

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

Committee Members Absent: John Đoàn

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### 2011-193 Adoption of MCES 2012 Wastewater Rates and Charges

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2012:

- Municipal Wastewater Charge (annual) total of **\$173,649,000**,
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,365** per Residence or Residential Equivalent Capacity,
- Temporary Capacity Charge : **\$1.18** per thousand gallons,
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.160** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids),
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.080** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand),
- Standard Load Charge: **\$49.97** per thousand gallons,
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$6.78** per thousand gallons,
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$63.73**, per thousand gallons,
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$64.97** per thousand gallons,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.330** per excess pound of TSS,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.165** per excess pound of COD,
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A.

Further, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the SAC reserve fund exception for an economic downturn as stated in Council policy 3-2-5 [*Use of the minimum reserve shall be allowed only in an economic downturn or natural disaster and as approved by the Council*].

##### 2011-194 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 10P333 for Carver Interceptor, Segment B Project Number 803820

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Carver Interceptor, Segment B, Project Number 803820, Contract 10P333, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for its low bid of \$3,585,300.50.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **Industrial Waste Management Program and Summary of Industrial Customer Forum**

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, informed the committee that today's presentation will include information about the industrial waste and pollution prevention program, which promotes efficient and cost-effective operation of our treatment processes and provides a valuable service to the metro area. The main purpose of the program is to administer the national pretreatment program to control the discharges from MCES' industrial customers in order to prevent the pass through of pollutants to the treatment plants. Buttleman introduced Leo Hermes, Manager of Industrial Waste/Pollution Prevention. Hermes explained the pretreatment program functions and standards and the MCES waste discharge rules. Hermes also reported that the Industrial Customer Forum that was held on June 21 was attended by 43 industrial customers, and the information provided was generally well received by attendees.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

William G. Moore informed the committee that the state shut down has impacted two MCES construction projects – a tunnel job in Victoria, and a relining project in Shakopee. Both projects are in MnDOT right-of-way and, because of the shut down, MnDOT permits have been rescinded, resulting in suspension of work until the state shut down ends. In addition, there are a couple of more projects could be impacted by the loss of DNR permits.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary