

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Vice Chair Daniel Wolter, Kirstin Beach, Polly Bowles, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer Lynette Wittsack, Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the December 8 agenda and the minutes of the November 10, 2009 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. The motion carried.

BUSINESS

2009-437 City of Bethel 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20439-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2009-439 City of Brooklyn Center 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20616-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2009-440 City of Newport 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20595-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2009-441 City of Saint Louis Park 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20619-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Saint Louis Park's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-442 Apple Valley 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20591-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approves the City of Apple Valley's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-443 City of Wayzata 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20529-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council approves the City of Wayzata's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2009-454 Authorization to Execute Purchase Order Change with Polydyne for Polymer at Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order change to increase the amount of the polymer purchase order by \$200,000 to cover polymer purchases at the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant through September 2010.

Motion carried.

2009-455 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement with Dakota County for Inclusion of 3-LV-610 Interceptor Improvements in the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Improvements Project

It was moved by Bowles, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Dakota County for inclusion of 3-LV-610 interceptor improvements in the Cedar Avenue BRT Improvements Project.

Motion carried.

2009-456 City of Little Canada Reconveyance Determinations

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Peterson that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a reconveyance agreement with the City of Little Canada, and makes the following determinations pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 473.5111 related to reconveyance of the following facilities in the City of Little Canada:

LC-420 and portions of Interceptors LC-421 and VH-422 are no longer needed to implement the Council's Comprehensive Plan for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage in the metropolitan area. These facilities are of benefit for use by the City of Little Canada and are in good operating condition.

L-10 is no longer needed by the Metropolitan Council, but is of benefit to the City of Little Canada and will be replaced prior to transfer.

Motion carried.

2009-457 City of Vadnais Heights Reconveyance Determinations

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a reconveyance agreement with the City of Vadnais Heights, and makes the following determinations pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 473.5111 related to reconveyance of VH-423 in the City of Vadnais Heights:

Portions of Interceptor VH-423 are no longer needed to implement the Council's Comprehensive Plan for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage in the metropolitan area. This facility continues to be of benefit for use as a local facility for the City of Vadnais Heights, and is in good operating condition.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Rural Growth Center (RGC) Update

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, informed the committee that progress has been made to acquire the New Germany wastewater treatment plant, and two

interceptors related to RGCs (Carver and Elko New Market) are under construction. Staff will discuss service availability charges (SAC) relating to RGCs with the committee in 2010.

Pickart summarized the Council's RGC policies, provided a status report, discussed Water Resources Management Policy (WRMP) implementation issues (growth rate, planning area designation/reclassification), and reviewed the implementation schedule.

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, said staff is developing SAC rates for each community. Using the 2030 forecast affects SAC rate determinations. The Council's rates policy states that "SAC for a RGC where a WWTP is owned by the Council will be based on the reserve capacity of the plant and the Council's debt service specific to the center. SAC for a RGS where interceptor facilities are owned by the Council will be urban SAC charge plus a charge based on the reserve capacity of the specific interceptor(s) and the Council's debt service specific to the center. RGC communities will be charged with the same municipal wastewater charges and industrial fees as all communities served by MDS."

The implementation schedule is as follows:

New Germany. Set SAC rate in January 2010; complete plant acquisition in February; construct new plant in 2010-2011.

East Bethel. Permitting and design in 2010; construct facilities in 2011-2012.

Carver. Complete construction by mid-2011.

Elko New Market. Complete construction by mid-2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Business complete, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary