am.