

Metropolitan Council

390 North Robert Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Council Chambers

9:30 A.M.

Attendance: Chair Peggy Leppik, Vice Chair Daniel Wolter, Kirstin Beach, Polly Bowles, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack, Wendy Wulff

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack, to approve the July 14 agenda and the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of June 23, 2009. Motion carried.

Business

2009-236 Authorization to Amend and Extend Operations Contract with New England Fertilizer Company (NEFCO) to Incorporate Use of Biogas

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a five-year extension and amendment to the contract with the New England Fertilizer Company (NEFCO) to provide operations, management and guarantees for the heat-drying facilities at the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried.

2009-237 City of Dayton 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20411-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Dayton's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. The motion carried.

2009-238 City of Maple Plain 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20507-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Maple Plain's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. The motion carried.

2009-239 City of Edina 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20413-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Edina's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. The motion carried.

2009-240 City of Arden Hills 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20476-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Peterson that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Arden Hill's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
The motion carried.

2009-241 City of Oakdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20281-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Oakdale's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
The motion carried.

2009-242 Empire Township 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20596-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approve the Empire Township's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
The motion carried.

2009-243 Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Minneapolis related to Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Efforts

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Minneapolis relating to Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Efforts.
The motion carried.

2009-244 City of Minneapolis 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20348-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Minneapolis' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
The motion carried.

2009-245 Authorization to Submit Phosphorus Reduction Grant Applications to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA), Resolution No. 2009-12

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Resolution 2009-12 to authorize the Regional Administrator to submit phosphorus reduction grant applications to, and to execute any resulting grant agreements with, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA).
The motion carried.

2009-246 Adoption of 2010 Municipal Wastewater Charge and Rates

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2010:

- Municipal Wastewater Charge (annual) total of **\$166,290,108**;
- Sewer service Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,100** per Residential Equivalent Connection;
- Add-on Service Charge (for temporary capacity use): **\$1.05** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.158** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);

- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.079** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Standard (septage) Load Charge: **\$48.59** per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$3.01** per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$61.97**, per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$58.59** per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.3210** per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.1605** per excess pound of COD;
- Inflow & Infiltration Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$379,000** per mgd, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A.

Further, the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Service Availability reserve fund minimum balance exception for an economic downturn stated in Council policy 3-2-5, allowing the fund to go as much as \$21,000,000 under the minimum balance during the remainder of 2009 and through calendar year 2010.

The motion carried.

2009-247 Authorization to Hold a Public Meeting for Proposed Service Availability (SAC) Rate Design Change for Outdoor Seating

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council authorizes staff to hold a public meeting to discuss a proposed change to the SAC rules for outdoor spaces and gather public input for Council consideration.

The motion carried.

Information

PFA Loan Status. Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, informed the committee if MCES receives funding under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the total savings to MCES (as opposed to Council bonding) is \$23.6 million.

Quarterly Compliance Report. Postponed due to time constraints.

General Manager's Report

William Moore informed the committee that the July 28 Environment Committee meeting has been canceled.

At the next committee meeting, the agenda will include proposed changes to the Service Availability Charge (SAC) formula and continuation of the Inflow/Infiltration grant program.

The wastewater treatment plants have successfully met all permit and monitoring requirements.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan M. Harder
 Recording Secretary