

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

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

Committee Members Absent: Roger Scherer, 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, November 9, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Beach, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2010-385 Authorization to Award a Construction Contract for South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802712, Contract No. 07P058B

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Wolter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project Number 802712, Contract No. 07P058B, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low bid of \$10,537,170.

2010-386 Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802710, Contract No. 07P058A

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority for the South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802710, Contract No. 07P058A, from \$691,137 to \$1,236,137.

Motion carried.

2010-387 Authorization to Reject All Bids for construction of Primary Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, Biofilter Access Addition & Liquid Waste Receiving Tunnel Access; MCES Project Nos. 805910, 805942 & 805951; Contract No. 10P052-A

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the rejection of all bids for construction of Primary Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, Biofilter Access Addition & Liquid Waste Receiving Tunnel Access; MCES Projects No. 805910, 805942 & 805951; Contract No. 10P052-A.

Motion carried

2010-388 Authorization to Reject All Bids for Construction of East Final Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, MCES Project No. 805920, Contract No. 09P207A

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for construction of the East Final Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, MCES Project No. 805920, Contract No. 09P207A.

Motion carried.

2010-389 Adoption of Recommendations of the Reserve Capacity/Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the recommendations made by the Reserve Capacity/SAC Task Force, specifically to:

- 1) Direct staff to pursue legislation to annually determine the SAC requirement toward wastewater expenses based on the costs and debt service of providing additional capacity incurred in MCES capital projects (the "Growth Cost" methodology),
- 2) Until the statutory authorization changes, to develop future SAC and Municipal Wastewater Charges based on the "Combination Method" for reserve capacity determination, and
- 3) Revise the SAC Procedure Manual to change criteria for a) restaurants and b) day care facilities, and c) to allow a substitute fee (in lieu of SAC) for the temporary use of wastewater capacity, all with an effective date of January 1, 2011.

Motion carried.

2010-390 Authorization to Purchase Polymer for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order to Polydyne, Inc. to provide Clarifloc CE-817 & CE-819 Polymers to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant at the unit price of \$0.15 & \$1.25 per pound respectively.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Update on Implementation of Water Supply Plan

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, and Lanya Ross, Senior Environmental Scientist, provided a progress report on the implementation of the plan that was approved by the Council in March. Staff reported that the 2010 legislative session resulted in an additional \$400,000 funding, expansion of the advisory committee to include Wright, Sherburne, Isanti and Chisago Counties, and requiring a report to the legislature on outcomes due January 15, 2011. During the 2011 legislative session, staff will seek \$1,000,000 funding from the Clean Water Fund. Current and future projects were reviewed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

William G. Moore informed the committee that NPDES permit limits have been successfully met for 45 months.

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He also informed the committee that a contractor performing a soil boring test in Excelsior accidentally drilled into an MCES interceptor, and approximately 150,000 of wastewater entered Lake Minnetonka through the storm sewer system. The pipe has been repaired.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary