

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Committee Members Present: Sandy Rummel – Chair, Wendy Wulff – Vice-Chair, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn, Harry Melander

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, April 23, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 regular meeting of the Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2013-124 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 12P241 for L32 FM (69U1) River Crossing/Meters M221C and M221D, Project Number 807900

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the L32FM (69U1) River Crossing/Meters M221C and M221D improvements, project number 807900, Contract 12P241, with Lametti and Sons, Inc. for its low bid of \$5,277,700.

Motion carried.

2013-125 Authorization to Purchase a Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaning Truck

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with MacQueen Equipment, Inc. for an amount of \$367,838 to provide a replacement combination jet/vacuum sewer cleaning truck.

Motion carried. Schreiber recused herself.

2013-126 Authorization to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Industrial Pretreatment Partnership Incentive Program (IPPIP)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes staff to hold a formal public hearing to gather input and discuss a proposed new program that incentivizes industrial customers to put pretreatment facilities on their sites.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Water Resources Policy Plan - Water Supply

Ali Elhassan, Manager of Water Supply Planning, reviewed the current water policy plan, new issues and areas of concern. Emerging issues include: the current approach to water supply management and development is unsustainable; aquifer levels have declined; lakes, streams and wetlands are damaged. "Business as usual" is not a solution. Region needs to restore balance among water resources, maintain and enhance recharge capacity, and practice conservation. The Council needs to develop growth plans that ensure sustainable water supply. Next steps for water supply include: refining proposed policies, drafting implementation strategies for policies, and drafting metrics for policies.

2. General Manager's Report

Leisa Thompson informed the committee that all plants were in full compliance with NPDES permits, with the metro plant at 17 months and all others at 74 months of continuous permit requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Susan Harder
Recording Secretary