

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

#### Committee Members Present:

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

#### Committee Members Absent:

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 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Cara Letofsky to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

**2018-256:** Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Marie McCarthy, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan, MCES Project 806210, by formal attached Council resolution 2018-19. **Motion carried.**

**2018-257:** Intergovernmental Agreements with the Cities of Loretto, Independence, and Medina

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Edward Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute intergovernmental agreements with the Cities of Loretto, Independence, and Medina to provide wastewater service to the City of Loretto.

**Motion carried.**

#### INFORMATION

1. Clean Water Fund Framework:

Sam Paske, Assistant General Manager, Environmental Quality Assurance shared an overview of the draft Clean Water Fund framework.

He stated the Clean Water Council "collaborated with State Agencies to develop goals and objectives to demonstrate how the activities funded by the Clean Water Fund are meeting the intent of the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment." The draft framework goals and objectives shared during the discussion were provided as a handout at the meeting.

Comments / Questions:

The framework provides:

- A framework for budget development beginning in 2020-2021 for the next biennium.
- It is organized by project and then indicates the objective the project meets which is much easier to understand.

- The Council has requested \$2 million from the Clean Water Fund for water supply initiatives and the needs of the communities of the region around sustainable water supply work.
- The Council has also requested \$1 million for water efficiency grants for the communities interested in pursuing grant programs to incentivize water efficiency efforts.
- Document will not be brought back to the Council for formal approval.
- Send any updates, ideas to Sam Paske at [sam.paske@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:sam.paske@metc.state.mn.us)

Committee Member Letofsky asked if the framework list was being used to prioritize efforts. Staff stated it is not being used to rank investment opportunities or prioritize program areas, it is only being used to clarify areas in the outcomes.

## 2. General Manager Report

Request for Committee Members to notify Leisa Thompson of information items to be brought to the Committee prior to the end of the year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Susan Taylor  
Recording Secretary