

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Polly Bowles, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Absent: Kirstin Beach, Craig Peterson

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, September 23, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the agenda, and it was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motions carried.**

BUSINESS

2008-206 City of Chanhassen 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20265-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Chanhassen's 2030 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried. Placed on Council consent agenda.

2008-260 Approval of Tier II Prior Lake Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council approves the Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan for the City of Prior Lake.

Motion carried. Placed on Council consent agenda.

2008-261 Approval of a Policy to Allow Deferral of Service Availability Charges (SAC)

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approves changes to the Service Availability Charge (SAC) policy, attached as exhibit A.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Endocrine Compounds and Pharmaceuticals

Paige Novak, University of Minnesota, explained that endocrine disruptors, estrogenic compounds, and other pharmaceuticals have been observed in streams and wastewater treatment plant discharges throughout the world. She explained the methods used to analyze samples and summarized results of the analyses. Some compounds are removed effectively through the treatment process; removal of other compounds varies. The group is in the process of studying septic discharges and industrial wastewaters, and proposes investigating how to stop the use of non-necessary endocrine disruptors.

General Manager's Report

1. Council and MN Pollution Control Agency (PCA) staff are scheduled to meet next week regarding potential reissuance of Combined Sewer Overflow permits.
2. The PCA's plan for reducing the amount of phosphorus in the Lake Pepin drainage basin will be presented out this week. Staff will share the information with the committee at its next meeting.
3. The Seneca Wastewater Plant had equipment problems on September 20th, which appears to have caused an exceedance of the dissolved oxygen standard.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder, Recording Secretary