

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer,
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 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Beach, seconded by Wittsack to approve the July 22, 2008 agenda and the minutes of the June 24, 2008 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2008-190 Authorization to Acquire Property and to File Condemnation Petition for the Construction of the Point Douglas Lift Station L-12 Improvements, MCES Project No. 802200, Resolution No. 2008-15

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council pass the attached Resolution 2007-15 authorizing the Council to acquire by negotiation and, if necessary, to file a petition for condemnation of the property interests necessary for the Point Douglas Lift Station L-12 Improvements – MCES Project 802200.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2008-191 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the City of Princeton to Trade Phosphorus Credits

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Princeton to trade phosphorus credits.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2008-192 Adopt 2009 Municipal Wastewater Charges and Rates

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Peterson that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2009:

- Municipal Wastewater Charge (annual) total of **\$161,322,000**,
- Service Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,000** per household or Residential Equivalent Connection,
- Add-on Service Charge: **\$1.00** per thousand gallons,
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.152** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids),
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.076** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand),
- Standard (septage) Load Charge: **\$42.71** per thousand gallons,
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$2.41** per thousand gallons,
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$55.68**, per thousand gallons,
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$52.71** per thousand gallons,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.3110** per excess pound of TSS,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.1555** per excess pound of COD,
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A,
- Inflow & Infiltration Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$365,000** per mgd,
- Encroachment Application Fee (per easement impacted): **\$500**, and
- Direct Connection Application Fee: **\$900**.

Motion carried.

2008-193 Transfer of Excess Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (ES) Operating Reserves

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approve a transfer of \$0.5 million from the Reserve/Contingency Fund to the Liability Self-Insurance Fund.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2008-194 Approval of Changes to Service Availability Charge (SAC) Rules to Allow SAC Credit Transfers in Certain Economic Development Circumstances

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach that the Metropolitan Council approves authorizing staff to change the Service Availability Charge (SAC) rules, in substantially the form of the attached draft rules, to allow SAC credit transfers in certain economic development circumstances.

Motion carried.

2008-195 Amendment to the 2008 Annual Budget

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve increased 2008 expenses of \$500,000 for an "Algae to Biofuel" research program in collaboration with the University of Minnesota.

Motion carried. Council Member Wolter abstained.

2008-196 Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Mitigation Grant Offer

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize changes to the existing Foundation Drain Grant program, substantially in the form of the attached Offer, to broaden the grants to include service line work and extend the duration of the I/I mitigation grant program to 2011.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

Quarterly Environmental Compliance Report

Rebecca Flood, Environmental Compliance Manager, reported that the wastewater treatment plants have met all limits and monitoring frequencies, and are in compliance with all regulatory requirements. She added that June 2008 marks 17 months of continuous compliance with discharge limitations of ES facilities.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary