

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Absent: Julius C. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Leppik informed the committee that Items 2007-72 and 2007-91 were removed from consideration. It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag to approve the amended agenda and the minutes of the February 13, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-92 2006 Unified Capital Program Amendment

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council amend the MCES 2006 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it from \$113,000,000 to \$116,000,000. **Motion carried.**

2007-93 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize staff to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for necessary interceptor rehabilitation of 1-MN-320 in the vicinity of the proposed Twins Stadium and Northstar Commuter Rail Station. **Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.**

INFORMATION

Preliminary 2006 Operating Results

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, reviewed options for using the 2006 surplus. Committee members agreed with the options of applying part of the surpluses to the retiree health insurance reserve and toward Pay-as-you-go for Capital Projects. Committee members also suggested delaying rate increases and managing debt service. Staff will present a business item to the committee following the final audit of the 2006 results.

Water Conservation

Sara Bertelsen, MCES water supply planner, explained some of the conservation efforts undertaken or proposed throughout the United States. Minnesota statutes require communities with public water supply systems to prepare a conservation plan. Community conservation efforts were reviewed, as well as regional conservation opportunities.

House Local Government and Metro Affairs Committee

Moore informed the committee that the Infiltration/Inflow discussion with the House Local Government and Metro Affairs Committee went well.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary