

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Daniel Wolter Kirstin Beach, Polly Bowles, Craig Peterson, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack

Committee Members Absent: Chair Peggy Leppik, Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Wolter called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Scherer, to approve the amended minutes of the September 14, 2010 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2010-353 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Preparations

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Justification for and Declaration of Emergency for flood preparation and protection.

Motion carried.

2010-354 Acceptance of Reserve Capacity/Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force Report

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach, that the Metropolitan Council: i) accepts the 2010 Reserve Capacity/Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force Report and ii) authorizes staff to develop the recommendations into specific proposals, subject to later Council adoption.

Motion carried.

2010-355 Adoption of Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Rates and Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Wastewater Service Agreement with the City of East Bethel

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack, that the Metropolitan Council adopts an initial base SAC rate of \$3,300 for the rural growth center community of East Bethel, subject to the community entering into an agreement on this matter with the Council. (Rates are per residence or residential equivalent capacity, per SAC rules. Discounts will apply in the same manner to this base SAC rate as to the urban SAC rate.)

In addition, that the Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the community of East Bethel to specify terms for contingent loans for part of the reserve capacity charges and other SAC matters, including but not limited to the terms on Attachment A.

Motion carried

2010-356 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corcoran for Improvements to the SE Corcoran Extension of Elm Creek Interceptor, Project 900440

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Bowles, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corcoran for improvements to the SE Corcoran Extension of Elm Creek Interceptor, Project 900440.

Motion carried.

2010-357 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Waste Incinerator Ash Disposal Services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Peterson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with SKB Environmental for \$793,600 to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

Motion carried.

2010-358 Authorization for Sole Source Procurement of Parts and Services from AndritzBird, Inc., for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Bowles, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to purchase the necessary parts and services from AndritzBird, Inc. for the routine maintenance and repair of five 'Humboldt Wedag' centrifuges in service at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 over a five-year period.

Motion carried.

2010-359 City of Medicine Lake 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20375-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

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

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Video

Karen Neis, Director of ES Administration, introduced the new informational video that was developed by staff and an intern from the University of Minnesota. The intended audience for the video includes the general public, new employees and Council Members, and schools. The video will be available on the Council's web site and will air on Twin Cities Public Television. Council Member Beach suggested running it at the Science Museum. Staff will look into it.

Blue Lake Site Lease for Xcel

Jason Willett, Director of ES Finance explained that Xcel is seeking a community partner to serve as host site for its Solar Facility project. Staff will prepare a proposal which will involve leasing approximately 3.5 acres at the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant for 20-25 years. The Committee reviewed community partner requirements and possible

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benefits to the Council. If the Council proposal is accepted by Xcel, item will be brought to the Environment Committee and Council for approval.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Leisa Thompson, Deputy General Manager, informed the committee that NPDES permit limits have been successfully met for 44 months. She also noted that all plants received NACWA awards in 2009.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary