

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 26, 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, June 26, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the June 26th agenda and the minutes of the May 22, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-169 City of East Bethel 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No.19744-2

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried

2007-206 Amendment to 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2007 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) and the 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program by adding \$4,000,000 and \$1,600,000, respectively, in authority for the Interceptor Rehabilitation Program, Project No. 8090, and the MWWTP Solids – Odor Control, Centrifuge, and Sludge Storage, Project No. 8061. The Metropolitan Council amends the MCES 2007 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it from \$126,700,000 to \$131,600,000.

Motion carried.

2007-229 Adoption of 2008 Rates and Charges

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2008:

- 2008 Municipal Wastewater Charges of **\$153,840,000**,
- Service Availability Charge (SAC) of **\$1,825** per household or Residential Equivalent Unit,
- Add-on Service Charge of **\$0.91** per thousand gallons,
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.148** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids)
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.074** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand)
- Standard (septage) Load Charge: **\$37.61** per thousand gallons,
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$1.93** per thousand gallons,
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$49.91**, per thousand gallons,
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$47.61** per thousand gallons,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.295** per excess pound of TSS,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.1475** per excess pound of COD, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A.

Motion carried.

2007-230 Authorization to Award a Construction Contract for the Lake Elmo East Sanitary Sewer Connection Project, MCES Project Number 806300

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Park Construction Company for the construction of the Lake Elmo East Sanitary Sewer Connection Project in the amount of \$3,315,443.

Motion carried.

2007-231 Approval of Report to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources Titled: *Recycling Treated Municipal Wastewater for Industrial Water Use*

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the report to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) Titled: *Recycling Treated Municipal Wastewater for Industrial Water Use*, MCES Project 070186.

Motion carried.

2007-232 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Engineering Services Agreement for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement with CNA for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Direct Connection Application Fee

Dan Schueller, Environmental Services (ES) financial analyst, explained that the direct connection application fee will apply when a request is made to connect directly to an MCES interceptor, and will cover the administrative costs of ES staff. In the event an application is not approved, 50% of the fee is refunded. Staff proposes conducting a public meeting to provide information and gather public input on the proposed fee. The Committee agreed. If adopted, the fee will be effective for all direct connections on and after January 1, 2008.

Liability Insurance

Philip Walljasper, Director of Risk Management and Claims, informed the committee that there have been few claims made against the Council. However, there have been two claims of significance in the last six months that have adversely impacted the Council's renewal premium. Mr. Walljasper informed the Committee that an item will be brought to the Management Committee requesting that the Council authorize self-insuring liability insurance for Environmental Services (ES) up to \$1,000,000 annually. There are sufficient funds available in the ES operating contingency to fund the self-insurance reserve..

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary

2008 Industrial Discharge Permit Fees

Quarterly Reporters (SIU>50 MGY)	\$4,875
Quarterly Reporters (SIU<50 MGY)	\$4,050
Semi-annual Reporters (SIU>10 MGY)	\$3,225
Semi-annual Reporters (SIU 5-10 MGY)	\$2,400
Semi-annual Reporters (SIU 2-5 MGY)	\$1,625
Semi-annual Reporters (SIU <2 MGY)	\$825
Semi-annual Reporters (Non-SIU)	\$825
Annual Reporters (Non-SIU > 1 MGY)	\$825
Annual Reporters (Non-SIU < 1 MGY)	\$525
Liquid Waste Hauler (> 1 MGY)	\$825
Liquid Waste Hauler (< 1 MGY)	\$525
Special Discharge Permit (quarterly reporter)	\$825
Special Discharge Permit (contingency)	\$525

SIU = Significant Industrial User - a federal designation.