

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Bennett – 7. Absent: - 0. Also present were David Twa, County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the December 11, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes of the November 27, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

PROCLAMATION – Pat O'Connor

Commissioner Bennett read and presented a Proclamation to Pat O'Connor for the time he has spent as a consultant to the Property Records and Revenue Department.

COUNTY MANAGER – 2008 State Legislative Proposals – Support Items

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

(2007-360)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Creation of State-Funded Local Disaster Aid Program;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Sustained State Funding for Public Awareness Programs;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

(2007-362)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Modification of Basic Sliding Fee Allocation Formula;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

(2007-363)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Expand eligibility for Minnesota Supplemental Aid;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

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(2007-364)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Funding for Tubman Family Alliance Shelter;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

(2007-365)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Prohibition on Paying Circulators on a Per-Document Basis for Registering Voters;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

(2007-366)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Minnesota Workforce Council Association 2008 Legislative Platform;

and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

(2007-367)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals and initiatives for inclusion as support items in their 2008 State legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes support for the following item:

- Modification of MN Statute 16A.695, Subd. 3 – Regional Library bonding requirements;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes submission of this item to members of the Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation, and authorizes County representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation to enact this proposal.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Land Acquisition – Battle Creek Regional Park

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-368)

WHEREAS, Boundaries of Battle Creek Regional Park were established by Ramsey County with the approvals of the cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood; and

WHEREAS, By Ramsey County Board policy, Ramsey County only acquires owner-occupied properties from willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, Parcel #6, located at 18 South Point Douglas Road is within the boundary of Battle Creek Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, George and Hazel Tateosian, owners of Parcel #6, have expressed a desire to sell and Ramsey County made an offer to purchase, based on two independent real estate appraisals and estimated property tax market values and the offer was acceptable by Mr. And Mrs. Tateosian; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County will provide interim funding for the purchase of the Tateosian parcel; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council will reimburse Ramsey County for forty percent of the costs for acquisition from their Acquisition Opportunity Grant Program and Ramsey County is eligible to request reimbursement of the remaining sixty percent of the acquisition costs in the 2010-11 Regional Park Capital Improvement Program; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Purchase Agreement between Ramsey County and George and Hazel Tateosian, 18 South Point Douglas Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55119, at a purchase price of \$272,600.00; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves reimbursing seller for one-half of 2007 real estate taxes and payment of closing costs, including title insurance, at an estimated total cost of \$4,800; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the purchase agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes a temporary cash loan of up to \$277,400 from the General Fund to the Open Space Fund to be repaid with proceeds from future Metropolitan Council Regional Park Grants; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation to request reimbursement from the Metropolitan Council for all costs associated with this acquisition; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves grant contracts with the Metropolitan Council for acquisition of the subject property; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Metropolitan Council's grant contracts; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary payments and budget adjustments.

**COUNTY MANAGER – Supplement to the Agreement with the City of St. Paul for Recording and Broadcast Services**

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-369)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County currently contracts with the City of St. Paul, whereby the City Office of Media Services (formerly Cable Communications) provides video services for the County Board's meetings; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Paul currently contracts with Granicus, Inc., 568 Howard Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94105 ("Granicus"), for webstreaming of City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul is willing to provide webstreaming services, through the City's Office of Media Services, by amending its contract with Granicus; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager's Office has concluded that offering both live and on-demand webstreaming of County Board meetings is an excellent means to increase communication to the public; and

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WHEREAS, After discussions with the City and with Granicus, the City and the County have agreed that it is in the best interests of both the City and the County to obtain webstreaming services under the terms of the City's agreement with Granicus, with the costs proportionately shared by the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, Under the proposed supplement to the agreement between the City and the County for recording and broadcast services, the City will provide the County webstreaming licensed services through a direct connection via the private connection between the City and County, to the City's server, media vault and stream replicator (equipment) that is specifically used for the City's webstreaming services; and the City will provide storage of both the County Board meetings and of 50 hours of non-meeting video content on the City's host storage system; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager is requesting authorization to execute a Supplement to the current Agreement between the County and the City of St. Paul for Recording and Broadcast Services to include webstreaming for a period of three years commencing January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Under the terms of the proposed Supplement, the City of Saint Paul will bill Ramsey County for the following costs for webstreaming services:

- A one-time charge of \$12,800, plus tax, which is the actual cost from Granicus, Inc., for one-time, up front implementation expenses;
- An annual charge of \$2,000 as the County's share of the City's costs for the purchase, maintenance, and services of the City's webstreaming equipment; and
- A monthly fee of \$900 as the County's share for webstreaming services from Granicus;

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Supplement to the Agreement between Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul for Recording and Broadcast Services, to include webstreaming, for a three-year period commencing January 1, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the Supplement to the Agreement between Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul for Recording and Broadcast Services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary payments and budget adjustments; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute amendments and modifications to the Agreement.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Renewal of Intoxicating Liquor License for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in the Town of White Bear

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-370)

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County is the issuing authority for On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for towns and other unincorporated areas within Ramsey County pursuant to Minnesota Statute 340A.404, Subd. 6; and

WHEREAS, The Applebee's restaurant chain has requested renewal of the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License for their restaurant located in the Town of White Bear, located at 1018 Meadowland Drive, White Bear Township, MN 55110; and

WHEREAS, White Bear Township has approved the issuance of the license and has made findings as to the character and reputation of the applicant, and nature and location of the business; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Sheriff and the Ramsey County Attorney have supplied a written recommendation to issue the license; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License to Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, 1018 Meadowland Drive, White Bear Township, MN 55110, effective January 1, 2008 through and including December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The staff from the Department of Property Records & Revenue shall notify the State Liquor Control Division that Ramsey County has approved the license; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That if the State Liquor Control Division approves the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License, Ramsey County Property Records & Revenue shall issue the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License, effective January 1, 2008 through and including December 31, 2008.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Renewal of Intoxicating Liquor License for Orchid Restaurant and Bar in the Town of White Bear

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-371)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is the issuing authority for On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for towns and other unincorporated areas within Ramsey County pursuant to Minnesota Statute 340A.404, Subd. 6; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received a request to renew an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License to Orchid Restaurant, 1190 County Road J, located in the Town of White Bear, effective January 1, 2008 through and including December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, White Bear Township has approved the issuance of the license and has made findings as to the character and reputation of the applicant, and nature and location of the business; and

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County Sheriff and the Ramsey County Attorney have supplied a written recommendation to issue the license; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License to Orchid Restaurant, 1190 County Road J, Suite 100, White Bear Township, effective January 1, 2008 through and including December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The staff from the Department of Property Records & Revenue shall notify the State Liquor Control Division that Ramsey County has approved the license; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That if the State Liquor Control Division approves the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License, Ramsey County Property Records & Revenue shall issue the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License, effective January 1, 2008 through and including December 31, 2008.

COUNTY MANAGER – First Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement Between Regions Hospital, Gillette Children’s Specialty HealthCare and Ramsey County

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-372)

WHEREAS, In January 2002, Ramsey County, Gillette Children’s Specialty HealthCare (Gillette) and Regions Hospital (Regions) entered into an Amended and Restated Lease by which Gillette subleased certain space in the Regions Facility for expansion of Gillette’s programs; and

WHEREAS, The Lease was for Gillette to occupy space, which was not part of its original lease with Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The space leased by Ramsey County directly to Gillette has been referred to as the “Blue Tile” area of the hospital complex; and

WHEREAS, Also in 2002, Gillette obtained a general fund grant from the State Legislature to remodel and improve the Blue Tile space; and

WHEREAS, As a condition of this grant, Ramsey County was required to enter into a General Fund Grant Agreement with the State, because Ramsey County was the fee owner of the property to be improved by the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Under the Grant Agreement, Ramsey County is obligated to continue to use the Blue Tile space as a children’s medical facility, regardless of Gillette’s operations; and

WHEREAS, Any abandonment of use of any part of the Blue Tile space for children’s hospital purposes requires the approval of the State of Minnesota Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Administration, and an amendment to the Grant Agreement; and

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WHEREAS, Regions Hospital is in the process of a major expansion of the hospital facility, and as a result of this expansion, additional space in the facility has become available for Gillette's operations; and

WHEREAS, This new space, which is not in the Blue Tile space, will require an amendment to the 2002 Amended and Restated Lease; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Attorney's Office has reviewed the lease amendment and has concluded that while the amendment significantly modifies the lessee/sub-lessee relationship between Gillette and Regions, it does not make any significant change in Ramsey County's rights and obligations as landlord; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Attorney's Office has recommended approval of this Amendment, subject to a contingency that this Lease Amendment should be approved and signed by Ramsey County **if and when** the State Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Administration approves the agreement and agrees to an amendment to the State General Fund Grant Agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between Regions Hospital, Gillette Children's Specialty HealthCare, and Ramsey County, on the condition that Gillette and Regions obtain the required approval from the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Administration, and that any Amendment to the General Fund Grant Agreement be returned to the County Board for approval; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between Regions Hospital, Gillette Children's Specialty HealthCare, and Ramsey County, upon approval from the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Administration, and following approval by the County Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Lease for the Healthy Families Section of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health at 1670 Beam Avenue, Maplewood, MN

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-373)

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2007, the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health, Healthy Families Section, received notice from the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District Office that the lease with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health will not be extended at the end of the current term, April 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Department has 66 staff from the Healthy Families Section at this location and they constitute more that 20% of the total Public Health staff complement; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2007, per Resolution 2006-037, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized and approved the sale of the Maplewood Library property to Dr. Vacharee Peterson (*dba* Jedidiah Properties, LLC); and

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WHEREAS, Included in the property's sale terms is an option for the County to lease up to 10,000 square feet of office space on the lower level of the building at a below-market rate over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, The Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and Ramsey County Property Management are requesting the Board's approval of a lease with Jedidiah Properties, LLC, for office space for the Healthy Families Section at 1670 Beam Avenue, Maplewood 55109; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the draft lease with Jedidiah Properties, LLC for 15,372 rentable square feet of office from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2013, for the Healthy Families Section at the following rates:

| <u>Date</u>           | <u>Per Sq. Ft.</u> | <u>Monthly Rent</u> | <u>Annual Rent</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 05/01/2008-04/30/2009 | \$10.84            | \$13,886.04         | \$166,632.48       |
| 05/01/2009-04/30/2010 | \$11.05            | \$14,155.05         | \$169,860.60       |
| 05/01/2010-04/30/2011 | \$11.27            | \$14,436.87         | \$173,242.44       |
| 05/01/2011-04/30/2012 | \$11.49            | \$14,718.69         | \$176,624.28       |
| 05/01/2012-04/30/2013 | \$11.72            | \$15,013.32         | \$180,159.84       |

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the final lease agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney, Budgeting and Accounting and Property Management; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary payments, budget adjustments, execute contracts and agreements to cover expenses related to the relocation of the Healthy Families Section of the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health to 1670 Beam Avenue, including transferring up to \$384,000 from the Saint Paul Public Health Joint Powers Agreement Fund Balance.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Lease for the Adult Services Division of the Ramsey County Community Corrections Department at 800 East Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, MN

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-374)

WHEREAS, The Community Corrections Adult Services Division serving the East Side area of Ramsey County is currently completing the final months of a 15-year occupancy at 710 Arcade Street, Saint Paul, and the Ramsey County Community Corrections Department does not intend to extend the lease at the end of the current term, April 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Department has 33 staff at this location; and

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Community Corrections Department and Ramsey County Property Management are requesting the Board's approval of a lease with The Realty Matrix for office space for the Adult Services Division at 800 East Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul 55106; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a Draft Lease with The Realty Matrix, 1951 University Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55104, owners of the office building located at 800 East Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106, for 11,700 rentable square feet of First Floor office space to be leased from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2018, for the Ramsey County Community Corrections Adult Services Division Office at the following rates:

| <u>Date</u>           | <u>Per Sq. Ft.</u> | <u>Monthly Rent</u> | <u>Annual Rent</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 05/01/2008-04/30/2010 | \$16.00            | \$15,600.00         | \$187,200.00       |
| 05/01/2010-04/30/2012 | \$16.50            | \$16,087.50         | \$193,050.00       |
| 05/01/2012-04/30/2014 | \$17.00            | \$16,575.00         | \$198,900.00       |
| 05/01/2014-04/30/2016 | \$17.50            | \$17,062.50         | \$204,750.00       |
| 05/01/2016-04/30/2018 | \$18.00            | \$17,550.00         | \$210,600.00       |

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the final lease agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney, Budgeting and Accounting, and Property Management; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary payments, budget adjustments, execute contracts and agreements to cover expenses related to the relocation of the RCCC Adult Service Division to 800 East Minnehaha Avenue.

LANDMARK CENTER AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Conversion of Landmark Center to District Cooling

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-375)

WHEREAS, The chillers and cooling equipment for Landmark Center are 30 years old and past their life expectancy and require replacement; and

WHEREAS, The cost of replacing the existing cooling system is estimated to be \$400,000, while the cost of converting the system to District Cooling is estimated to cost approximately \$267,300; and

WHEREAS, Property Management and Landmark Center staff have concluded that conversion of the cooling system at Landmark Center will provide a cost effective, reliable system that is also a good environmental choice; and

WHEREAS, In approved, the District Cooling conversion project will include costs associated with the interface connection, estimated at \$67,300, and capital buy-down of \$200,000; and

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WHEREAS, The capital buy-down will keep operating costs relatively the same; and

WHEREAS, The following are the funding sources for this project:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 2007 CCAMPP Allocation | \$ 85,000        |
| 2008 Proposed CIP      | \$155,000        |
| 2009 Proposed CIP      | <u>\$155,000</u> |
| Total Funding          | <u>\$395,000</u> |

and

WHEREAS, The Landmark Center and Property Management are requesting the County Board's authorization to execute a service agreement with District Cooling St. Paul, Inc. for conversion of Landmark Center to District Cooling and for chilled water service for a period of twenty years, for a temporary loan from the CIP Contingent account to be repaid upon receipt of proceeds from the 2008 and 2009 CIP bonds, and appropriate authorities to implement the conversion project; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute a District Cooling Service Agreement with District Cooling St. Paul, Inc., 76 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55102-1611, subject to final approval by the County Attorney's Office, Budgeting and Accounting, Property Management, and County Board approval of the 2008 – 2009 Capital Improvement Program, for the conversion of the Landmark Center to District Cooling at a cost not-to-exceed \$267,300 and for chilled water service for a period of 20 years; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a temporary cash loan of up to \$267,300 from the CIP Contingent account for payment of costs related to conversion of Landmark Center to District Cooling, to be repaid upon receipt of proceeds from the sale of 2008 and 2009 CIP bonds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, and to execute agreements, contracts, and amendments related to the conversion of Landmark Center to District Cooling, within the project funding.

COUNTY MANAGER – 2008 State Legislative Proposals – Non-Bonding Items – Ramsey County-Specific

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker.

Commissioner Rettman said she was not able to attend the Legislative Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion of the legislative proposals due to her participation at the Winnipeg Groundbreaking. Following a discussion with Janet Guthrie, Workforce Solutions, she requested that the documentation be revised to include the following: Family Stabilization Services, under Fiscal Impact, end of first paragraph, "Thus the goal becomes an unfunded suggestion from the Legislature, which will not be achieved without State dollars." That is what it is all about – they have a wish list that we will achieve this, but the request would be in competition with other legislative dollars. Ms. Guthrie had been very clear that this is trying to say that this is a reality check, to be at certain levels, but absent State dollars, it becomes an unfunded suggestion, instead of a mandate

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because there is no technical mandate to do this. She asked that be added at least to the write-up, if the maker of the motion could accept that. The expectations keep being put out, but without the dollars.

Chair Bennett asked if that is a change to the resolution.

Commissioner Rettman said it is not.

Commissioner Parker said she liked the use of the word “expectation” rather than “suggestion”.

Commissioner Rettman accepted the use of the word “expectation”.

The change was accepted as a friendly amendment. The documentation will be changed to reflect this request.

Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7.  
Nays – 0.

(2007-376)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals for possible inclusion in their 2008 state legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, based on their review of this item, makes a finding that the following should be included in their 2008 state legislative proposals:

NON-BONDING ITEM – RAMSEY COUNTY-SPECIFIC

- Family Stabilization Services;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation for this proposal.

(2007-377)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a number of proposals for possible inclusion in their 2008 state legislative package; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, based on their review of this item, makes a finding that the following should be included in their 2008 state legislative proposals:

NON-BONDING ITEM – RAMSEY COUNTY-SPECIFIC

- Funding of \$115,000/year for Multi-Cultural Services;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its representatives to work with the Legislature and other interested parties to seek the necessary legislation for this proposal.

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SHERIFF – Sheriff’s 2007 Vacancy Factor and Request to Appropriate Excess Revenues

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-378)

WHEREAS, Every year since 1999, all County Departments have budgeted a 1.5% vacancy factor reduction; and

WHEREAS, Per a Settlement Agreement with the County Board dated February 18, 1999, the Sheriff’s Department is to continue operations as usual despite the vacancy factor reduction; and

WHEREAS, Also per the Settlement Agreement, the County Manager was given authority to use savings in other departments’ budgets or general contingency account funds to cover the Sheriff’s vacancy factor; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, in anticipation of there not being sufficient savings in other departments’ budgets to cover the Sheriff’s vacancy factor, the County Board “earmarked” funds of \$343,776 in the Contingent Account; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff’s Department requests that the vacancy factor be restored to fully fund salaries for 2007; and

WHEREAS, For 2007, the Sheriff’s Department projects that actual revenues will exceed budgeted revenue estimates by approximately \$754,905, due to prisoner boarding revenue in the Law Enforcement Center, excess police state aid collected over the estimate, high level of mortgage foreclosure fees, and recoveries from FEMA for assisting with federal disasters; and

WHEREAS, For 2007, the Sheriff’s Department projects that salary accounts will be insufficient by \$205,591 due mainly to temporary and overtime salaries for the jail; and

WHEREAS, For 2007, the Sheriff’s Department also projects that non-salary budgeted line items will be insufficient to meet anticipated charges by approximately \$392,445 due to several factors including additional required food and medical service for the higher number of inmates, and the high cost of automotive repairs; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff’s Department requests approval of a budget adjustment appropriating \$598,036 of the excess revenues to cover the projected salary and line item shortages; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff’s Department anticipates that approximately \$156,869 of additional revenue will be available to return to the County at the end of 2007; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a budget transfer of \$343,776 from the 2007 Contingent Account into the Sheriff’s 2007 operating budget to restore the vacancy factor and cover 2007 year-end salaries; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board approves a budget adjustment increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$598,036 to cover projected salary and non-salary shortages in the Sheriff's Department 2007 operating budget.

SHERIFF – 2008 Salary for the Ramsey County Sheriff

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-379)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is required by law to set the salary of the elected Ramsey County Sheriff in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 383A.281 and 383A.282; and

WHEREAS, The established practice of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for setting the annual salary of the elected Ramsey County Sheriff is to: (a) invite the elected official to make a written salary request to the Board of Commissioners; and (b) set the annual salary of the elected official near the end of the year preceding the year in which the salary rates are to take effect; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff has submitted a written salary request to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the County's established practice; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sets the annual salary for the elected Ramsey County Sheriff at \$127,817, effective January 1, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Sheriff's annual salary to be adjusted by the cost of living adjustments approved by the County Board for unclassified employees in 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes an annual uniform allowance for the Ramsey County Sheriff in the amount equal to that approved for Ramsey County Deputy Sheriffs in their contract for 2008, of \$750; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes a matching contribution to deferred compensation for the Ramsey County Sheriff equal to that approved for Ramsey County Deputy Sheriffs in their contract for 2008.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner McDonough – Workforce Investment Memo – City of St. Paul and Ramsey County

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough.

Commissioner McDonough said work has been going on for a long time on this partnership agreement with the City of St. Paul, going back to when the two merged, from private industry councils to a Workforce Investment Board (WIB). This renewed partnership builds on and sets down a path for the future for working closely with the City of St. Paul on workforce development.

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Much credit goes to Mayor Chris Coleman's Office, which made a strong commitment to take ownership in this and in working with the County together through the city departments, the Workforce Solutions Department, and the WIB, to make substantial progress in workforce development in our communities.

Commissioner Rettman said it does not appear this would include that materials would go to the Youth Council.

Commissioner McDonough said he does not know how that is addressed in the actual agreement language. The conversation was a commitment from the City for the Youth Council with the dollars they are allocating for youth for the parks and recreation program, in particular, as well as other dollars they are developing for programs in the work with the Youth Council in the integrated program to provide year-round programming and to ensure they are getting outcomes that are consistent.

Commissioner Rettman said she did not see that in the resolution, which is almost verbatim from the executed letter. That was one of the flashpoints – she would like that reflected as a Resolved clause in the resolution if that is the intent.

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, said they did not speak specifically about the Youth Council except in the context of the Youth Council as a part of what the WIB is required to have. Part of the vision of this, as laid out in the documentation and resolution, is the standardization of outcomes and program expectations, which is a big piece of what the City and Mayor Coleman's Office have been very interested in and willing to develop with the County. The understanding, though it doesn't say that in the documentation specifically about the Youth Council, is that this would be done for any program that was part of what is seen as the WIB's oversight work. Wendy Underwood, City of St. Paul, as part of her ongoing work assignment, has been given the responsibility to represent the Mayor's Office, and to work with Nancy Homans and the Mayor's administration. She has been attending all the WIB, Youth Council, the Executive Team meetings, and the understanding is that whatever the WIB cover would, in fact, be part of this working arrangement.

Commissioner McDonough agreed with Ms. Speiker that the WIB has multitudes of committees and even though the Youth Council is not necessarily a committee, it still comes under the umbrella of the WIB, and the intent of the language is to cover whatever the WIB has responsibility for. He is confident the commitment is there. He did not know that we specifically need to identify that because we could specifically identify a multitude of areas the WIB has oversight and responsibility for.

Commissioner Reinhardt said she didn't think it needed to be in a Resolved clause, because the Youth Council is part of the WIB. It would be helpful in the WHEREAS clauses to talk about the WIB -- "including but not limited to" or "such as..."; it would make it clear when talking about the WIB.

Commissioner McDonough said he is fine with adding it as a "Whereas", clearly recognizing the Youth Council's role.

Commissioner Rettman said she mentioned this because she wanted this to live on after staff and elected officials are no longer here because we are not amending the joint powers agreement, and she did not want this to be based on personalities, but to be codified so that it is clear.

Commissioner McDonough said those were almost his exact words to the Mayor's Office because this has to survive us. With some of the difficulties the WIB and Workforce Solutions have had with different administrations, there have been different approaches about this and it hasn't been institutionalized with department heads about how we work together

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and connect with workforce development. The whole goal of this was that process – that this would survive us and set the foundation. Commissioner McDonough met with the Mayor, who was in total agreement that this be seen as the gap in the relationship, and why the Mayor's Office has committed Ms. Underwood to focus on establishing that relationship, not only with the WIB and the Youth Council, but also in how to bring the departments together. When for example, the library is working on a workforce issue, they would come to the WIB.

Ms. Speiker said to underscore what Commissioner McDonough was explaining, that was the reason the decision was made in the conversations to not change the joint powers agreement, because they saw that as a codification of the basics the Board had passed. Staff would work together to draft something about the Youth Council and put it in the "Whereas" clauses if that is the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Rettman requested that all the Commissioners receive a copy of the final resolution. She asked where it is stated "present all grant applications", does that mean legislation as well?

Ms. Speiker responded, specifically, yes.

Commissioner Rettman said it is not included as language.

Ms. Speiker said it wasn't included as language, but that is the part that specifically speaks about legislative – that was the intent, to share all requests for outside funding.

Commissioner Rettman asked if it would be possible to insert: "including legislation".

Commissioner Parker suggested, "other funding" as well.

Commissioner Rettman said she was referring to lines 50 and 51 of the draft resolution. The legislation was another of the flashpoints.

Ms. Underwood introduced herself from the Mayor's Office; today she is serving as the Workforce Liaison. She pointed out line 68 of the draft resolution where it is very clear of the intent to work together to set a collaborative legislative agenda.

Commissioner Rettman said setting a legislative agenda doesn't necessarily mean that there would not be separate proposals for funding. Commissioner Parker pointed out another idea about "other funding" sources.

Ms. Underwood said that is appropriate. There is definitely the intent, respecting the purpose for this outlasting current administration.

Commissioner Rettman said it was stated in the narrative that it was the intent to resend the letter, but that is not cited in the resolution. She assumed that because the resolution would be distributed, the cover letter would be resent.

Dave Twa, County Manager, said the memo would be resent.

Commissioner Parker commended Commissioner McDonough, Mayor Coleman, and all the staff who have been involved in this important collaboration between the County and the City. We all benefit by working together on this. She was happy to see this on the agenda, and that the membership will be reduced; a 50-member board is too large.

Commissioner McDonough invited Wendy Underwood, Mary Jo Gardner, Chief Executive Director, WIB, and Paul Nelson, Chair of the WIB, to address the County Board.

Mr. Nelson said it is good to be at the point where we can see a solution on something that will take us forward.

Ms. Gardner thanked Commissioner McDonough and the other Commissioners for all the work done on this. She is looking forward to the working relationship. She and Ms. Underwood have met many times and things are moving forward.

Ms. Underwood regretted that Nancy Homans could not be here today because she put a lot of work into this over the last year to understand the joint powers agreement, the WIB, and where the City needed to fill in some gaps. On behalf of Ms. Homans, Ms. Underwood spoke of her gratitude, as well.

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Ms. Underwood said she is a representative of the City at the State Capitol, and she wanted the County Board to know that during this process, one of the Mayor's recommendations was to have a City staff person dedicated to the work of the WIB; she said she was fortunate to be considered for this opportunity. She continues to have responsibilities at the State Capitol, but the brunt of those have been shortened so she can consider this work as part of her full-time job.

Commissioner McDonough thanked the County Board for their patience in allowing this to mature and develop; there have been some frustrating times.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the City would be approving a corresponding resolution.

Ms. Underwood said it is her understanding that it is not technically necessary, since the process started with the Board last year. The City would be supportive of that and Councilmember Helgen has considered that as a way for the City to express its gratitude in moving forward. She would be happy to take that back to the City for consideration.

Commissioner Rettman said she is delighted Ms. Underwood would be working on this. Ms. Homans is superior in her thoughtfulness. Commissioner McDonough's tenacity on this has been exemplary.

Commissioner Reinhardt expressed the concern of Commissioner Parker to include language line 50 to "...present all grant applications and other funding requests..."

Roll Call on amended resolution: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-380)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board and the City of St. Paul have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to create a joint venture for the planning, delivery and evaluation of workforce services in the geographic area of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board, representing all the local units of government within Ramsey County, operates as the Locally Elected Official (LEO) of this Workforce Service Area; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jim McDonough is the County Board representative to the Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, In that capacity, Commissioner McDonough has been working with Mayor Coleman, his administration, and representatives of the City of St. Paul, to review the existing JPA and see if it could be amended in such a fashion that the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County could continue in the JPA; and

WHEREAS, After much discussion, the parties determined that both the JPA between the City and the County and the Partnership Agreement with the WIB, should not be discontinued or amended at this time; and

WHEREAS, The parties also agreed that strategic planning for county-wide workforce activities, including those programs designed to serve youth, will be overseen and evaluated by the WIB, acting on behalf of all units of local government located within the County; and

WHEREAS, The parties agreed to a joint memo that outlines the "next steps" and parameters that they believe strongly support continuation of the joint workforce venture between the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County and the existing Joint Powers Agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners voices its agreement to and support for continuation of the current Workforce Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board agrees to and supports the “shared expectations” and parameters developed by Commissioner Jim McDonough, acting as the County Board’s representative, and Mayor Chris Coleman, on behalf of the City of St. Paul, as outlined in the joint memo and highlighted below:

Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul agree to:

Strengthen the role of the WIB as a forum for setting policy, establishing priorities, and promoting collaboration among the full range of partners involved in workforce development in the WSA. Specifically, the County and City will:

- Work in partnership with the WIB to set workforce development priorities, create and implement workforce opportunities for job seekers and employers, and seek out resources to serve those who need workforce services;
- Identify unique employment needs in neighborhoods throughout the County and propose appropriate measures to address those needs;
- Update the WIB on major initiatives related to workforce development;
- Partner with other WIB members to develop a financing plan whereby the resources necessary to deliver the range of services outlined in WIB plans are identified and secured;
- Present all grant applications and other funding requests to the WIB for review to ensure maximum collaboration and avoid duplication of effort;
- Be willing to partner on initiatives proposed by others;
- Provide data and other evaluative material on mutually agreed upon outcome measures to gauge program effectiveness and identify lessons learned in order to promote joint learning; and
- Identify staff resources in the respective jurisdictions to dedicate to WIB-sponsored collaboratives.

Work in partnership on those issues unique to the County and City to include:

- Regularly convene senior staff meetings to ensure effective communication, address issues and promote cooperation among the two jurisdictions and the WIB;
- Identify regular opportunities to engage the respective policy boards (Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the Saint Paul City Council) in reviewing and approving major policy documents (e.g., plans, budgets, etc.);
- Refine the process whereby WIB members are appointed with the goal of enhancing the Board’s effectiveness by reducing the number of members while still ensuring broad representation;
- Work together and with the legislative delegation to set a collaborative legislative agenda with respect to workforce development; and
- Identify opportunities to use City facilities (e.g., libraries, recreation centers) to deliver workforce services.

and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, That the County Board, acting as the Locally Elected Official (LEO), directs the County Manager to send a copy of this resolution and the joint memo to the State of Minnesota and the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board and its Chair; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the County Board recognizes the good faith efforts of Mayor Coleman and his administration in addressing the issues and concerns raised by the County Board and their willingness to jointly work on countywide workforce development with Ramsey County and the members of the Workforce Investment Board.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Authorization to County Manager to Approve and Execute Purchase of Service, Rate-Setting, and Grant Agreements and Amendments

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda. It will return during the first quarter of 2008.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bennett reported:

- On the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in Minneapolis, where a blue ribbon panel had been appointed to resolve the election process of the national chair.
- At the Association of Minnesota Counties meeting, David Twa, Ramsey County Manager, was elected by his peers as Outstanding Administrator for 2007.
- Immediately following the County Board meeting, there would be a Board Workshop for a Property Records and Revenue Update.
- At 6:00 p.m. this evening, the Truth in Taxation Hearing would be held at Arlington High School, 1495 Rice Street, St. Paul.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- On the AMC Annual Conference where she presented the *Ounce of Prevention: Taxpayer Cost Avoided Through Preventing Crime* at a workshop. County Attorney Susan Gaertner and other staff also presented at workshops. Commissioner McDonough is now first vice-president. This was one of the best AMC conferences she has ever attended.
- Appraisers will arrive early and stay throughout the Truth in Taxation Hearing tonight to answer any questions from constituents.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- The AMC Conference was very well represented and the sessions were great.
- The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual New Brighton Town Hall meeting was held, where city and county issues were discussed, in particular, lack of road maintenance, weeds growing in the medians, etc.
- She and Commissioner McDonough attended the Senate Transportation Committee meeting by invitation from the St. Paul Chamber at the Union Depot. There was a good turnout and frank discussions.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- On the Winnipeg Groundbreaking Project Ceremony at Winnipeg Avenue and Rice Street, where two buildings are to be built, using some Environmental Response Fund dollars.

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- The Lions Club in Falcon Heights is conducting a tree sale, with all the dollars going back into the community.
- Falcon Heights Mayor Sue Gehrz' term will expire at the end of 2007. She has been involved in many projects in Ramsey County, and will continue to be involved in community projects.

Commissioner McDonough reported:

- The St. Paul Chamber sponsored the Senate Transportation Committee meeting at the Union Depot. They came out with several principles to support transportation funding, including possible support for a ½ -cent sales tax, which shows leadership for the Chamber to take that position.
- The AMC Conference was excellent. He thanked the County Board for allowing him the opportunity to be involved in leadership of that strong state-“funded”, county-administered organization to help develop and form the programs Ramsey County is responsible for. He is proud of Ramsey County as a whole in its involvement and is setting the example across the State.
- Last week at a Workforce Investment Board meeting, there was discussion that economic development and workforce development are critically linked.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- On the West Side District Council meetings on the Robert Street Corridor and transit issues.
- On the Riverview Economic Development Association annual meeting, where transit was discussed.
- On Riverfront Corporation's Strategic Planning meeting with presentations from the City, the Port Authority, and the St. Paul Chamber. In all the presentations, the West Publishing site and the Union Depot were top priorities on the agendas for those organizations.
- He met with Peter Bell, Mark Furman, and Tom Weaver, Metropolitan Council. They will present to the County Board on December 18 about the Central Corridor and Union Depot.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- On the University Stadium Area Advisory Group meeting. This group has just reviewed their Request for Proposals for a good neighbor mitigation fund.
- She and Patricia Brady, Director, Workforce Solutions, attended a Workforce Conference in Florida. She commended Commissioner McDonough for his work with the City of St. Paul on the agreement for the WIB. One of the issues covered at the conference was ensuring an effective board. Youth services, and a focus on connecting the economic development programs and work development programs, were also discussed.
- On the AMC Conference.
- On a Metropolitan Energy Task Force Meeting with the rural energy board, where status information was provided.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Bennett declared the meeting adjourned.