

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

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

Committee Members Excused: Sandra Rummel, John Đoàn

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice-Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Council Member Schreiber noted a typo in the May 8, 2012 meeting minutes. It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the May 8, 2012 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### **2012-170 Authorization to Award Contract 12P004 for Security Guard Services for MCES Facilities and 390 North Robert Street**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a one-year contract with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods with Allied-Barton Security Services to provide Security Guard Services for MCES Facilities and 390 North Robert Street in a not to exceed amount of \$2,358,735.

**Motion carried.**

##### **2012-171 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 12P007 for Closed Circuit Televising of Interceptor System Facilities – Southwest Area, MCES Project No. 809054**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for closed circuit televised (CCTV) inspection of Interceptor System facilities – Southwest Area to American Environmental, LLC for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$366,972.40.

**Motion carried.**

##### **2012-172 Authorization to Hold Public Meetings on Preliminary 2013 Rates and Charges**

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Environment Committee directs staff to hold two public meetings for municipal customers and one for industrial customers regarding the preliminarily proposed 2013 rates and charges (Attachment A).

**Motion carried**

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. Regional Wastewater System Flows & 2013 Municipal Wastewater Charges, and Inflow/Infiltration Program Update**

Kyle Colvin, Assistant Manager, Engineering Services, provided a summary of the regional wastewater service which includes 106 communities and approximately 190 wastewater flow meters. Municipal Wastewater Charges (MWC) are based on measured flow, estimated flow, and a combination of both. He explained the cost allocation process and potential cost increases to communities. Typical sources of inflow are rainwater, sump pump, and foundation drain connections; broken services lines; vented manhole covers; damaged manholes; and storm/sanitary sewer cross-connections. Phase I of the regional I/I program involved 47 communities; eight of those are still working on mitigation. More than \$130 million has been spent on local I/I mitigation efforts, and the money spent compared to capital improvements deferred results in a significant return on investment. Phase II of the I/I program – three communities affected by rain event on May 8, 2012. The I/I program identifies work effort in response to peak flow rates. Although an impact to the system in terms of flow rate capacity, inflow sources do not typically represent high volumes of flow. Therefore, the increases that are being estimated for some communities MWC in 2013 are not a result of high inflow but rather increases in base flow. When asked if a 500-year rain event has an impact on the region, staff replied that the program has a provision to recognize extenuating circumstances. Moore said the 4-5 inches of rain recently received had no impact i.e. overflows to river, on the system. He also summarized the fact that our regulators (EPA) did not recognize the 1987 storm event as an extenuating circumstance, which was a 500-year event, and pursued enforcement action.

### **2. General Manager's Report**

- A. Moore informed the committee that that the opportunity exists for participation on the SAC Task Force. Wendy Wulff and Gary Van Eyll volunteered.
- B. MPCA issuing TMDL. There is no impact on MCES, but it impacts metro cities. MCES will go on record supporting cities.
- C. Moore announced that on July 6 he will be stepping down as General Manager, and will assume the Deputy General Manager position for two years. Pat Born announced that he is appointing Leisa Thompson as General Manager.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary