

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, 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 4:03 on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Leppik changed the agenda, moving Item 2007-287 from the Consent List to the Non-Consent List. It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag to approve today's agenda and the minutes of the August 14, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-287 Direct Connection Application Fee

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council approve a new fee (the Direct Connection Application Fee) and approve a rate of \$900 per connection for this fee, effective January 1, 2008. Staff is authorized to develop implementation details and to update the amount each year to be consistent with the costs incurred.

Motion carried.

2007-254 2007 Capital Program and Budget Amendment

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2007 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding \$4,000,000 in authority for the Edina-Richfield Area Improvements, Project No. 8054.

Motion carried.

2007-288 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the MN Department of Transportation for Relocation of Existing Interceptor 1-RF-491 and Construction of a New Interceptor Parallel to 1-RF-491, Project No. 805400

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) to include construction of a relocated portion of existing 1-RF-491 and a segment of a new interceptor parallel to the existing 1-RF-491 at the intersection of 76th Street and I35W.

Motion carried.

2007-289 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for the Construction of the Dayton-Champlin Interceptor Lift Station L-76, MCES Project No. 801020

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for construction of the Dayton-Champlin Interceptor Lift Station L-76 in the amount of \$1,819,700.00.

Motion carried.

2007-290 Authorization to Acquire Fee Title, Permanent and Temporary Easements and to File Condemnation Petitions for the Lake Minnetonka Area Project, MCES Project 802800, Resolution No. 2007-27

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2007-27 which authorizes acquisition of fee title property, permanent and temporary easements necessary to implement the system improvements identified in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency approved Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project Facility Plan, MCES Project 802800, and which authorizes the Council's legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels which staff cannot acquire by negotiation.

Motion carried.

2007-291 Authorization to Modify Award of Contract for Strategic Workforce Analysis

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer that the Environment Committee rescind its action on the contract award for strategic workforce analysis.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Environmental Services Mid-Year Report

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services (ES) Division, reported that ES is generally meeting or exceeding goals that it set for 2007. Highlights include: plant performance is at 99.9% compliance; the Metro and Seneca plants have complied with air emission permits; key capital improvements have been implemented; development of a regional master water supply plan is on track.

2008-2017 Capital Improvement Program, 2008 Authorized Capital Program, 2008 Capital Budget

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager-Technical Services, stated that the capital investment drivers are growth, rehabilitation, and quality. Mr. Pickart reviewed the process for identifying capital project needs. The capital program strategy includes meeting the Council's commitments, taking advantage of opportunities, and prioritizing projects and project components based on risk of delay. The status of various projects was reviewed. The proposed authorized capital program in 2008 is \$1,042,500; the proposed 2008 capital budget is \$188 million. The Capital Finance Plan will be presented to the Environment Committee on September 11, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary