

## **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

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 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack, to approve the June 8, 2010 agenda, and to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **2010-215 City of Hastings 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File No. 20609-1**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Hastings' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, and advise the City that the approved Tier II Plan covers areas only within the 2010 municipal boundaries. The City will need to amend its Comprehensive Plan and Tier II Sewer Plan to include the status change of the affected area(s) of the Township(s), prior to the construction of any sewer extensions or extension of Regional Wastewater Service to those Townships. In addition, it is recommended that the Community Development Committee address forecast revisions at its next meeting.

##### **2010-216 City of Little Canada 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20562-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan**

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

**Motion carried.**

##### **2010-217 City of Robbinsdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20613-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan**

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

**Motion carried**

##### **2010-218 City of Woodbury 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20607-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan**

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

**Motion carried.**

**2010-219 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract for Metro Plant Aeration Tank Nos. 9-12 Air Diffuser Equipment, MCES Project No. 805941, Contract No. 09P173A**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Scherer, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Metro Plant Aeration Tank Nos. 9-12 Air Diffuser Equipment, MCES Project No. 805941, Contract No. 09P173A, to Magney Construction in the amount of \$1,001,635.

**Motion carried.**

**2010-220 Approval of Municipal Publicly-Owned Infrastructure Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Grant Program and Program Guidelines**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approves the municipal publicly-owned infrastructure infiltration/inflow (I/I) grant program and program guidelines.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

**Discussion of MCES Preliminary 2011 Budget and Rates**

Jason Willett, Environmental Services Finance Director, reviewed the proposed 2011 budget and rates. Following discussion, the committee directed staff to make these adjustments: increase holding tank load charge rates 50%, and industrial discharge permit fees 8.1%. Staff will make these adjustments prior to the public meetings to be held in June.

**State of the Water Quality within the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area**

Judy Sventek, Water Resources Assessment Manager, explained that water quality is affected by point and nonpoint sources, weather, and population growth. MCES monitors the quality of water leaving its seven treatment plants, at 22 locations on metro rivers, 22 locations on streams, and about 200 lakes a year in the metro area. Water quality varies depending on location, weather conditions, and other factors. The quality of water discharged from treatment plants has improved. Nonpoint sources of pollution discharging to rivers and streams are difficult to identify and are largely unregulated. Urbanization affects the water quality of metropolitan area lakes; the Council is partnering with others to monitor and identify problems and effectiveness of solutions.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary