

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 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, September 13, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Reynoso, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-248 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1, Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1, Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267, with S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$7,872,000.

2011-249 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Interceptor Rehabilitation – Trenchless Phase 1, MCES Project Numbers 806910 and 806500, Contract No. 10P281

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Interceptor Rehabilitation – Trenchless Phase 1, MCES Project Numbers 806910 and 806500, Contract No. 10P281, with Lametti and Sons, Inc. for their low bid of \$3,953,700.

Motion carried.

2011-250 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract Waste Disposal Services for MCES Regional Facilities and 390 North Robert Street

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Allied Waste Services to provide Waste Disposal Services for the Empire and Blue Lake WWTPs for \$ 1,013,129.34 and a contract with Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest LLC for the Seneca WWTP, MCES Regional Facilities and 390 North Robert Street for \$332,220.

Motion carried

All items were placed on the Council's consent agenda.

INFORMATION

- 1. Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Work Group, and**
- 2. 2012 SAC Legislation**

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, provided background of the 2010 SAC task force and 2011 work group and the recommendations of each.

Staff reviewed the intent of the proposed 2012 SAC bill, as recommended by the 2010 task force and with an additional modification to the sunset date in the SAC shift authorizing language. No objections were raised with the direction of the proposed bill, and staff intend to proceed, subject to the Governor's administrative approval.

In regard to the Work Group the Committee was supportive of the recommendation – the outreach initiative advocated by the stakeholder group (mostly private sector). Council Member Van Eyll noted that the SAC “net credits” issue has been mentioned to him by concerned people in his communities; ES staff mentioned that they intend to continue discussion of this issue with Metro Cities.

- 3. Work Plan for Clean Water Fund Activities**

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, introduced Lanya Ross, Principal Environmental Scientist, and Brian Davis, Senior Environmental Scientist, who provided an overview, including benefits, of 13 clean water fund projects. Four projects have been completed, four are in progress, and five are being developed.

- 4. General Manager's Report**

- a. At the next Environment Committee meeting, Dr. Deborah Swackhamer, University of Minnesota, will provide information on the Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework Study
- b. NPDES permit limits have been successfully met for 55 months.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary