

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: July 25, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

E Chair, Peter Lindstrom D11
☒ Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff D16

☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
E Anjuli Cameron, District 5
☒ Yassin Osman, District 8

E Diego Morales, District 9
☒ Gail Cederberg, District 12
☒ = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Wulff 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, with no objections the agenda was approved. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Osman to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None at this time.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-165: Master Contracts for Interceptor Engineering Services, Contract 22P375

It was moved by CM Cederberg, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 22P375A-L for interceptor engineering services with cumulative not to exceed amount of \$52,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Brown and Caldwell	22P375A	\$8,670,000
Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC.	22P375B	\$8,160,000
TKDA and Associates, Inc.	22P375C	\$3,000,000
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	22P375D	\$7,500,000
SEH, Inc.	22P375E	\$6,670,000
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	22P375F	\$3,330,000
CDM Smith, Inc.	22P375G	\$6,000,000

Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.	22P375H	\$6,000,000
CNA Consulting Engineers	22P375I	\$1,000,000
Brierley Associates Corporation	22P375J	\$1,000,000
106 Group	22P375K	\$340,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	22P375L	\$330,000

Discussion

CM Wulff asked: Did you find all the specialty skill sets that you were hoping to get bids from?

Staff responded: Yes, we got a good set of proposals. The last four listed are service area specific.

CM Cederberg asked: What exactly is it that the DBE's are doing as none of these are DBE firms? What type of work are the DBE's doing and how is the 15 percent proportioned?

Staff responded: The 15% is for each respective contract. Because of the different disciplines and scopes of work they have been authorized for, it is based on what the proposer submitted. CM Carter asked: For the contract, is that isolated per interceptor? How does it break down?

Staff responded: They would work on the entire system, not a specific area.

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CM Osman: The goal was 15 percent did we meet it, what was the exact number?

Staff responded: That information isn't public information. The only thing that is public at this time is the name of the proposer and the information in the business item. The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity reviewed all of the proposals and determined all met the minimum DBE requirements.

CM Cederberg: What is the length of the contract?

Staff responded: The term of the contract is 5-years.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Water Policy Research Project

Staff from Water Resources presented an update on the Water Policy Research Plan. They discussed the water planning overview, the regional water context, as well as their water reuse research paper. The purpose of this plan is to:

- Focus on ensuring sustainable water resources in the region
- Provide framework for integrative water planning
- Provide water policies, strategies, and actions for the Met Council and the local government within our seven-county region
- Put policies in place that will commit the Council to take action

The topic of water reuse was discussed. Various types of water reuses we highlighted, along with their primary drivers, current concerns, and the roles we play at the Council. The presentation concluded with recommendations as well as feedback and input from the committee members.

Discussion

CM Cederberg asked: Did you do any surveying on conservation or proactive actions residents can take?



Staff responded: We sent out a mailed survey to residents within the region. We did touch on conservation and some other aspects as well.

CM Carter asked: Do you have or are you developing a specialized program to deal with chemicals in the water?

Staff responded: We haven't gotten far enough to address this issue but we have begun to discuss and consider this.

Reports

General Managers Report

Leisa Thompson, General Manager of Environmental Service, stated: This is a really important conversation, this process has to flow so we can continue to come up with better plans and so the information brought that someone didn't know can help inform their thinking. It's a dual benefit.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:26 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 25, 2023.

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