

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

#### Committee Members Present:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair, Marie McCarthy, Gary Van Eyll

#### Committee Members Absent:

Lona Schreiber, Edward Reynoso, 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 4:02 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### **2014-114 Authorization to Adopt Council Resolution 2014-8, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to Negotiate and Execute Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lake Elmo and the Metropolitan Council**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by McCarthy that the Metropolitan Council adopts attached Resolution No. 2014-8, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute termination of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lake Elmo and the Council after the City submits documentation that confirms local infrastructure improvements have been substantially completed. **Motion carried.**

##### **2014-103 Authorization to Amend the 2014 Unified Budget: Conversion of Capital Program from Cash Flow Basis to Authorization Basis**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables. **Motion carried.**

##### **2014-115 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Seneca Area System Rehabilitation – Phase 2, MCES Project No. 808020, Contract No. 14P028**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Seneca Area System Rehabilitation – Phase 2, MCES Project No. 808020, Contract No. 14P028, with SAK Construction for their low bid of \$4,976,254.35. **Motion carried.**

##### **2014-116 Authorization to Amend Contract 12P213 with SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste for Transport and Disposal of Stabilized Biosolids**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to amend Contract 12P213 with SKB Environmental, Inc. for transport and disposal of alkaline stabilized material from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000. **Motion carried.**

## **2014-118 Ratification of Emergency Declaration for Repair of Middle Beltline Interceptor 85-66-370**

It was moved by McCarthy, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for repair of Middle Beltline Interceptor 85-66-370. **Motion carried.**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **1. Water Resources Policy Plan (WRPP) Update**

Staff shared an update on work in progress for the water resources policy plan (WRPP) initiative currently underway. Staff shared Thrive contains a water sustainability policy used to guide the direction of the WRPP update. One new change to the WRPP will be to integrate what we do in water supply, wastewater and surface water. Staff have had numerous meetings with partners on the plan development. There is a plan to meet with the Thrive Working Group (TWG) to determine how Thrive outcomes should be integrated into the WRPP with continued discussions planned for June. Outreach efforts continue as well as planned attendance at the 5/28 Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) meeting and planned meetings set up by Metro Cities in June. A draft plan should be ready for review sometime in June and will be sent to this Committee for initial review. The current schedule calls for the plan to be adopted in August or September public hearings. This will start the public review process with an anticipated date of December 2014 for plan adoption. Discussion occurred as to whether efforts to integrate the Thrive outcomes into the plan are focused on Environmental Services only or if it is Council-wide. Staff responded work is occurring with the other system plan writers on certain topics. Focus is mainly on integrating the outcomes into the WRPP.

#### **2. Public Meetings on Preliminary 2015 Rates & Charges**

John Atkins, Environmental Services Budget Manager, reviewed the preliminary budget, which is the basis of the proposed 2015 rates. Jason Willett, Director, Environmental Services Finance and Energy, reviewed the derivation of and the proposed rates, and information that will be presented at the public forums in May.

Discussion occurred regarding whether a smaller Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) increase could be adopted for next year versus the 2% proposed increase. The financial analysis assumptions and scenarios were discussed. It was agreed to go public with the proposal and get input from the communities, before the Environment Committee recommends and the Council adopts final rates for 2015. Staff will present a summary of feedback from the forums at a future Environment Committee meeting.

#### **3. General Manager's Report –**

Participation was encouraged at the municipal customer forums set for May 22 at Golden Valley City Hall and May 29 at the League of Minnesota Cities. An industrial forum is scheduled for June 5 at the Metro 94 building.

Notification provided that on May 20, at Shoreview Community Center, staff will be holding a forum on the Water Supply Master Plan for City Planning & Water Utility staff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Susan Taylor  
Recording Secretary