

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Cara Letofsky, Marie McCarthy, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent:

Harry Melander

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Marie McCarthy to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Cara Letofsky to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2018-199 SW Adoption of MCES Wastewater Rates and Charges

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Cara Letofsky, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2019:

- Regional Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of \$227,441,000;
- Sewer Availability Charge: \$2,485;
- Temporary SAC: \$1.25 per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Strength Charge: \$.243 per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
- Industrial Strength Charge: \$.1215 per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Brewery Strength Charge: \$.762 per barrel;
- Standard Load Charge: \$60.24 per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: \$11.10 per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: \$77.46 per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: \$75.24 per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.4130 per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge \$.2065 per excess pound of COD;
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: \$15.00 per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and
- I&I Surcharge Exceedance Rate: \$437,000 per million gallons /day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

Motion carried.

2018-200 Closure of 2016-2017 Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force

It was moved by Wendy Wulff, seconded by Marie McCarthy, that the Metropolitan Council accept the report of the 2016-2017 SAC Task Force, discharge the Task Force, and thank them for their work and input. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report

Sam Paske, Assistant General Manager, Environmental Quality Assurance provided an update while Leisa Thompson, General Manager was attending the NACWA conference.

The US Water Alliance was the coordinating agency with the Metropolitan Council serving as the host agency for the One Water Summit that took place July 10 through July 12.

With well over 900 registered attendees, the Council's hosting of the summit provided more than 200 Twin Cities metro and state water leaders and professionals including those throughout the Council and our local partner and stakeholder organizations with a unique opportunity to attend a national gathering of water leaders focused on innovative solutions to water issues. The event was a huge success with positive feedback received from attendees.

The Council was able to showcase the Twin Cities as an area of cross-sector collaboration on water issues. It provided in-depth discussion, resource people and detailed results from a wide variety of water improvements and initiatives, including water and wastewater reuse.

Regional leaders were able to engage with state, city, non-profits, community groups, and tribes during the 3-day event.

We were able to partner with the City of Minneapolis and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to design a green infrastructure site visit which promoted and recognized six innovative local projects, primarily in North Minneapolis. A tour of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux wastewater treatment plant was also well received.

A job well done by staff partnering with the US Water Alliance to address and handle the rapidly changing needs during the planning process.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary