

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Polly Bowles, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter, Wendy Wulff

Committee Members
Excused: Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-32 City of Andover 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20326-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Courtney Bednarz, City Planner of Andover, addressed the committee to discuss the long-term service area in the northeast part of the city, and stated that the city does not want to urbanize northeastern Andover. Committee members expressed concern that approving the Plan as submitted could affect extension of wastewater services in the future. Committee members requested input from legal counsel relative to the authority of the Council to require the city to modify its Update and identify the NE long-term service area, prior to the May 13, 2009 Council meeting.

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

Motion carried.

2009-74 City of Forest Lake Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20377-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Forest Lake's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Motion carried.

2009-88 City of Bloomington 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20427-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Bowles seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Bloomington's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan and advise the city to submit its updated sanitary sewer plan, when completed, to the Council as an amendment to the Tier II Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-92 City of Anoka 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File No. 20444-1

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Anoka's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-97 City of Falcon Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20398-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Beach, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Falcon Heights' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-98 City of Richfield 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20472-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2009-99 City of Centerville Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20397-1; Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2009-149 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for the Plymouth Forcemain Rehabilitation, MCES Project Number 804700, Contract No. 08P117

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Michels Corporation for the Plymouth Forcemain Rehabilitation in the amount of \$5,712,328.

Motion carried.

2009-150 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for a Vehicle Global Positioning System (GPS) for the MCES Fleet, Contract Number 07P124

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with Thomtech Design for a Fleet Vehicle Global Positioning Tracking and Diagnostic System for MCES in an amount not to exceed \$270,835 (\$267,035 plus \$3,800 contingency).

Motion carried.

2009-151 Authorization to Purchase Nitrate Salts and Odor Control Related Services for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a series of three purchase orders with Siemens, Inc. for a total "Not to Exceed" amount of \$2,460,000 to provide nitrate salts and odor control related services for a total contract period of three years.

Motion carried.

2009-154 Authorization to Purchase Process Chemicals for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

It was moved by Wolter seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue purchase orders to the following companies:

Hawkins Chemicals, Inc. for the procurement of Chlorine (1-Ton Cylinders), Sodium Hydroxide Solution (Caustic Soda), Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach > 1,000 gallons), Aluminum Sulfate (Alum – totes), and Ferric Chloride; DPC Industries for Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach < 1,000 gallons) and Liquid Sulfur Dioxide (1-Ton Cylinders); C&S Chemicals, Inc. for Aluminum Sulfate (Alum > 1,000 gallons); and PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc. for Sodium Bisulfite.

Motion carried.

2009-155 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Master Utility Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Interceptor Modifications Necessitated by the TH 610 Improvements Project, and Utilize Funding from the Elm Creek Interceptor Project 9004

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Utility Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for modification of the Elm Creek Interceptor (900410) facilities located in the vicinity of the proposed TH 610 Improvements Project – TH 169 to Fernbrook Drive and utilize funding from the Elm Creek Interceptor Project 9004.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Quarterly Environmental Compliance Report

Mary Gail Scott, Environmental Compliance Manager, reported that the wastewater treatment plants are in compliance with all regulatory requirements. March 2009 marks 26 months of continuous compliance with discharge limitations of MCES facilities. Mercury emissions at the Metro Plant continue to be very low.

Wastewater Demand Charge Task Force Update

Jason Willett, Environmental Services Finance Director, reviewed the schedule and process for development of a demand charge for communities that continue to contribute excessive infiltration / inflow to the metropolitan disposal system. The appointment criterion for Task Force members was discussed. A chair for the committee needs to be identified in the next two weeks, and Committee Chair Leppik told committee members to contact her if they are interested in chairing the Task Force.

General Manager's Report

William Moore informed the Committee that at the next meeting, staff will present information about the 2010 budget and rate issues.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary