

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Cara Letofsky

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. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Harry Melander to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Lona Schreiber to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

1. 2018-35 JT Unified Budget Amendment – Regular Carry Forward

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2018 Unified Operating Budget for wastewater operations to increase expenses by \$4,693,000.

2. 2018-70 Request for Public Hearing on Proposed Facility Plan Amendment for Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Edward Reynoso that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing for the proposed amendment to the Facility Plan for the Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation Project, Phase 2, Project Number 8076.

3. 2018-71 Contract Award for Golden Valley Interceptor Rehabilitation

It was moved by Edward Reynoso, seconded by Marie McCarthy that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Golden Valley Interceptor Rehabilitation, Project No. 805740, Contract 17P064, with Minger Construction Company, Inc. for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$4,094,731.75.

INFORMATION

1. Wastewater Reuse-Related Alternative Policy Amendments to the Water Resources Policy Plan Update:

Jeannine Clancy, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services provided an update on the Wastewater Reuse policy plan amendments to the Water Resources Policy Plan.

Policy amendment alternatives were presented at two workshops. The first workshop took place on February 27, 2018 at the Inver Grove Heights Community Center with 10 participants attending. The second workshop occurred on March 1, 2018 at the Brooklyn Park Library with 5 participants attending. Several Council members were present at both workshops. The public hearing occurred just prior to this meeting on March 13, 2018 at the Metropolitan Council offices with 26 participants attending and 6 people speaking.

Next steps in the process are the public comment period which is open until March 23, 2018. Staff will then review and summarize the comments and present recommended policy language to the Environment Committee on April 10, 2018 with follow-up discussion and recommendation at the Environment Committee meeting on April 24, 2018. The full Council will then act on the recommended policy amendment on May 9, 2018.

Comments and Questions:

No comments or questions at this time.

2. General Manager Report:

MCES has submitted its compliance record for 2017. Seven out of eight plants had perfect compliance for the year. Six of those were platinum recipients last year.

Facility Name	Continuous Compliance – (days)	Continuous Compliance – months	Continuous Compliance - years
East Bethel	21	1	0.1
Seneca	683	22	1.9
Metro Plant	2326	76	6.4
Empire	4060	133	11.1
Eagles Point	4548	150	12.5
Blue Lake	4762	157	13.0
St. Croix Valley	9845	324	27.0
Hastings	10241	337	28.1

A question was asked regarding the process used to address compliance requirements. General Manager Thompson stated when we are alerted to a compliance issue, we conduct a root cause analysis to determine the cause and then implement a remedy to address the deficiency. With ground water recharge at East Bethel, there is a lower disinfection rate than other facilities because East Bethel is a reuse facility.

Committee Member McCarthy asked what percentage of the East Bethel plant is not being used at capacity. Staff member Deborah Manning stated the flow is about 10% of the average design flow and increasing.

Committee Member Reynoso stated East Bethel is looking to add housing and the long-term potential is there for further flow. It would be good to continue to add to the capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary