

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack,

Committee Members Absent: Roger Scherer, Julius C. Smith, Daniel Wolter

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack to approve the agenda and the minutes of the February 27, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-114 Certification that Lift Station L-58 is in Good Operating Condition

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council certifies that Lift Station L-58 is in Good Operating condition.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-115 Authorization to Award Construction Contract for Shakopee Interceptor Rehabilitation

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Shakopee Interceptor 70-23 / 69-04 Rehabilitation Project, MCES Project Number 806600 with Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. for their low bid of \$1,149,667.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-116 Authorization to Reject All Proposals for Design-Build of Wastewater Facilities Security Improvements

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all proposals for a design/build contract for Wastewater Facilities Security Improvements – Monitoring and Access Control portion, MCES Project Number 801700.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-117 Authorization to Award Contract for Strategic Workforce Analysis

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a contract with EMA, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive workforce analysis of the operations staff located at the eight wastewater treatment facilities and the operations and maintenance staff for interceptor services. Additionally, EMA will conduct analysis and provide recommendations for the design and implementation of an electronic performance management system that supports the recommended staffing levels.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

Summary of Office of Legislative Auditor's Report - Watershed Management in Minnesota

Judy Sventek, Planning Analyst, reported on the focus and the results of the audit of watershed management in Minnesota. The main conclusions of the report were that the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) should provide more oversight to the watersheds; one way to do that would be through performance standards. Additionally, the report recommended that BWSR be restructured, with the Executive Director appointed by the Governor, and the board acting more like a commission.

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William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, provided the following updates.

Columbia Heights. Relative to the 11-25-06 sewer back-ups, 14 of the 15 structural claims have been resolved. Personal property settlements are being made. One homeowner has made a personal property claim of approximately \$57,000, which is more than twice the amount made by any other homeowner. Risk is working with our insurance carrier to resolve the issue.

Groundwater Contamination. Chemicals formerly manufactured by 3M have been found in the groundwater in Washington and Dakota counties. PCA has advised us they want to monitor the influent at the Metro Plant and Eagles Point Plant to test for the chemicals. The MAWSAC meeting, representative from MDH gave presentation saying there are eight additional sites in the metropolitan area that may also be similarly contaminated. MDA is attempting to determine the appropriate standards, but there is not a lot of data to work with.

1-MN-320 Inspection. Recent inspection of the interceptor revealed areas of concern. Because of the upcoming stadium construction work, interceptor repairs will need to be done sooner and in one phase rather than two. The construction schedule and the approach will be revised, resulting in increased costs.

Award. The Metro Solids Management Building received the MNGREAT (Minnesota Government Reaching Environmental Achievements Together) Award.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary