

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer,  
Lynette Wittsack,

Committee Members Excused: Vice-Chair 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 13, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to approve the May 13, 2008 agenda, and the minutes of the April 22, 2008 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS**

**2008-137 Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order for the Procurement of Cables for the MWWTP Medium Voltage Cable Replacement, MCES Project 806400, Contract 08P024**

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order for procurement of medium voltage cable for the Metropolitan WWTP Electrical Cable Replacement, MCES Project Number 806400, Contract 08P024, to the lowest responsive bidder, Total Construction & Equipment, for its bid of \$629,937.

**Motion carried.**

**2008-138 Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for Smithtown Road Interceptor, MCES Project No. 802811, Contract No. 07P090**

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$259,695 to \$959,695 for Smithtown Road Interceptor, MCES Project No. 802811, Contract No. 07P090.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

**Budget and Rate Concepts and Issues**

Jason Willett, MCES Finance Director, presented information on the preliminary 2009 budget and rates, including the Municipal Wastewater Charges, Service Availability Charges (SAC), and industry-specific charges. Willett reviewed the effect of the housing decline on SAC and discussed possible options to maintain the required minimum SAC reserve fund balance. Staff will return to the next Committee meeting with scenarios of different SAC rates. The Committee considered options for using the Operating / Contingency Reserves, and indicated their preference to use the reserves for post-employment contribution, pay-as-you-go for capital projects, FEMA dike inspection / certification. The Committee will make a final determination on the use of the reserves at a future Committee meeting.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary