

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

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.

Agenda Approved

With no edits requested, the agenda was approved by consensus. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Committee Member (CM) Wulff, seconded by CM Vento to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

1. 2022-218 JT: City of Maple Plain 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review No. 22407-1 (Kyle Colvin, 651-602-1151)

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and Advisory Comments and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Maple Plain to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's population forecasts to round to the nearest hundred, as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise to the City to send the Local Water Management Plan (LWMP) to the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission for review and approval. When approved, send the Council the watershed's approval date and the date the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan.
4. Advise the City:
 - a. To incorporate supplemental information on employment-bearing land use intensity received on May 24, 2022 into the Final Plan prior to final adoption.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for regional parks and trails, surface water management, and forecasts.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Maple Plain's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City that the Final Plan submitted to the Council must include a copy of the City's ordinance related to the prohibition of sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer system.

2. 2022-219 JT: City of Dayton 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review No. 22507-1 (Kyle Colvin, 651-602-1151)

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Dayton to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's regional sewer-served forecasts downward as shown in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City:
 - a. Within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval, the City must adopt the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan; and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts, land use, and plan implementation.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Dayton's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater.

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Vento.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2022-232: Updates for the Interceptor Chemical Odor Control System – Contract 20P215B (Adam Gordon, 651-602-4503; Bert Tracy, 651-602-4024)

It was moved by CM Vento, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment for contract 20P215B with Rice Lake Construction to reduce the contract term.

This item was initially presented in September 2021 to the Environment Committee; given the requested changes to the contract term, they are again bringing it before the committee for re-ratification.

Committee Member (CM) Sterner asked why most sites are located in the West Metro. Staff replied that given the topography – which centers around Lake Minnetonka – lends itself to having so many lift stations.

Vice Chair (VC) Wulff asked:

- If we had anticipated the shorter-term contract at the time of original presentation in 2021; this shorter contract term significantly increases costs.
Staff replied that they had not foreseen the truncation of the contract, and that much of the increase in cost is due to having to share the sharp price increase (from \$.71/lb to over \$1.00/lb) with our suppliers.
- Why we are renegotiating costs for this contract; this is not typical.
Staff noted that if we do not address the increased costs within our contract that we will encounter bigger issues, such as not having the necessary odor control chemicals in stock in the future to meet our needs. This negotiation will alleviate the need for future emergency declarations for such need further down the line.

Motion carried.

2. 2022-233: Ratification of Emergency Declaration for Purchase of Odor Control Chemicals (Adam Gordon, 651-602-4503; Bert Tracy, 651-602-4024)

It was moved by CM Sterner, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for the purchase of odor control chemicals and operation and maintenance services for the 16 existing chemical odor control sites.



This is to address the gap / continuity of service between the original contract and the amended contract (see above) being ratified.

Motion carried.

Information

1. 2022 Summer Intern Presentations (Andrea Childress on behalf Workforce & Equity Department, 651-602-8349)

- **Penelope (Penny) Hunter**, Finance: Municipal Wastewater Rates and Affordability
- **Jeff Thompson**, Process Control: Programable Logic Control (PLC) Upgrade Project
- **Noel Wang**, Operations Support Services: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Audit Project
- **Ngoc Pham**, Operations Support Services: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Audit Project
- **Salomeh Rostami**, Industrial Waste Pollution Prevention: Pollution Prevention of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
- **Julia Cedergren**, Performance Excellence and Analytics: Three-Dimensional (3D) Scans and Instructional Design
- **Grace Leonardson**, Environmental Services Tech Services: Centrifuge Performance
- **Amber McKenzie**, Administration and Communications: Met Council Environmental Services (MCES) Library
- **Megan Schmaltz**, Water Resource: Water Quality Monitoring
- **Corgan Archuleta**, GIS Wastewater Urban Scholar, Interceptor Services: Mapping Underground Structures
- **Paul Weiler**, Interceptor Engineering: Odor Management Program
- **Carina Bjorklund**, Operations Support Services: Metro Plant Operator-Created Content

CM Vento remarked that – as a former teacher – this presentation is one of the best parts about being on this committee. She continued that this and the last few years have been tough for educators, and she encouraged the interns to reach out an educator that had an impact on them, sparked interest, or helped build their confidence. She also thanked the staff who provided the mentorship for these interns.

Reports

General Manager Report

Leisa Thompson, general manager, added her thanks to the interns for the work they have done and the inspirational sentiments they have expressed. She encouraged them to return to the Metropolitan Council because the drive, solution-based mindset, and collaboration demonstrate skills needed to carry out our mission of providing clean water for future generations.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of August 9, 2022.

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