

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: March 11, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
 Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

Tyronne Carter, District 3
 Diego Morales, District 9
E Peter Lindstrom, District 10

E Susan Vento, District 12
 Chai Lee, District 13
 = 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

It was moved by unanimously to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-40: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency Repair of Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon** (Jeff Schwarz, 651-602-6378, Adam Gordon, 651-602-4503)

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon in Saint Paul in the amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.

Discussion

CM Carter asked: When fixing problems or planning in these areas do you have joint meetings to preplan for potential issues?

Staff responded: The emergency repair will help us find out what's going on and how to plan in the future. We are working closely with Xcel Energy to ensure that their gas lines are operable and that we don't cause any additional problems.

CM Wulff asked: How long is it going to take to get Siphon C online again and take Siphon A out of service to fix that?

Staff responded: It will begin on March 17th and take about 8-10 weeks to repair the 20inch

which will allow the capacity to finish the design and inspection of the remainder of the facility.

CM Cederberg asked: Are you going to bring another budget back to the Council to complete Siphon A or is that already in scope?

Staff responded: If the new project exceeds the Council approval threshold, Business Items will be presented. We will not be sure until the inspection is complete and the scope of work is understood.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-72: Odor Control Media, Contract 24P174** (Carol Blommel Johnson 651-602-4525, Wayde Schroeder 651-602-4551)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P174 with Purafil, Inc., to provide odor control media in amount not to exceed \$4,233,000.

Discussion

CM Wulff asked: The units appear to be located around the Lake Minnetonka area, why is that?

Staff responded: The locations of the units themselves are based on a multitude of factors. They are all over the metropolitan area for various reasons.

CM Carter: Do you typically have more concentration of interceptors where manufacturing is taking place?

Staff responded: I wouldn't say that's not a consistent factor.

CM Lee asked: How are coconut shells being used in the process?

Staff: Coconut shells are another type of manufactured media process, typically used in impregnated carbon dried from hardwood or coal.

CM Cederberg: How long is this purchase good for?

Staff responded: For five years.

Motion carried.

Information

No items at this time.

Reports

Chair

Committee Members

General Managers

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the



Environment Committee meeting of March 11, 2025.

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