

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Committee Members Present: Sandy Rummel - Chair, Wendy Wulff – Vice-Chair, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2013-79 Authorization to Amend the 2013 Operating Budget

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Environmental Services Operating Budget to increase appropriations by \$187,000.

Motion carried.

2013-116 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Purchase Order Change to the Equipment and Services Agreement for Vehicle GPS System, Purchase Order No. 09004399

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Purchase Order Change (POC) to the equipment and services agreement for the Vehicle GPS system, Purchase Order (PO) No. 09004399, in the amount of \$92,000.

Motion carried.

2013-117 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 12P079 for East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, Project Number 801623

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, Project Number 801623, Contract 12P079, with S.M. Hentges and Sons Inc. for its low responsive bid of \$8,588,125.92.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Capital Program Update

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, briefly reviewed: interceptor rehabilitation projects, Lake Minnetonka area projects; Minneapolis interceptor projects, Brooklyn Park lift station / force main rehabilitation, Burnsville interceptor rehabilitation, Seneca interceptor rehabilitation, and condition assessments / inspections of sewers. Next steps will be to define projects and priorities, estimate project costs, request amendment to 2013 capital program to fund accelerated interceptor rehab work, and develop the 2014 capital program and 2014-2019 capital improvement program.

2. Sustainability Plan Progress

Jason Willett, Director of MCES Finance, Revenue & Energy, provided an overview of the Council's sustainability policy, plan and procedures, which consist of four components: energy and greenhouse gas emissions, water, fleet, and solid and hazardous waste. The policy of the Council is to conduct its own operations in a sustainable manner when economically feasible. Each division in the Council is responsible for managing its operations in a way that meets the goals of council procedures. In addition to the tasks in the current Council sustainability plan, two new tasks have been proposed: 1) monitor Council owned sewer lateral pipes to ensure they are pursuant or better than industry standard, and 2) end purchases of products containing triclosan. Next steps are to continue to implement tasks; refine tasks/add tasks to plan as appropriate; and submit the plan to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in June 2013. Committee members complimented and thanked staff for their efforts. They also asked if the sustainability plan is available on line. Willett said it will be.

3. General Manager's Report

William Moore, MCES Deputy General Manager, informed the committee that at the next meeting, a business item will be brought forward to award a contract for interceptor inspection work that will supplement that work performed by ES staff. He also said that MCES will be adding an additional crew and purchasing equipment in the next 9-12 months to perform more of this work in-house.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:41p.m.

Susan Harder
Recording Secretary