

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack, 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, April 24, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to approve the agenda as well as the minutes of the April 10, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-155 Authorization to Acquire Easements and to File Condemnation Petition – South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements – MCES project 802710, Resolution No. 2007-12

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council pass the attached Resolution 2007-12 authorizing the Council to acquire by negotiation and, if necessary, to file a petition for condemnation of the property interests necessary for the South Saint Paul Forcemain (SSPFM) Improvements– MCES Project 802710.

Motion carried.

2007-156 Authorization to Amend Contract for Regional Assessment of Water Supply Systems

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to amend the contract from the currently authorized amount of \$235,693 to \$403,442 with RW Beck Inc. for a regional assessment of water supply safety security and reliability, project outreach, financial evaluation and development of the master water supply plan.

Motion carried.

2007-157 Authorization to Award a Contract for MCES Electrical Maintenance Services

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council the Regional Administrator to award a contract for MCES Electrical Maintenance Services to Premier Electric for an amount not to exceed \$5,497,096 and a term not to exceed five years.

Motion carried.

2007-158 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Construction Inspection Services with Bonestroo

That the Metropolitan Council its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for construction inspection services with Bonestroo in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

2007-159 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Construction Inspection Services with Earth Tech

That the Metropolitan Council its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for construction inspection services with Earth Tech in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

2007-160 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Construction Inspection Services with Howard R. Green

That the Metropolitan Council its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for construction inspection services with Howard R. Green in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

2007-161 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Construction Inspection Services with TKDA

That the Metropolitan Council its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for construction inspection services with TKDA in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

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The Committee acted on items 2007-158, 2007-159, 2007-160, and 2007-161 as a whole. Susag moved approval of the recommendations, Wolter seconded. **Motion carried.**

2007-162 Authorization for Sole Source Procurement of Fine Bubble Aeration Diffusers for Seneca Plant, MCES Project No. 801900

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council its Regional Administrator to procure ceramic fine bubble aeration diffusers for the Seneca Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801900, from Engineering America at a cost not to exceed \$296,000.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Process Efficiency Program

Scott Getty, Key Account Manager, Xcel Energy, explained the program and the benefits MCES will realize by participating.

Mass Growing of High Oil Algae on Wastewater Effluent and Flue Gas

Bob Polta, Manager of Research and Development, described what is involved in potentially extracting oil from effluent algae. MCES staff is cooperating with the University of Minnesota to take the next steps to continue the study.

1-MN-320 Emergency Repairs

William G. Moore, General Manager, Environmental Services, said that the Council will be acting on Item 2007-130 at its April 25, 2007 meeting, and informed the Committee that from the time when the Committee approved the item on April 10 the cost of the work has increased to \$2.9 million. In addition, scheduling issues could further increase costs.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary