

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: July 23, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

E Chair, Peter Lindstrom, D10
☒ Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
☒ Yassin Osman, District 7
E Anjuli Cameron, District 8

☒ Diego Morales, District 9
☒ Gail Cederberg, District 11
☒ = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cederberg called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Item 2024-174)

1. **2024-174: Janitorial Services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contract 24P091 (John Young, 651-602-8281)** It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P091 with FBG Service Corporation (FBG) to provide janitorial services for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$1,422,500.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2024-169: Metropolitan Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Steam Turbine Generator Sole Source Contract 24P199** (John Tierney 651-602-8307, Stephen Norton 651-602-1551)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a sole source contract 24P199 with Siemens-Energy to provide goods and services for the Metropolitan WRRF steam turbine generator in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Discussion

CM Carter asked: What is the estimated life cycle for the generator and controller?

Staff responded: The estimated life cycle for the generator is approximately 40 years and the controller is approximately 20 years.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-170 SW: Adoption of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Wastewater Rates and Charges** (Matt Gsellmeier, 651-602-1802)

It was moved by CM Osman, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges as stated in business item 2024-170 SW to be effective January 1, 2025.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-171: Project 819025- Trunk Highway 13 Change Order Authority Increase** (Tim Wedin, 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize an increase in the construction contract change order amount for the Master Utility Agreement 211069 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Interceptor 8560, MCES Project No. 819025, by \$450,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,103,870.95.

Motion carried.

4. **2024-191: Master Contracts for Project Communications, Contract 23P156** (Deb McKinley, 651-602-1035)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 23P156 A-F for project communications and public involvement to support Met Council Environmental Services capital programs in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 as outlined in the business item.

Discussion

CM Osman asked: How many years does this contract cover?

Staff responded: The contract period is up to five years.

CM Cederberg asked: Are each of these companies assigned a specific expertise or do they overlap?

Staff responded: There is a large amount of overlap within skills and qualifications. Some differentiating factors were considered. Their performance scores, unique engagement experience, intensive media responsiveness and political savvy were some factors we considered.

Motion carried.

5. **2024-192 JT: Release the 2050 Water Policy Plan for Public Comment** (Jen Kostrzewski, 651-602-1078)

It was moved by CM Wulff seconded by CM Morales, that the Environment Committee recommends to the Metropolitan Council to release the 2050 Water Policy Plan for formal public comment.

Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.



Reports

General Managers Report: General Manager of Environmental Services, Leisa Thompson, presented an update on the partnership with the City of St. Paul and District Energy. A goal of this partnership was to capture waste heat from the Metro Plant and utilize it as a heating source for downtown St. Paul and the Capitol complex . The Council did not receive the grant from the EPA but she is optimistic that continued work with our partners will yield in funding for this important work that benefits our region.

Adjournment

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

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of July 23, 2024.

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