

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: June 8, 2022

Business Item: 2022-149

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing for Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Services Buildings & Site Improvements

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes a public hearing for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant services buildings & site improvements projects 805998 and 808923, Contract 21P015.

Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Zeran inquired how long the temporary trailers have been in use. Staff clarified that the first addition of the Construction Field Office was installed in 1973 (49 years ago). The R&D trailers were constructed in 1993 (29 years ago).

Chair Lindstrom inquired whether the public hearing is a requirement based on statute, or the Council's best practice. Staff clarified the public hearing is a statute requirement.

Committee Member Sterner inquired whether MCES has other rental space or temporary trailers. Staff stated they were not aware of any other rental space. There are temporary trailers installed at various construction sites for MCES staff.

Motion by Wulff, seconded by Sterner. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s): Council District 13, Council Member Chai Lee
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3
Staff Prepared/Presented: Tim Amstutz, Assistant Manager, 651-602-1221
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Background

Information Item (The Design-Build Delivery Approach for Selected Metro Plant Capital Projects) was presented to the Environment Committee on May 12, 2020, that recommended Design-Build for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) services buildings & site improvements projects.

Minnesota Statutes section 473.524 permits the Council to exercise the authority it had under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471A which includes providing capital-intensive public services using the design-build delivery method. Before entering into a contract, the Council must hold a public hearing.

Rationale

Minnesota law requires the Council to hold a public hearing before entering into a contract under Minnesota Statutes section 473.524.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to design and construct buildings for MCES staff. The public hearing will encourage public input.

Funding

Funds for the project's design and construction are included in the 2022 Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

Not applicable for this business item.