

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Raymond Zeran

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Susan Vento, seconded by Wendy Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Susan Vento to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2019-173 JT, 2019-174 JT, and 2019-175 JT)

It was moved by Susan Vento, seconded by Wendy Wulff to approve the consent agenda business items. Motion carried.

1. 2019-173 JT: City of Woodbury 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22080-1
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 Woodbury's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. Require the City to address the following comments prior to final Plan adoption:
 - a. Table 10-3, page 212 of the Wastewater Plan identifies the wastewater "loading" rates for wastewater projections for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). A similar table was not noted for "loading" rates for the Eagles Point WWTP. It is assumed that both WWTPs assume the same loading rates. The Plan should be revised to clarify the loading rates for each treatment plant service area, if applicable.
 - b. Revise Figure 10-1, "Existing and Proposed Sanitary Sewer System Map," to identify the 16-inch forcemain located along Tamarack Road, west of Radio Drive, and indicate that it will be a future Council facility, consistent with the notification the Council sent to the City in May of 2013.
 - c. Figure 10-1 needs to be revised to show a pipe section located along Lake Road between Colby Lake and Woodbury Drive (Co. Rd 19) as a City facility, rather than a Council facility.

3. Require the City to submit a copy of their new ordinance requiring the disconnection of existing foundation drains, sump pumps, and roof leaders from the sanitary sewer system, once the ordinance is adopted.
2. 2019-174 JT: City of Minnetrista 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21758-1
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 Minnetrista's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
 2. Advise that City that any increase in service area to LS4 and the associated increase in flow, will need to be accommodated through LS4 without the need for improvements that enhance its capacity or hydraulic system curve. In the future event that flow to LS4 exceeds its capacity, the City will need to divert areas served through LS4 to other parts of the City's service area or provide means to store and attenuate flow to LS4. The City submitted supplemental information that confirms that the revised service area to LS4 can be served without capacity improvements to the lift station.
3. 2019-175 JT: City of Osseo 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21844-1
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 Osseo's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. Advise the City to submit to the Council, as a Plan amendment, a copy of the City's Engineer's Sanitary Sewer Study, and its Capital Improvement Plan, upon completion.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

4. 2019-190: MCES Wastewater Rates and Charges Adoption
It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Kris Fredson that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2020:
 - Regional Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of **\$235,629,000**;
 - Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,485**;
 - Temporary SAC: **\$1.25** per thousand gallons;
 - Industrial Capacity Charge: **\$2.14** per thousand gallons;
 - Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.254** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
 - Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.127** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
 - Brewery Strength Charge: **\$.797** per barrel;
 - Standard Load Charge: **\$60.24** per thousand gallons;
 - Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$11.29** per thousand gallons;
 - Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$77.46** per thousand gallons;
 - Collar County Load Charge: **\$75.24** per thousand gallons;
 - Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.4130** per excess pound of TSS;
 - Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.2065** per excess pound of COD;
 - Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons;
 - Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and

- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$447,000** per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

Motion carried.

5. 2019-191: Waconia Interceptor 7508 Improvements
It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Susan Vento that the Metropolitan Council authorize Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Waconia Interceptor 7508 Improvements, MCES Project No. 808320, Contract No. 18P418, with Minger Construction Co., Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$4,846,946.43. Motion carried.
6. 2019-192 SW: 2019-2020 Water Efficiency Grant Program
It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Phillip Sterner that the Metropolitan Council approves the process for 2020 - 2021 water efficiency grants described in Attachment A of the business item and authorizes staff to advertise the availability of grant funding and solicit applications for the 2019 grants. Motion carried.
7. 2019-195: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Repair of Chanhassen Interceptor 8253-327
It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Kris Fredson that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached Justification for the Declaration of Emergency for repairs to Interceptor 8253-327 in Chanhassen. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report

NACWA Utility Leadership Conference is coming to Minneapolis, July 16 – 19, 2019 at the Loews Hotel in Minneapolis. The theme of this event is “Building a Network of Influence: Utility Executive Leadership in a Changing World.” Several MCES staff are scheduled to speak or participate in panel discussions during the plenary sessions. In addition, MCES is scheduled to receive a Gold Excellence in Management award as well as six out of eight plants receiving Platinum Peak Performance recognition for years of continuous compliance. Those who expressed interest in attending have be registered for the conference.

A Capital Projects/Interceptor & Water Monitoring Tour has been scheduled for 7/29/19 from 10:00-2:30. The Council Chair and Environment Committee members have expressed interest in attending. Details have been circulated to the participants.

Chair Lindstrom spent a half day with staff learning about water quality monitoring efforts that occur 42 weeks of the year at various locations on the Mississippi River between St. Paul and Hastings. Thank you to staff members Sam Paske, Dan Henely, and Tyler Winter who were present on the tour. An example of some monitored levels includes, but are not limited to, suspended solids, phosphorus, nitrogen, chloride, metals, and bacteria. The Chair was impressed with the type of equipment used to conduct the testing that was modified for use in river currents. Committee members interested in joining staff for monitoring activities should contact Dan Henely, EQA Water Resources Assistant Manager, at 651-602-8085 or by email at daniel.henely@metc.state.mn.us.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary