

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Julius C. Smith, Lynette Wittsack

Committee Members Absent: Daniel Wolter

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Susag to approve the agenda, the minutes of the November 14, 2006 regular meeting of the Environment Committee and the minutes of the Public Hearing of November 14, 2006...

**The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None**

**BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST**

**2006-374 Authorization to Award Contract for Waste Incinerator Ash Disposal Services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with SKB Environmental to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

**Motion carried.**

**2006-389 Adoption of Amendment to 2030 Regional Development Framework & Water Resources Management Policy Plan – East Bethel**

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached amendments to the 2030 Regional Development Framework and 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan.

**Motion carried.**

**2006-390 Approval of Water Supply Report to the Legislature**

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the Report the 2007 Minnesota State Legislature on Water Supply Planning in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

**Motion carried.**

**2006-391 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Design Services Agreement for Excelsior Area Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 802850**

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering design services agreement with Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates for the Excelsior Area Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 802850, in an amount not to exceed \$4,762,035, subject to Council adoption of the proposed 2007 Capital Program.

**Motion carried.**

**2006-392 December Unified Capital Program Amendment**

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council amend the MCES 2006 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it from \$106,824,000 to \$113,000,000.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Customer Rate Study**

Jason Willett, MCES Finance Director, explained the survey process and results. The study focused on the wastewater charges imposed by the 104 metropolitan communities on their single-family residential customers. This is a retail rate and includes the wholesale rate charged by MCES to each community. In 2006, MCES's portion of the retail rate was 71%. Communities in the metro area use one of the following types of rates: flat; base/uniform; uniform; base/increasing block; declining block. MCES wastewater average retail rates are the sixth lowest in the nation.

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, reported the following:

### **Backups**

There Council was notified on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, of a sewer backup in Columbia Heights this weekend and initially it was thought that it was the city's sewer. It turned out to be our pipe and approximately 12 homes were impacted. We will be working with the homeowners to remedy the situation.

### **KARE 11**

Television station is preparing a piece on preserving water resources. They want information about how a sanitary sewer system work and will film at the Metro Plant on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Septage Dump Site**

Private vendor has been given approval to build a septage site in Fridley. Haulers have been notified that we will close our site when the private one is completed, approximately June 2007. Haulers will have the option of using the private site, one of our plants, or a land disposal site.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary