

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson; Phillip Sterner; Susan Vento; Raymond Zeran

Committee Members Absent:

Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 with the following roll call:

Aye: 4 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Sterner, Wulff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Without objection agenda was approved.

It was moved by Vento seconded by Zeran to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 4 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Wulff, Sterner

Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2020-233 JT and 2020-239 JT)

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Zeran to approve the consent agenda business items.

Aye: 4 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Wulff, Sterner

Motion carried.

1. 2020-233 JT: City of Watertown 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21972-1
Requests that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Watertown's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. 2020-239 JT: City of Lino Lakes 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22387-1

Requests that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Lino Lake’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City that the Wastewater Plan contains two sets of forecasted sewer growth that are inconsistent with each other. One set is consistent with the Council’s total assigned growth forecasts, and the other, uses assumed land use densities for residential development and arrives at growth forecasts that are inconsistent with other forecast figures within the Plan. The Council will base its level of wastewater service commitment on those growth forecasts shown in Table 8-1A, that are consistent with Council forecasts and other growth forecasts within the Plan.
3. Require the City to contact the Council at the time that local planning activities are initiated for the following projects:
 - a. The future trunk sewer improvement project called “West Side Relief Sewer” within local service District 2. The Council has identified a potential future capacity improvement project to provide additional regional capacity for this area and will need to coordinate the timing of that improvement with the City’s service level needs and improvements.
 - b. The construction of a future trunk sewer within local service District 5. This project will require the connection to, and service through interceptor 802325. A new regional wastewater flow metering facility will need to be coordinated with the City’s design and construction of their trunk sewer facility.
4. Require the City to submit to the Council a copy of the executed intercommunity service agreement with White Bear Township for use of a trunk sewer facility located along Centerville Road in the Township. Use of the Township’s trunk sewer will provide service to City’s service District 4.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

3. 2020-271: ICS/SCADA Check Point Firewall Upgrade, Contract 20P044

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 20P044 with Paragon Development Systems, Inc., to provide the Council with equipment and services for the ICS and SCADA network Check Point Firewalls in an amount not to exceed a total of \$750,876.48 for a period of five years.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

4. 2020-272: Woodbury L73 Tunnel Repair Project, Contract 20P069

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Sterner that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Woodbury L73 Tunnel Repair Project, MCES Project No. 806335, Contract No. 20P069, with PCI Roads, LLC for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$3,086,579.19.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

- 2020-273: Public Hearing Request for Lift Station L32 Draft Facility Plan Project in Fridley, MCES Project No. 809400

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Fredson that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on December 17, 2020 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for Lift Station L32A (Fridley) Project, MCES Project No. 809400.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

- 2020-274: Public Hearing Request for Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Draft Facility Plan Project, MCES Project No. 802891

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Sterner that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on December 15, 2020 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 802891.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Wulff

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- 2021 Capital Program:

Staff from Wastewater Planning & Capital Project Delivery presented the 2021 – 2026 Capital Program. The presentation included a program overview, the connection between wastewater system planning and the capital program, and selected projects planned for the wastewater treatment plants and the conveyance system. The program includes over 265 projects that are in various stages of execution – planning, design, construction or commissioning. The program is included in Council’s unified budget, and the anticipated spending has been considered as ES set its budget.

Comments & Questions:

Chair Lindstrom inquired if the interceptor at the Interstate 94 interceptor project is 100 feet below ground. Staff confirmed it ranges from 80 – 100 feet below ground.

Chair Lindstrom asked about whether the MPCA standards recently announced regarding PFOS would impact our capital program. Staff stated it has not been determined at this time. We are evaluating how the standards will impact us and the best way to move forward.

Committee Member Vento stated she would be interested in hearing a presentation about the collaborative efforts the Council uses to coordinate with agency partners for the various projects it is undertaking related to Environmental Services. A future information item will be scheduled for this committee.

Committee Member Zeran stated he appreciates the electrical upgrades planned for the Metro Plant.

2. General Manager Report

Environmental Services received national recognition as Utility Leader of the Future Today from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). MCES is among 65 agencies recognized in 2020 for stewardship, resource recovery, partnership, and engagement and is the second year recognized for Transformational Programming. The program, launched in 2016 by NACWA, The Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Research Foundation (WRF) and the WaterReuse Association (with input from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), promotes water systems around the world who are transforming operations through innovation and technology.

If Committee members have items they would like brought before this committee, please let leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us know.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of October 13, 2020.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary