

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer,
Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Excused: Polly Bowles

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Peterson to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-47 City of Shoreview 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update; Review File No. 20417-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Peterson that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Shoreview's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, and request that the City forward the City Council resolution adopting the Tier II Sewer Plan to the Council.

Motion carried.

2009-50 City of Loretto 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update; Review File No. 20466-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Loretto's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-52 City of St. Anthony Village 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update; Review File No. 20139-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of St. Anthony Village's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-58 March Unified Capital Program Amendment

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2009 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by transferring \$3,800,000 in authority from the MWWTP Electrical Cable Replacement, Project No. 8064 and \$12,200,000 in authority from the MWWTP Solids – Odor Control, Centrifuge, and Sludge Storage, Project No. 8061 to the MWWTP Rehabilitation & Facilities Improvements, Project No. 8059.

Motion carried.

2009-89 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of 1-SP-214 and 1-SP-255 Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project Number 800320, Contract No. 08P081

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for 1-SP-214 and 1-SP-255 Interceptor Rehabilitation, Project No. 800320, Contract No. 08P081, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low bid of \$2,927,370.

Motion carried.

2009-90 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Master Utility Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Interceptor Modifications Necessitated by the TH 610 Improvements Project - TH169 to Fernbrook Drive

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Utility Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for modification of the Elm Creek Interceptor (900410) facilities located in the vicinity of the proposed TH 610 improvements Project – TH 169 to Fernbrook Drive.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Economic Recovery Update

Jason Willett, Environmental Services Division Finance Director, highlighted opportunities for wastewater funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The stimulus funds for Minnesota are distributed through the Public Facilities Authority (PFA). Subsequent to discussions with the PFA, MCES is anticipating receiving 5% base grants for four stimulus-ready projects: two Blue Lake WWTP Improvement projects, the Blue Lake Interceptor System Improvements project, and the South Saint Paul Forcemain. Other funding possibilities include: 1) energy projects by state and local governments, and 2) low interest bonding.

General Manager's Report

1. Expect Council-sponsored legislation to be entered this week that will allow flexibility to use Municipal Wastewater Charges in an emergency to fund Service Availability Charge (SAC).
2. Successfully met all permit limits and monitoring requirements in February 2009, making this the 25th consecutive month of compliance.
3. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has notified MCES that it will receive a 2009 National Achievement Award for the Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Program.

OTHER

The Committee proposed moving the start of its meeting to earlier in the day. CM Wittsack will contact CM Bowles to see if she is agreeable and, if so, the Environment Committee meetings will be held 9:30-11:30 the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month on a trial basis.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary