

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Cara Letofsky, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent:

Marie McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Cara Letofsky, seconded by Wendy Wulff to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2018-173 Contract Extension for Nitrate Salts and Odor Control Services for the Interceptor Services Business Unit

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Lona Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to issue a sole source extension of a purchase order to Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to provide nitrate salts, odor control equipment and odor control services at a unit price of \$0.7171 per pound to the Interceptor Services Business Unit (ISBU) for the period of August 31, 2018 through August 31, 2019. **Motion carried.**

2018-174 2017 Municipal Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Grant Program

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Wendy Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approves the amended I&I grant program guidelines shown in Attachment A, and authorizes the Regional Administrator to award grants and execute grant agreements pursuant to the amended guidelines in Attachment A. The two guideline amendments include:

1. Revise the part 1 allocation from \$25,000 to \$50,000
2. Adjust the proposed calendar so MCES can solicit for additional program participants

Motion carried.

2018-175 Inflow and Infiltration Demonstration Project Grant

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Cara Letofsky, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to approve the guidelines for an inflow and infiltration demonstration project grant, as described in Attachment A, for up to \$500,000. **Motion carried.**

2018-176 Contract for Minneapolis Interceptor Study

It was moved by Cara Letofsky, seconded by Wendy Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for the Minneapolis Interceptor Study, Project No. 807650, Contract 18P047, with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 over a 5-year period. **Motion carried.**

2018-177 Public Hearing on the Draft Metro Plant Solids Management Facility Plan

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Wendy Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on the draft Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan, MCES Project Number 806210. **Motion carried.**

2018-178 SW Adopt Southeast Metro Water Reclamation Facility Plan

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Harry Melander, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Southeast Metro Water Reclamation Facility, MCES Project No. 809100, per the attached Resolution No. 2018-7. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report:

In General Manager Thompson's absence, Jeannine Clancy, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services attended on her behalf. Ms. Clancy shared information regarding the upcoming US Water Alliance, One Water Summit, taking place at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis July 10 through July 12. She stated the Council is the local host partner. The US Water Prize award ceremony will take place at the Nicollet Island Pavilion the evening of July 10. General Manager Thompson will be participating in a panel featured at the July 11 plenary session.

The summit is the nation's preeminent venue for water stakeholders from public, private and non-profit sectors who want to accelerate the adoption of integrated, equitable, and sustainable approaches to water resource management. This event is believed to be the only event in the nation that focuses on water policy, planning and action that is directly related to the five Thrive 2040 outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability and sustainability. Several Council members and staff from across the Council (MCES, Community Development, Regional Parks and the Office of Diversity) will be attending.

Speakers and attendees include water and wastewater utility managers; community, state, corporate, and environmental leaders; and philanthropic innovators. The goal is to shift paradigms and energize partnerships by encouraging cross-sector collaborations for a more sustainable water future for everyone.

Mobile site visits to a variety of local innovative water practices, projects and initiatives are offered and focused on Advanced Water Reuse Technology, Building Green Infrastructure, One Water Research, Sustainable Local Food, Perennial Crops as Food and Fuel, and Water Reuse and Native Nations. A unique feature of the summit is the presence of locally-based delegations organized around a specific water interest or need who pledge specific actions to be taken in the coming year.

The summit is sold out, setting an attendance record of 800 registered participants.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary