

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Reynoso to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2013-255 Authorization to Purchase Polymer for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant – Contract No. 13P047

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Melander, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Polydyne, Inc. to provide Clarifloc CE-1247 polymer at a unit price of \$0.93 per pound delivered to the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion carried.

2013-256 Adoption of Clean Water Fund Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Grant Program Design

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff to amend the action to include eligibility of city-owned service laterals. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2013 Clean Water Fund I&I Grant Program Design, and also allow city-owned service laterals to be eligible under the program.

Motion carried.

2013-257 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Metro/Seneca Incinerator Emissions Testing

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a testing services contract for Metro/Seneca Incineration Emissions Testing, Contract 13P152, to American Engineering Testing (AET) in the amount not to exceed \$725,556.84.

Motion carried.

2013-258 Authorization to Amend Memorandum of Understanding with City of Minneapolis Regarding Comprehensive Sewer Plan

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administration to negotiate and execute an amendment to the memorandum of understanding with the City of Minneapolis to extend the submittal date for its comprehensive sewer plan update.

Motion carried.

2013-259 Authorization to Award and Execute Contracts for Assessment of Reliability and Sustainability of Water Supply in Metropolitan Area

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts, totaling \$2,000,000 with SEH, Barr Engineering, HDR and CDM Smith for assessment of reliability and sustainability of water supply in metropolitan region.

Motion carried, with Schreiber recusing herself.

INFORMATION

1. Preliminary Capital Finance Plan

Jason Willett, Director of Finance, Revenue and Energy, reviewed the preliminary capital finance plan, capital spending projections, funding sources, and debt service. This information will be incorporated into the Council's Unified Capital Budget and approved as part of that process.

2. Wastewater Policy Plan and System Plan

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services, reviewed: the policy plan update process, schedule of briefings to the environment committee in 2014, and the outline of the draft policy plan. He reviewed draft policies for wastewater sustainability, growth, inflow and infiltration, rural area service, system operation, sustainability, system finance, and private wastewater systems.

3. General Manager's Report

Leisa Thompson informed the committee that there will be a tour of the Vermillion River Watershed on September 20.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary