

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:34 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the August 25 agenda and the minutes of the August 11, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried .**

BUSINESS

2009-298 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency to Repair Water Leak at Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for repair of water leak at Hastings Wastewater treatment Plant.

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-299 City of Eden Prairie 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20401-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Eden Prairie's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-300 City of Medina 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20432-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-301 City of Spring Park 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20618-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-302 City of Hampton 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20596-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Hampton's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-303 City of Columbia Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20605-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Columbia Heights' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

2009-304 Approve Service Availability Charge (SAC) Criteria for Outdoor Spaces

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council approves a 75% discount for the Service Availability Charge (SAC) for any outdoor spaces that will be exposed to wet weather conditions, with an implementation date of October 1, 2009.

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Peterson to amend the motion to read that the Metropolitan Council approves a 75% discount for the Service Availability Charge (SAC) for eating establishments' outdoor spaces exposed to wet weather conditions and a 50% discount for all other outdoor spaces exposed to wet weather conditions, with an implementation date of October 1, 2009. **Amended motion defeated.**

The motion made by Council Member Wulff carried.

2009-305 Adoption of 2010 Municipal Wastewater Rates and Charges

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

- Municipal Wastewater Charge (annual) total of \$167,410,000;
- 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: \$48.05 per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: \$3.01 per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: \$61.18, per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: \$58.05 per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.3150 per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.1575 per excess pound of COD;
- Inflow & Infiltration (I/I) Surcharge Exceedance Rate: \$379,000 per mgd, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A (these increase 6.1% on average).

Further, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the SAC reserve fund minimum exception for an economic downturn as stated in Council policy 3-2-5 allowing the balance to go as much as \$9 million below the minimum balance during 2009 and through calendar year 2010.

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It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to amend the motion to reflect the proposed action as stated in the business item. **Amended motion was defeated.**
The motion made by Council Member Wulff carried.

2009-306 Authorization to Award Contract for Construction of Lift Station Improvements (L-3, L-6, L-10, L-56), Project 805510, Contract 09P053

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Lift Station Improvements Project (L-3, L-6, L-10, L-56), MCES Project 805510, Contract 09P053, with Gridor Construction for their low bid of \$1,669,349.

Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION

Capital Finance Plan – postponed

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:47a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary