

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack

Committee Members Excused: 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, October 23, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motions carried.**

BUSINESS

2007-356 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Repair of Water Line Break at Metro WWTP

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for repair of water line break at Metro WWTP.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda

2007-357 Resolution of Support for Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District in Seeking Legislative Designation as a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization, Resolution No. 2007- 33

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached resolution supporting the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District in seeking legislative designation as a metropolitan watershed management organization.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-358 Authorization to Acquire Easements and to File Condemnation Petition – Lift station Improvements Project – MCES Project 805500, Resolution No. 2007-34

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council pass the attached Resolution 2007-34 authorizing the Council to acquire by negotiation and, if necessary, to file a petition for condemnation of the property interests necessary for the Lift Station Improvements Project– MCES Project 805500.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-359 Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Mahtomedi for the Lift Station L-7 Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 805500

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a construction cooperation agreement with the City of Mahtomedi for construction of Lift Station L-7 Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 805500.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-360 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for the L-32/L-34 Lift Station Improvements, MCES Project No. 803410/900189, Contract No. 05P148

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the L-32/L-34 Lift Station

Improvements, MCES Project Number 803410/900189 with Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. for their low bid of \$1,524,100.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-361 Authorization to Execute a Contract with Hennepin County for Fiscal Agency Services related to the Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF)

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute the attached contract with Hennepin County for fiscal agency services related to the Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF).

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-362 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Blue Lake WWTP Site Preparation, MCES Project No. 801825

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Veit Companies, Inc. for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$2,784,895 for the Blue Lake WWTP Site Preparation project, MCES Project No. 801825.

Motion carried.

2007-363 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for the Construction of the Riverview Siphon Improvements, MCES Project No. 802500

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Lametti and Sons, Inc. for construction of the Riverview Siphon Improvements, Project No. 802500, in the amount of \$5,493,700.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Surcharge Update

Kyle Colvin, Assistant Manager of Engineering Planning, explained that all surcharge communities (46) have responded to the Council's I/I surcharge. Staff is reviewing work plans submitted by the communities and determining expense eligibility. The Committee reviewed some expense eligibility issues and staff determinations on partial eligibility for claimed work credits. Staff will provide formal replies to I/I communities by November 15th. A mailing has been sent to communities informing them of the foundation drain disconnect grant program.

Combined Sewer Overflow Joint Permit

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, informed the Committee that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has been informed that the Environmental Protection Agency will not reissue the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) joint permit with Minneapolis. CSO's will be considered Sanitary Sewer Overflows, which makes them subject to enforcement action.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary