

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

#### Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson; Phillip Sterner; Susan Vento; Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair; Raymond Zeran

#### Committee Members Absent:

None

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 with the following roll call:

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0

Governor Walz notice was read at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

**NOTICE:** Governor Walz has declared a peacetime emergency (Emergency Executive Order 20-01) in response to COVID-19 and the Metropolitan Council Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person Metropolitan Council meeting for reasons stated in the Governor's Emergency Executive Order. Accordingly, Metropolitan Council members will participate in this meeting via telephone or other electronic means and the Metropolitan Council meeting will be conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 at the date and time stated above. This [meeting will be streamed live and recorded](#). We encourage you to monitor the meeting remotely. If you have comments, I encourage members of the public to email us at [public.info@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us). We will respond to your comments in a timely manner.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Without objection agenda was approved.

It was moved by Sterner seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021, regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 1 Wulff  
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

#### CONSENT BUSINESS

There were no items on the consent agenda for this meeting.

#### NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

- 2021-77: Master Contract for Wet/Dry Vactoring Services for MCES Facilities, Contract 20P202

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner that the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of purchase orders for vactor services at

MCES facilities with two (2) vendors to include Goliath Hydrovac, Inc. and Schlomka Vac-Truck Service, Inc. for a combined total award amount not to exceed \$966,850.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

2. 2021-78: Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 1, Project No 808685, Land Acquisition

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2021-12 authorizing the acquisition of temporary easements for the Coon Rapids Interceptor Rehabilitation project and staff to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

3. 2021-79: Joint Use Agreement for MCES ERS07 and Minneapolis Central City Storm Tunnel, Contract 211011

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Fredson that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to enter into a Joint Use Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Minneapolis (City) to accommodate City construction of the proposed Central City Storm Tunnel (Project) in 2021-2022. There are no Metropolitan Council expenditures related to this agreement.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

## INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report

No report tonight but opportunity was taken to inquire about potential information item topics that committee members would like to have presented at future meetings.

One timely update is preparation and planning for the eventual return to the office for staff who have been working from home during the pandemic. Committee Member Vento asked if there was an idea of when staff would begin returning. General Manager Thompson stated it may be closer to July. Staff will return in phases with a more flexible situation than prior to the pandemic.

If Committee members have items they would like brought before this committee, please let [leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us) know.

Ideas shared for potential informational items include:

- Committee Member Wulff would like to see an update on the interceptor condition assessments.
- Committee Member Sterner suggested information items on PFAS, chloride impacts, and plans for future plants.
- Chair Lindstrom also expressed interest in hearing more on plans for future plants including a Scott or Carver County location.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of March 23, 2021.

Susan Taylor  
Recording Secretary