

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

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

Committee Members Excused: Lona Schreiber

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-225 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 809040

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing for the Draft Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation Project, MCES Project No. 809040.

Motion carried

INFORMATION

Discussion of CIP & Capital Program, Capital Budget, and Capital Finance Plan, Part 2

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, reviewed the proposed capital finance plan, capital funding sources, and debt service. He stated that staff believes the financing load is reasonable. Bill Moeller, Assistant General Manager of Interceptor Services, explained the purpose and methods of the inspection program, the components of the interceptor system, and identified proposed rehabilitation projects.

Mid-Year Performance Report

William G. Moore, General Manager, Environmental Services, reported that ES is meeting or exceeding goals that it set for 2011. Highlights include: Plant performance is at 100% compliance; there have been zero odor complaints for the metro plant and only four odor complaints system-wide; key capital improvement projects have been implemented; an effective training program is in place for operator trainees; energy reduction goals have been met, and a new goal of 50% reduction by 2020 has been instituted. In response to a question from Council Member Đoàn, Moore indicated that the biggest foreseeable challenges are new regulations and the aging/changing workforce.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary