

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack
Committee Members Absent: Russ Susag, 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 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to approve the agenda

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-175 Approval of City of Dayton Comprehensive (Tier II) Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approves the Comprehensive (Tier II) Sewer Plan for the City of Dayton.

Motion carried.

2007-176 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for the Construction of the Dayton-Champlin Extension – Part B, CAB Interceptor System, MCES Project No. 801015

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with LaTour Construction Inc. for construction of the Dayton-Champlin Extension – Part B, CAB Interceptor System in the amount of \$1,583,148.50.

Motion carried.

2007-177 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Cost Sharing and Construction Cooperation Agreement with Cities of Farmington and Lakeville, MCES Project No. 800717

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a cost sharing and construction cooperation agreement for the Flagstaff Avenue Interceptor, MCES Project No. 800717, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Motion carried.

2007-178 Authorization to Purchase Programmable Controllers for Blue Lake and Seneca Improvements; MCES Projects 801800 and 801900

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a Purchase Order to Border States Electric Inc., for Programmable Logic Controller hardware and software for the improvements projects at Blue Lake and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants, MCES Project Nos. 801800 and 801900, for their low bid of \$938,191.64.

Motion carried.

2007-179 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement for MCES Security Improvements, Project No. 801700, Contract No. 03P100

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services agreement with CH2MHill for

the MCES Security Improvements, MCES Project No. 801700, Contract No. 03P100, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Northern Area Septage Disposal Facility

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager-Environmental Quality Assurance, informed the Committee that Star Environment (developer of a private septage and hauled waste disposal facility in Fridley) has gone out of business and will not open the proposed facility. Star Environment is attempting to find a buyer. MCES had planned to close its hauled waste disposal facilities in the north metro area when the private facility opened to serve that market. The MCES sites will close in 2009 in any case in order to eliminate corrosion and blockage problems caused by septage dumping in past years. MCES is looking at issues associated with possible acquisition of the site to ensure adequate service to the north metro which is projected to add growth on septic systems.

Flow/Billing Dispute Between Little Canada and Vadnais Heights

Kyle Colvin, Assistant Manager-Engineering Services, told the Committee that Little Canada filed suit against Vadnais Heights regarding sewer fees. The two cities had an agreement that wastewater service for a portion of Vadnais Heights would be provided through Little Canada. Vadnais Heights collected the money over 34 years but never paid Little Canada. Little Canada is trying to recover the money owed them. MCES is not involved in the lawsuit.

2008 Preliminary Budget and Budget Meetings

Staff presented information on the preliminary MCES 2008 budget and charges, including the Municipal Wastewater Charges, Sewer Availability Charges, and the industry-specific charges. A complete budget and rate proposal will be presented to the Committee on May 22nd.

Empire Spill

William Moore, General Manager informed the Committee that on Sunday, May 6th there was a power outage at the Empire Plant. Combined with a construction-related problem on the new emergency generator it resulted in a spill of almost 400,000 gallons

The meeting adjourned at 5:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Schultz
Recording Secretary