

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, John Đoàn, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber Gary Van Eyll, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-196 City of Brooklyn Park Comprehensive Plan, Review File 20463-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council the City of Brooklyn Park's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2011-197 City of Lino Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Review File 20653-2, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Lino Lakes' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

2011-202 City of Crystal Comprehensive Plan, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 20598-1

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

Motion carried

2011-203 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 10P257A for the MWWTP Double Barrel Interceptor, Flood Wall and Miscellaneous Improvements, MCES Project Numbers 805960, 805964, and 805993

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the MWWTP double barrel interceptor, flood wall and miscellaneous improvements, MCES Project Numbers 805960, 805964, and 805993, Contract No. 10P257A, with PCi Roads for its low bid of \$4,738,547.

Motion carried.

2011-204 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 11P090 for Construction of the Chaska Interceptor Improvements Phase 2, MCES Project 805820

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Chaska Interceptor Improvements Phase 2, Project No. 805820, Contract No. 11P090, with Spiniello Companies for their low bid of \$7,641,150.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Review of Water Supply Planning

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, explained that in 2005, the Minnesota Legislature directed the Metropolitan Council to carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area, including developing a master water supply plan. The Legislature established the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee, whose members represent state agencies, counties, local governments and water utilities, and is chaired by the Metropolitan Council's chair or designee. The committee's planning activities include providing water demand and water resource information; analyzing water availability, identifying issues, and developing tools, resources, and guidance to address issues. Buttleman introduced Lanya Ross, Principal Environmental Scientist. Ross explained the groundwater model (Metro Model 2) that was developed to understand the cumulative impacts of the region's individual water supply decisions and assist in prioritizing areas for future analysis and planning. Overall, water supplies are regionally adequate, but increasing population and water demand are expected to cause water level declines across the metro. Work continues to: map the extent and vulnerability of glacial aquifers and underlying bedrock aquifers, including mapping groundwater contamination plumes; evaluate the relationships between the region's surface waters and underlying aquifers; analyze the effectiveness of water conservation tools; conduct more detailed groundwater modeling in areas facing pressing water supply questions; work with stakeholders to develop management tools and guidance; and study water reuse options. Council members suggested that water supply be a topic discussed at a future council member workshop.

General Manager's Report

1. ES projects are back up and running since the state shut down ended.
2. Heavy rainfall on July 16 resulted in two (Fridley and Roseville) interceptor systems being overwhelmed. No combined sewer overflow events occurred.
3. ES has received Gold and Platinum awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Platinum awards are given to facilities that have received Gold award for five or more consecutive years. Gold awards are presented to facilities that consistently meet NPDES permit limits during a calendar year. Eagles Point, Blue Lake, Hastings, St. Croix Valley, and Seneca WWTPs received the Platinum award; Metro and Empire WWTPs received the Gold Award.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder, Recording Secretary