

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Russ Susag, Roger Scherer, Julius C. Smith, Lynette Wittsack,  
Daniel Wolter  
Committee Members Absent: Peggy Leppik

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Vice-Chair Susag called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Wolter to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None**

**BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST**

**2007-70 2007 Carry Forward Budget Amendment**

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve amending the 2007 Unified Operating Budget by increasing revenues and expenses by \$1million, as shown on the attached table. **Motion carried.**

**2007-71 March Unified Capital Program Amendment – deferred**

**2007-72 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Design/Build of Security Improvements Project – Monitoring and Access Control, MCES Project Number 801700, Contract 05P114 – deferred**

**INFORMATION**

**Wind Power Feasibility**

Doug Maust, Hammel, Green & Abrahamson (HGA), provided a general assessment of the potential for the Council to use wind power. Examination of the Empire Plant and Metro Plant locations revealed that neither site provided a viable setting for wind generation.

**Energy Work Plan**

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, summarized the 2006 accomplishments and the 2007 work plan of the Environmental Services Energy Team, whose goal is to reduce energy use by 15% by 2010 and increase the use of renewable energy.

**Minnesota Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF)**

Jason Willett explained that the Metropolitan Council is partnering with the MCETF to address issues relating to energy policy and securing energy that is safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally responsible. Willett reviewed the accomplishments of the task force in 2006 as well as its work plan for 2007.

**House Local Government and Metro Affairs Committee**

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, notified the Committee that staff will present information on Infiltration and Inflow on February 21, 2007 at 12:30 to the House Local Government and Metro Affairs Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary