

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair, Harry Melander, Lona Schreiber, Edward Reynoso

Committee Members Absent:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Marie McCarthy

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. Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Edward Reynoso to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Edward Reynoso, seconded by Lona Schreiber to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

1. **2015-151–SW: Authorize the Release of the 2015 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan to Full Council for Approval, Start Formal Public Review Process and Adopt August 11, 2015 Public Hearing Date**

It was moved by Edward Reynoso, seconded by Harry Melander that for the purposes of holding a public hearing and receiving public comment, the Metropolitan Council release the 2015 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan for public review and comment and authorize a public comment period from June 25, 2015 to August 21, 2015, including a public hearing on August 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**

2. **2015-152: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the North Area Interceptor (NAI) Rehabilitation Phase 7, Project No. 808670, Contract 15P047**

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the NAI Rehabilitation Phase 7, Project No. 808670, Contract 15P047, with Geislinger and Sons, Inc for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$9,079,934. **Motion carried.**

3. **2015-153: Ratification of Emergency Declaration for Repair of Metro Plant Flotation Thickening Building**

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Harry Melander that the Metropolitan Council ratifies the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for Rehabilitation of the Metro Plant Flotation Thickening Building. **Motion carried.**

4. **2015-154: Final Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Repair of the Middle Beltline Interceptor 85-66-370**

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Edward Reynoso that the Metropolitan Council ratifies the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for Repairs to the Middle Beltline Interceptor 85-66-370 in St. Paul in the final amount of \$7,473,503. **Motion carried.**

5. **2015-155 – SW: Authorization to Execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Supplemental Funding of the EIMS Redesign Project**

It was moved by Edward Reynoso, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator, or his delegate, to execute a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to receive supplemental money for the Environmental Information Management Redesign Project. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Revised Water Resource Policy Plan Sewered Forecasts –

Staff reviewed the revised 2040 forecasts which were adjusted to reflect local community feedback from 33 communities and 1 county. Of the communities who provided feedback, 17 requested revisions. Refinements in the forecast model regarding land area versus land use types were noted as were housing and real estate costs, future transportation network impacts and revised forecasts that represent community wide system statement forecasts. Growth for 2010 to 2040 compared to Thrive forecasts are noted as follows:

- Household growth decreases by 6%.
- Population growth decreases by 5%.
- Employment growth decreases by 15%.

The impact this will have on the wastewater system plan will affect served versus unserved (septic) adjustments for existing and future, an overall reduction of projected regional wastewater flow, and a small forecast adjustments spread over the region impacting individual Wastewater Treatment Plants would be minimal. Staff shared the forecasted flow change for the regional wastewater treatment plant flow for 2040 versus the original Thrive forecast. In each case, the 2040 plant flow has been reduced. Going forward, the revised forecasts were presented to Community Development and will be brought to Council for final adoption on July 8, 2015.

Comments and Questions of the Discussion:

No comments or questions at this time.

2. Proposed 2016-2021 Capital Program and 2016 Capital Budget –

Topics for this discussion included the 6 year capital program plan, authorized capital program (ACP) for multi-year authorization, as well as the capital budget annual appropriation.

Staff stated the capital program strategy is in place to preserve infrastructure (which is a \$7 billion asset), meet commitments, and prepare for the future. The objectives are rehabilitation and preservation of infrastructure, plan for growth and expansion, and evaluate for quality improvement. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Item
June 23	Capital Program and Budget
June 24	“Big Picture” Operating & Capital Budget
August 26	Adoption of Preliminary Unified Operating and Capital Budget and Levies
October 28	Adoption of Public Comment Draft Budgets
December 9	Adoption of Final 2016 Budgets and Levies

Staff reviewed the proposed 2016-2021 capital program. Interceptor rehabilitation priorities will focus on pipes susceptible to corrosion and materials susceptible to failure. Expenditures are reflecting a decrease in the coming years. Total requested for 2016-2021 is \$785 million. Of this amount, 84% will be spent on preservation, 9% on expansion, and 7% on improvement. Interceptors are forecast to receive 71% of the expenditure, while treatment plants receive 29%.

The 2016 Authorized Capital Program contains three new projects Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant asset renewal, wastewater reclamation facilities and Minneapolis interceptor 1-MN-340 rehabilitation. It also contains adjustments to existing projects and one completed project that is slated to be deleted from the program. Summary of Authorized Capital Program changes reflects a proposed 2016 authorization of \$1,293,700,000 (a proposed adjustment amount of \$51,500,000).

Proposed 2016 capital program requested is \$1.294 billion for ACP, \$328 billion in CIP, \$1,622 billion for the capital program 2016-2021. The 2016 proposed capital budget requested is \$190 million for the first of the 6 year plan. Project objective is broken in to 90% for system preservation, 8% for system expansion, and 2% for system improvements.

Comments and Questions of the Discussion:

No comments or questions at this time.

3. General Manager's Report –
No report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary