

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack, 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, May 22, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-195 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing for the proposed amendment to the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan to be held on July 31, 2007.

Motion carried.

2007-203 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Amendment to Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Woodbury

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Council's inter-governmental agreement with the City of Woodbury.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Preliminary 2008 Budget and Rates

Jason Willett, Director of Finance presented information on the 2008 budget and rates that will be shared at the customer/stakeholder meetings and industrial forum in June 2007. Willett will come back to the Committee with a summary of the customer meetings.

Progress Report on Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) Wastewater Re-use Study

Deborah Manning, ES Principal Engineer, and Patty Craddock of Craddock Consulting Engineers presented the Recycling Treated Wastewater for Industrial Water use in Minnesota project and key findings. Due to the growing interest in Minnesota for recycling wastewater, LCMR provided a grant to study the issue. Four major areas of the grant were: compare industry demand with treated wastewater supply; compare industry water quality needs with treated wastewater quality; estimate treatment and conveyance costs; and identify implementation issues. Approval of the report will be brought before the Committee at the June 26 meeting.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee
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Update on Annandale/Maple Lake Supreme Court Decision

William Moore, General Manager, informed the Committee that the Supreme Court reversed the Minnesota Court of Appeals which concluded earlier that: 1. the phosphorus discharge from the proposed treatment facility would violate water quality standards; and 2. the MPCA violated federal law/regulations when it issued a permit for the proposed facility. The Supreme Court deferred to the MPCA's interpretation of the relevant regulations. The Council filed an amicus brief on the policy issues favoring the MPCA's permit issuance decision.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Schultz
Recording Secretary