

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 with the following roll call:

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Absent: 0

Governor Walz notice was read at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

NOTICE: Governor Walz has declared a peacetime emergency (Emergency Executive Order 20-01) in response to COVID-19 and the Metropolitan Council Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meetings for reasons stated in the Governor's Emergency Executive Order. Accordingly, committee members will participate in this meeting via telephone or other electronic means and the meeting will be conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 at the date and time stated above. We encourage you to monitor the meeting remotely. If you have comments, we encourage members of the public to email us at public.info@metc.state.mn.us. We will respond to your comments in a timely manner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Without objection the agenda was approved.

It was moved by Vento seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2021-150 JT and 2021-151 JT)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner to approve the consent agenda business items.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

1. 2020-150 JT: City of Mendota Heights 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22395-1
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 Mendota Heights's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater services.

2. 2020-151 JT: City of Elko New Market 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22468-1
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 Elko New Market's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

1. 2021-155: Master Contract(s) for Wastewater Treatment Plant Treatment Process Consultation & Support, Contract 20P259

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Fredson that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two master contracts, each for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and HDR Engineering, Inc (HDR).

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

2. 2021-156: Brooklyn Park - Osseo Interceptor Rehabilitation Project 809361, Contract 20P233

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 20P233 with Minger Construction Co. Inc., for rehabilitation or replacement of interceptor pipe in Brooklyn Park and Osseo, in an amount not to exceed \$3,939,180.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Construction Procurement Process Overview
Members of the procurement team presented an information item that provided a high-level overview of the Council's Procurement department process and steps for the completion of a major construction solicitation.

Comments and Questions:

- Committee Member Sterner asked if an MCUB supplier or subcontractor that may support the project, is there someone on staff that the vendor could go through to inquire about the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity can be contacted if small businesses are interested. A meet and greet can be set up to learn more about the Council or to have them share information about themselves with the Council. Interested vendors may contact Elaine Ogilvie at Elaine.Ogilvie@metc.state.mn.us or via phone at 651-602-1163.
- Chair Lindstrom inquired about the engineers estimate. Are there rules if a bid comes in and is off of the estimate or is it handled on a case by case basis? Procurement stated the engineer's estimate is important, it is an independent estimate that gives everyone an idea if the prices are coming in as anticipated. Prices have not been predictable and there have been a number of public construction projects that we have seen bids come in higher than estimates. We can go up to 10% above the engineer's estimate and may have to obtain additional information/approvals. The bids need to be reasonable and responsive and within our cost estimates.
- Committee Member Wulff stated the process is set up to make things fair; there are a lot of people and steps that are involved in the process. Do we know how much this adds to the cost on a typical project? Procurement stated there are a number of variables that are taken into consideration. Some projects require additional documentation and more preparation. It may add approximately 10%.
- Committee Member Zeran stated in the construction industry, bidding jobs overhead is 10 to 15% of all the work done by the contractor.

2. General Manager Report

Thank you to our partners from Procurement and the Office of Equal Opportunity for their collaboration and the work they do to help us prepare the contracts.

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 4:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of June 22, 2021.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary