

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### **Amended Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

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

Committee Members Absent: Craig Peterson 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 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

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

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

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **2010-320 Acceptance of Demand Charge Task Force Report and Adoption of Ongoing Infiltration/Inflow Mitigation Program**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council hereby: (1) accepts the 2010 Demand Charge Task Force Report; and (2) authorizes its staff to develop and implement procedures for the on-going Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) reduction program, consistent with the salient features in Exhibit A.

##### **2010-321 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with New Germany for Future Acquisition of Wastewater Treatment Plant**

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of New Germany for future acquisition of its wastewater treatment plant.

**Motion carried.**

##### **2010-322 City of Mendota Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20720-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan**

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

**Motion carried**

##### **2010-323 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for Utility Relocation and Street Repair for the Hopkins Force Main Improvements**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation

Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for utility relocation and street repair for the Hopkins Force Main improvements.

**Motion carried.**

**2010-324 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Orono for Improvements to the Orono Interceptor 71-13**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Orono for improvements to the Orono Interceptor 71-13.

**Motion carried.**

**2010-327 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Pipefitting Professional/Technical Services**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Corval Group to provide pipefitting services at the Council's wastewater collection and treatment facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,343,982 over a three-year period, with an option to extend two additional one-year options at a cost of \$562,000 in year four and \$590,000 in year five.

**Motion carried.**

**2010-328 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for HVAC Mechanical Services**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Bowles, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a contract with UHL Company to provide HVAC services at the Council's wastewater collection and treatment facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,456,679 over a three-year period, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms at a rate of \$562,000 in year four and \$590,000 in year five

**Motion carried.**

**2010-332 Authorization to Hold a Public Meeting Regarding the Recommendations of the Reserve Capacity/Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wulff, that the Environment Committee authorizes staff to hold a public meeting regarding the recommendations of the Reserve Capacity/SAC task force.

**INFORMATION**

**Waste Discharge Rules**

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of EQA, and Leo Hermes, Manager of Industrial Waste/Pollution Prevention, explained the purpose of the waste discharge rules (WDR), and the need to update them to incorporate new state pretreatment rules, to incorporate 'customer community' requirements, and to reflect current conditions. The proposed revisions will be reviewed by Council legal counsel and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. A draft WDR will go out for public comment in November, and final rules will be ready for adoption by the Council in February 2011.

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**Update on Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Grant Program**

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, reviewed the problem encountered with the grant program – Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) required filing real estate declarations in legal documents, which would impact hundreds of properties. Willett informed the committee that Council and MMB staff resolved the issue, with MMB agreeing that waivers will be allowed from filing declarations when filing would be onerous and property(ies) is/are unlikely to be sold. The grant agreement will be finalized and reviewed by MMB. Final program guidelines, applications, and grant agreements will be sent to cities in September/October.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

William G. Moore informed the committee that all permit limits have been successfully met for 43 straight months.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary