

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Cara Letofsky, Marie McCarthy, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Harry Melander

Committee Members Excused:

Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cara Letofsky, seconded by Marie McCarthy to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Cara Letofsky, seconded by Edward Reynoso to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

1. **2017-145:** Adoption of MCES Wastewater Rates and Charges

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Cara Letofsky, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2018:

- Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of **\$219,749,756**;
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.235** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.1175** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Brewery Strength Charge: **\$.737** per barrel;
- Standard Load Charge: **\$60.24** per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$10.92** per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$77.46** per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$75.24** per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.4130** per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.2065** per excess pound of COD;
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and
- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Exceedance Rate: **\$428,000** per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report:

A suggestion was made to cancel the July 25 meeting due to no business items on the agenda. Committee members had no objections and concurred. A cancellation will be circulated closer to the posting date of the meeting.

MCES has had 16 interns working throughout the division this summer. A showcase of their projects will be available for viewing and questions prior to

the August 8 Environment Committee meeting as well as after it adjourns. It has been a great asset having them help with projects and allowed them to consider the Council as place to work after graduation. In the past, over 20 interns have been hired as full-time employees.

Bryce Pickart has announced his retirement for a date to be determined later this year. In preparation, Jeannine Clancy has been named as his successor as the new Assistant General Manager of Technical Services. Bryce and Jeannine are currently working through knowledge transfer and orientation to her new role. Congratulations Jeannine.

Leisa will be attending the NACWA Summer Conference during the week of July 24 and will accept the Peak Performance awards for our plants that have 5 or more consecutive years of perfect compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary