

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

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

Committee Members Absent: Polly Bowles

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wulff to approve the August 24, 2010 agenda, and the minutes of the July 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2010-260 2010 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes an amendment to the MCES budget and transfers, from the Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve of 1) \$5,000,000 for Retiree Health Care or Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Reserve to supplement the existing fund balance, and 2) \$512,442 for early payoff of Current Value Credit (CVC) debt.

Motion carried.

2010-280 City of Chaska 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20644-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2010-281 City of Orono 2008-2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20637-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

2010-282 Adoption of Amendment to Water Resources Management Policy Plan, Infiltration/Inflow Program

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached amendment to the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan, Infiltration/Inflow Program.

Motion carried.

2010-283 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Construction Cooperation and Cost Sharing Agreement with City of East Bethel

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a construction cooperation and cost sharing agreement with the City of East Bethel for construction of wastewater interceptor and treated water pipelines and for interceptor cost sharing by City of East Bethel.

Motion carried.

2010-284 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 10P096 for Construction of Chaska Interceptor Improvements – Phase 1 Interceptors 920601 & 920602, MCES Project Number 809044

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Chaska Interceptor Improvements – Phase 1 Interceptors 920601 & 920602, MCES Project Number 809044, Contract No. 10P096, with Lametti & Sons for their low bid of \$6,648,770.

Motion carried.

2010-285 Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order Change to Polydyne, Inc. to provide Polymer for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a purchase order change to Polydyne, Inc. to provide Clarifloc CE-1427 polymer to the Empire WWTP. The purchase order change extends the term of the PO for a one-year period. Total cost for the one-year extension is \$220,000.

Motion carried.

2010-307 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Amendment to Engineering Services Agreement for Point Douglas L-12 Lift Station Improvements, MCES project No. 802200, Contract No. 05P116

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services contract with LHB, Inc., Contract No. 05P116, MCES Project No. 802200, increasing the contract amount from \$275,570 to \$345,230.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Metro Permit Reissuance

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of EQA, informed the committee that there is a potentially serious situation developing in discussions with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) over the renewal of the metro plant permit. The issues are with the proposed limits on phosphorus and PFOS (per fluoro octane sulfonate). It is staff's position that it is premature to impose a limit at this time, and discussions are continuing with MPCA staff to craft a reasonable approach.

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Discussion of 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and 2011 Capital Program, Capital Budget, and Capital Finance Plan

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, reviewed the proposed CIP which will be incorporated into the unified CIP for the Council's approval. He explained that the focus will be on rehabilitation projects where delays would result in a high risk of failure, projects that take advantage of opportunities, and meet the Council's commitments. Growth projects will be deferred. Authorization will be requested for the design and construction phases for the Chaska-Shakopee Interceptor Rehabilitation Project. The proposed 2011 capital budget is \$142 million.

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, reviewed the proposed Capital Finance Plan which will be incorporated into the Council Unified Capital Budget for the Council's approval.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

William G. Moore reported that the system held up during the recent rains. There have been two minor Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) events this year, neither of which resulted in fines.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary