

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

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

Committee Members Absent: Edward Reynoso

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, March 27, 2012.

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 Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the February 28 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-109 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for South St. Paul Forcemain & Meter M601-B Improvements, MCES Project No. 809046, Contract No. 11P074

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project Number 809046, Contract No. 11P074, with Lametti and Sons, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$1,427,370.

Motion carried.

2012-110 Authorization to Purchase Nitrate Salts and Odor Control Related Services

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Siemens, Inc. for a total "Not to Exceed" amount \$6,000,000 to provide Nitrate Salts and Odor Control Related Services for a contract period of two years with the option to extend for one additional one year period.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Waste Discharge Rules Update

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manger of Environmental Quality Assurance, explained the process of revising the waste discharge rules. After the Council's general counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed revisions, a public meeting will be held in July or August.

2. Kemps Waste Discharge at Empire

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, explained that the waste material discharged by Kemps is a high strength organic waste and staff is investigating its impact on the Empire WWTP. Options and next steps were reviewed.

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Kemps is considering the option of providing additional treatment. There is a special assessment program in place in cases where unusual strength is placed on our system.

3. Crow River Treatment Plant Site Update

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, reviewed possible location of future treatment plant. Site was suggested by the City of Rogers. Intent would be to purchase the land for future use; construction of a new treatment plant would not take place until necessary.

4. Update on Metropolitan Council Goals on TGB

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director of Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, and Aaron Koski, EO Consultant, explained that the council has designed a program called Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business program (MCUB) that will be used for locally funded design and construction projects over \$100,000 that have subcontracting opportunities, and there are MCUB firms available to perform the work. The process for setting goals was reviewed, as well as next steps.

5. General Manager's Report

William G. Moore reported that all plants were in compliance last month. He also informed the committee that the Blue Lake WWTP has experienced a difficult start up. Anaerobic digester complex is being brought on line, and the digestion process is stabilized. Starting next month, scheduled to use biogas to replace natural gas to dry the sludge, and expect to save approximately half million dollars/year.

Schreiber asked for update on Maple Plain issue. Moore said one will be provided at next Environment Committee meeting.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary