

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Polly Bowles, Craig Peterson, Lynette Wittsack

Committee Members Excused:: Roger Scherer, 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 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Bowles to approve the January 27, 2009 agenda and the minutes of the January 13, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-1 City of North St. Paul Comprehensive Plan Update; Review File No. 20366-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of North Saint Paul's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried**

2009-43 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services for MCES Facilities

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Husker Outdoors, Inc. in the amount of \$264,720 to provide grounds maintenance services for MCES facilities for a period of three years. **Motion carried.**

2009-44 Authorization to Purchase Polymer for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order to Polydyne Incorporated, to provide Clarifloc CE-817 & CE-819 Polymers to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant at a unit price of \$0.145 & \$1.21 per pound respectively. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

2008 Environmental Services Division Performance Report

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, reviewed the division's performance during 2008. Treatment plant compliance was 99.8% or greater; Several major capital projects were completed; Effective customer services was provided; Annual and capital budgets were effectively managed; ES is well on its way to meeting its 2010 15% energy reduction goal; Relative to safety, ES saw an 88% reduction of lost time and restricted duty days in 2008. Challenges in 2009 include: Infiltration/Inflow; Energy Conservation; Service Availability Fund; Combined Sewer Overflow Permit; Lake Pepin Total Maximum Daily Load; Workforce; and Stimulus Projects.

Energy Program Update

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, reported on the status of energy initiatives: 1) Energy Conservation; 2) Renewable Energy; 3) Energy and Carbon Measurement; 4) Energy Finance; 5) Energy Collaborations. ES has completed 66% of its energy reduction goal of 15% by 2010. Additional possibilities of renewable energy are being investigated. Through its energy program, ES has conserved \$1.4 million/year.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder, Recording Secretary