

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

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

Committee Members Absent: Craig Peterson

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff to approve the November 10 agenda and the minutes of the October 13, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. The motion carried.

BUSINESS

2009-403 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for Golden Valley-St. Louis Park Relief Interceptor, MCES Project No. 805700

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council authorize its General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing for the draft Facility Plan for the Golden Valley-St. Louis Park (1-GV-461) Relief Interceptor, MCES Project No. 805700. **Motion carried.**

2009-404 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for Hopkins System Improvements, MCES Project No. 804100

It was moved by Bowles, seconded Wulff by that the Metropolitan Council authorize the General Manager of MCES to hold a public hearing for the Hopkins System Improvements Draft Facility Plan, MCES Project No. 804100. **Motion carried.**

2009-405 Authorization to Hold Public Hearings on Draft Facility Plan for Lift Station Improvements L7, L13, L30, L35 & L66, MCES Project No. 805500

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council authorize the General Manager, MCES to hold a public hearing for the Lift Station Improvements: L-7, L-13, L-30, L-35, and L-66 Draft Facility Plan, MCES Project No. 805500. **Motion carried.**

2009-406 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for Architectural / Engineering Services for the East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant Design and Construction Phase Services, Contract Number 09P160, MCES Project Number 801620

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an architectural/engineering services agreement with TKDA in the amount not to exceed \$1,613,777 for East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant Design and Construction Phase Services, Contract No. 09P160 MCES Project No. 801620. **Motion carried.**

2009-407 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Cooperation Agreement with the City of Wayzata to Improve the 7018-2 Interceptor System

It was moved by Bowles, seconded Wulff by that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Wayzata for the design and construction of portions of the 7018-2 Interceptor System (Wayzata Force Main). **Motion carried.**

2009-408 Authorization to Extend the Lease for Metro 94 Facilities

It was moved by Beach, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an extension of the lease for use of Metro 94 facilities for MCES business use. **Motion carried.**

2009-409 Authorization for Additional Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Grant Program Funding and Program Modification

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorizes additional Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) grant funding for municipalities from the remaining funds in the ES grant funds, and modification of program. **Motion carried.**

2009-410 City of Birchwood Village 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20382-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Birchwood Village's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer plan. **Motion carried.**

2009-411 City of Hugo 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20543-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Hugo's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

2009-412 City of Lino Lakes 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20653-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Lino Lake's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

2009-413 City of Maplewood 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20449-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Maplewood's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

2009-414 City of Mounds View 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20553-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Mounds View's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

2009-415 City of Saint Paul 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20535-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Beach, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Saint Paul's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

Committee members requested that the format of tables and graphs in future comprehensive plan business items be consistent, and that the existing and future land use maps are not printed front to back.

INFORMATION

Ostara Process

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, informed the committee that the MCES phosphorus strategy is to optimize performance of existing facilities, treat phosphorus-rich solids processing recycle streams, and defer costly treatment process additions as long as possible. Staff is evaluating new technology because more stringent regulations will be in effect for phosphorus and nitrogen.

The Ostara process is a proprietary chemical treatment process that removes phosphorus from solids processing recycle streams and produces phosphorus fertilizer pellets. An additional benefit for plants with anaerobic sludge digesters is removal of ammonium magnesium phosphate.

Pilot tests currently underway at Empire Plant. Report of results could be received in January 2010. Independent engineering study will be completed by March 2010. If process looks competitive, then implementation issues will be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Wittsack and seconded by Beach to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. **Motion carried.**

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary