

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummwel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2013-76 Authorization to Adopt Council Resolution 2013-1, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the MOU between the City of Lake Elmo and the Council to Address Planning Issues

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council adopt attached Resolution No. 2013-1, which modifies and clarifies the scope and nature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lake Elmo and the Council to address planning issues, and authorizing its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a binding amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City consistent with the attached Resolution.

Motion carried.

2013-77 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Southwest Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 807615, Contract No. 12P172

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Southwest Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project Number 807615, Contract No. 12P172, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$2,327,700.

Motion carried.

2013-78 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the cities of Excelsior, Greenwood and Shorewood for MCES Project No. 802850

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute cooperative agreements between the Council and the cities of Excelsior, Greenwood and Shorewood, for the construction of and services related to the construction of the Excelsior Forcemain, MCES Project No. 802850.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Wastewater Policy Plan & Wastewater System Plan

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, provided highlights of the water resources policy plan, explaining policy links to the system plan, and policies and implementation strategies for serving growth, system operation, and system finance.

2. 2013 Work Plan

Leisa Thompson, General Manager, reviewed the proposed work plan for the Environment Committee.

3. General Manager's Report

- A. All plants were in full compliance with NPDES permit in January.
- B. Thompson informed committee members that an amendment to MN statute might be introduced that has ramifications for the Council. The information that the Council received indicated that the statute amendment would require supplemental contribution by all MERF employers regardless of agreements entered into prior to the 2010 MERF-PERA legislation. Thompson provided a brief history on the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) and the Council, highlighting the 2001 Council authorization to enter into a buyout agreement with the City of Minneapolis to transfer to the city all future financial obligation of the Council for payments to MERF, and to pay the City an amount based on actuarial analysis for assuming this liability.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Susan Harder
Recording Secretary