

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, John Đòan, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Excused: 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, November 8, 2011.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### **2011-297 City of Greenfield Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20590-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan**

It was moved by Đòan, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council approve the City of Greenfield's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan. **Motion carried.**

##### **2011-312 Authorization to Hold Public Hearing for a Draft Facility Plan Amendment for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801800**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its General Manager of Environmental Services to schedule and hold a public hearing for the draft Facility Plan Amendment for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project, MCES project number 801800. **Motion carried, with one nay vote by Đòan.**

##### **2011-313 Adoption of the Facility Plan for Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809040, Resolution No. 2011-32**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council dopt the Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809040, per the attached Resolution No. 2011-32. **Motion carried.**

##### **2011-315 Authorization to Acquire Temporary Easements and to File a Condemnation Petition, Savage Interceptor Improvements – Phase 1, MCES Project 806950, Resolution 2011-33**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2011-33 which authorizes acquisition of temporary easements necessary for the Savage Interceptor Improvements – Phase 1, MCES Project 806950, and which authorizes the Council's legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those easements which staff cannot acquire by negotiation. **Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### 1. DBE Program Briefing

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, and Aaron Koski, EO Consultant, explained that Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) receives Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) financial assistance agreements through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for some of its projects. Kirkpatrick also explained that the EPA DBE program requires contracts to be broken up into small subcontracts and contractors are required to solicit bids/proposals from DBE firms, which must be certified. The EPA DBE program also sets DBE target goals for projects. The goals are not a quota. In July 2010, the Metropolitan Council set goals (effective through 2013) of 10% for WBE and 5% for MBE. Low bidders may pass the DBE evaluation by committing to meet the DBE goals by identifying DBEs and contract amounts at the time of bid, or demonstrating that they performed 'good faith efforts' in attempting to find DBEs to meet the goal. Kirkpatrick reviewed MCES' DBE achievements on its contracts. Since 2006, DBE goals were assigned to 37 MCES contracts. 21 bidders met the DBE goals, and 16 met Good Faith Effort. Kirkpatrick provided ODEO's efforts to improve MCES' DBE program.

### 2. Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Mitigation Program

Kyle Colvin, Assistant Manager of Engineering Services, provided an overview of the I/I Surcharge Program as well as the ongoing I/I Mitigation Program. Of the 47 communities identified as having excessive I/I, 30 have completed mitigation efforts, and 17 are working on their plans in 2011. The ongoing I/I program provides adjustments for growth, for water conservation and I/I mitigation work, and for I/I into Council interceptors. In November and December communities will be notified of goals/thresholds. MCES assesses the program effectiveness on a continuous basis.

### 3. General Manager's Report

William G. Moore reported that the Council filed to enter the state's lawsuit against 3M. He also informed the committee that in October, the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment plant exceeded the mercury effluent limit.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary