

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 10, 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 Vice-Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Melander, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### 2012-219 Adoption of MCES 2013 Wastewater Rates and Charges

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2013:

- Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of Municipal wastewater charges) of **\$178,824,000**,
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,435** per Residence or Residential Equivalent Capacity,
- Temporary Capacity Charge : **\$1.22** per thousand gallons,
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.172** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids),
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.086** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand),
- Standard Load Charge: **\$53.20** per thousand gallons,
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$8.81** per thousand gallons,
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$67.79**, per thousand gallons,
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$68.20** per thousand gallons,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.3510** per excess pound of TSS,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.1755** per excess pound of COD,
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A.
- I/I Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$398,000** per million gallons /day (rate of measured flow).

Further, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the SAC reserve fund exception for an economic downturn as stated in Council policy 3-2-5 *[use of the minimum reserve shall be allowed only in an economic downturn or natural disaster and as approved by the Council]*.

**Motion carried.**

**2012-220 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Repair of Interceptor MSB 69U1**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Melander, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for Repairs to Interceptor MSB 69U1 in Fridley.

**Motion carried.**

**2012-221 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for MWWTP Solids Process Equipment System Improvements, Project No. 805946, Contract No. 12P005A**

It was moved by Doãn, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a Construction Contract for MWWTP Solids Process Equipment System Improvements, MCES Project No. 805946, Contract No. 12P005A, with Harris Contracting Company in the amount of \$17,911,826.62.

**Motion carried**

**2012-222 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Agreements for General Treatment Plant Projects, Contract No. 12P057**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute engineering services agreements for Wastewater Treatment Plants with HR Green and SEH in the amounts not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 each.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

1. General Manager's Report
  - a. Leisa Thompson informed the committee that MCES has received the following awards:
    - i. Four wastewater treatment plants received safety awards from Water Environment Federation (WEF).
    - ii. MCES received National Association of Clean Water Agency's (NACWA) Excellence in Management award.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary