

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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

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

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

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approved

Chair Lindstrom amended the October 22, 2024 agenda to remove JT from business item 2024-282. With no objection Council Members unanimously approved the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Osman to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None at this time.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2024-229: Ratification of Procurement After the Fact for the Repair of Seneca Water Hydrant & 6" City Water Line** (John Tierney, 651-602-8307)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Procurement After the Fact for repairs of the Seneca Service Water Hydrant and six-inch city water line at the Seneca Water Recovery Facility in Eagan in an amount of \$185,912.21.

Discussion

CM Wulff asked: Was the water pipe leaking or was it coming up from the ground?

Staff responded: The plant has very high ground water. At the time of the excavation we found out that it was the water line that was causing the majority of the leak.

CM Wulff asked: Since the city pipe is on our property it is the Councils responsibility, correct?

Staff responded: That is correct.

Chair Lindstrom asked: You mentioned that the soil was contaminated and removed, what was it contaminated with?

Staff responded: It was city water. We do test of the water to determine how best to approach the work.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-265: Interceptor 4-NS-525 Rehabilitation, Project No. 808609, Land Acquisition** (Tim Wedin, 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Cederberg, that the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2024-18 authorizing acquisition of temporary and permanent easements for Interceptor 4-NS-525 Rehabilitation Project 808609 and staff to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Discussion

CM Cederberg asked: There currently isn't any cost associated with this?

Staff responded: That is correct.

Chair Lindstrom: Are you planning to come back to the Council with a dollar amount?

Staff responded: With the scope of the work, I don't expect that we would need to come back to discuss a dollar amount.

Motion carried.

3. **2024-267: 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation Phase 2 - Agreement to Relocate Natural Gas Pipeline, (Contract No. 24P234)**

It was moved by CM Osman, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with CenterPoint Energy to relocate a natural gas line for the purposes of constructing Project 809207 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation Phase 2 for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Motion carried.

4. **2024-268: Authorization to hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Interceptor** (Mark Lundgren 651-602-1868, Ryan Piner 651-602-4514)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Cederberg, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes a Public Hearing on January 10, 2025 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Interceptor.

Discussion

Chair Lindstrom asked: Why does it make more sense to have the interceptor on the northwest side of the road verse the southside of the road towards the future plant site?

Staff responded: We picked a location that would be the easiest with the concerns of the environment and cultural resources.

CM Cederberg: Are you anticipating any issues from the community at the public hearing?

Staff responded: We haven't received any negative comments to date.

Motion carried.

5. **2024-269: Disposition of Property at 260 Fremont Avenue North** (Ryan Piner 651-602-4515, Tim Wedin 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Osman, seconded by CM Cederberg, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to authorize the sale of real estate property at 260 Fremont Avenue North, 55405 for the Interceptor 1-MN-320 Improvements, MCES Project No. 809205.



Motion carried.

6. **2024-282: Joint Powers Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Watershed Outlet Monitoring Program, Contract 22G002** (Daniel Henely 651-602-8085, Cassie Champion, 651-602-8745)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 22G002 Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature via MPCA in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.

Discussion

Presentation provided by Council scientists covering the history of the stream program and its partnerships through the Watershed Outlet Monitoring Program (WOMP). This amendment provides funding for 2 more years for a portion of the Council's stream monitoring program that includes Council staff monitoring locations as well as partnership locations where some sites are partially funded by this Joint Powers Agreement (WOMP2) and others by Council funds (WOMP1).

Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.

Reports

General Managers Report

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:03 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 22, 2024.

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