

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Peter Lindstrom D11
- Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff D16

- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- = 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.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Vento to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None at this time.

Non-Consent Business

2023-16: Stipends for the Fourth Incinerator (Katherine Heflin 651-602-1077, Dan Abelson 651-602-1713, Jody Jacoby 651-602-1144)

It was moved by CM Vento, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a stipend in the amount of \$260,000 to each responsive and responsible short-listed proposer that is not awarded the design-build contract for the Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator project (Contract #21P055) up to a total of \$780,000.

Discussion

CM Wulff: Did anyone have any negative feedback on stipends or was everyone in favor of it?

Staff responded: I did not hear any negative feedback. It's about paying the proposers for their time. It is an innovative and effective way to get them to engage. Based on my research with other public agencies and associations I didn't hear any negatives. I did hear negative if you didn't offer one because there was less likelihood that you would get the rigor to prepare a comprehensive proposal to be forwarded to the process.

CM Wulff: In your study with people did the preparer said they wanted to keep their intellectual property or did they generally take the money.

Staff responded: The only additional consideration that's different than this proposal that I heard throughout the research was asking the proposers what they felt the value of their preparation cost were.

CM Vento: Can you clarify the wording of the fourth bullet in the presentation?

Staff responded: If we are unable to award a contract all responsive and responsible, non-

selected proposer will receive the stipend. It's meant to offset the cost of providing a proposal.

CM Fredson: With the total being capped at \$780,000 I'm assuming you don't see any scenario where more than four entities would apply for this. What would happen if more than four applied?

Staff responded: There is a limited number of experienced design build teams as well as incinerator system suppliers. Based on our walk through we think there are two teams seriously interested in proposing on this project. We plan on short listing three.

CM Fredson: Do you anticipate any pushback from legislation?

Staff responded: We feel that we are on comfortable legal ground. The Council has statutory authority to do design build.

CM Vento: do you anticipate the possibility the stipends might be used for other upcoming projects?

Staff responded: Maybe, it depends on the projects. This is unique situation that is part of a design build contract and the Council does few design-build projects.

CM Sterner: Are there any DBE goals in the request for proposals?

Staff responded: Yes, there will be. I don't think they have been established yet. This is a non-PFA project, we will have MCUB goals for this project.

Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.

Reports

General Manager of Environmental Service, Leisa Thompson stated: There is a quote out there that I think of often that is, "Teaming is the engineering of organizational learning". She thanked everyone for their hard work and continued efforts in collaboration and solidarity. Her commitment moving forward in 2023 is to continue to help the organization with team efforts to bring this kind of work forward.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of January 10, 2023.

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