

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Sandra Rummel-Chair, Marie McCarthy, Harry Melander, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Absent:

Wendy Wulff-Vice Chair, Edward Reynoso

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:07 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Marie McCarthy, seconded by Gary Van Eyll to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 13, 2014 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Consent

It was moved by Gary Van Eyll, seconded by Lona Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council approve the consent list (Items 1-6). **Motion carried.**

1. 2014-165 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Waste Incinerator Ash Disposal Services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a Contract with SKB Environmental Inc. of St. Paul, MN not to exceed \$1,400,000 to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metro and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period August 15, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

2. 2014-166 Authorization to Extend the Lease for the Metro 94 Facilities

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the MCES General Manager to execute an extension of the lease for the use of Metro 94 facilities for MCES business use.

3. 2014-168 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Seneca Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 1

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to construct Seneca Area System Rehabilitation – Phase 1, MCES Project No. 808010, Contract No. 14P086, with Visu-Sewer for their low, responsive and responsible bid of \$12,702,779.75.

4. 2014-169 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Mound Area Improvements, L38/West Maintenance Facility, MCES Project Numbers 802824 and 802826, Contract Number 14P046

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Mound Area Improvements, L38/West Maintenance Facility, MCES Project Numbers 802824 and 802826, Contract No. 14P046, with Rice Lake Construction Group, for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$13,320,000

5. **2014-170 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the Woodbury NE Lift Station L77 and Forcemain Improvements, Project No. 806310, Contract 14P062**
That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Woodbury NE Lift Station L77 and Forcemain Improvements, Project No. 806310, Contract 14P062 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc, for their low responsive and responsible bid of \$3,401,130.00.
6. **2014-171 Authorization to Award and Execute Three Master Contracts for Geotechnical and Other Testing Services (Contract #14P045A, B, and C)**
That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award a \$2,000,000 master contract 14P045A with American Engineering Testing, \$1,500,000 master contract 14P045B with Braun Intertec Corporation, and a \$500,000 master contract 14P045C with Terracon Consultants.

Non-Consent Items

2014-157 Authorization to Amend the 2014 Unified Budget: Third Quarter Amendment

It was moved by Marie McCarthy, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the amendment of the 2014 Unified Budget for wastewater operations to increase expenses by \$1,000,000. **Motion carried.**

2014-172 Direction to Hold Public Meeting on Proposed Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Abatement Grant Program Design

It was moved by Gary Van Eyll, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Environment Committee directs staff to hold a public meeting to gather input and discuss the proposed grant program design guidelines for I&I abatement grants. **Motion carried.**

2014-173: Authorization to Award and Execute an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to Investigate Groundwater and Surface Water Interaction In and Around White Bear Lake and Surrounding Northeast Metropolitan Lakes

It was moved by Harry Melander, seconded by Marie McCarthy that the Metropolitan Council authorizes, its Regional Administrator to award and execute an interagency agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) totaling \$530,000 to investigate groundwater and surface water interaction in and around White Bear Lake and surrounding northeast metropolitan lakes. **Motion carried.**

2014-174: Adoption of MCES 2015 Wastewater Rates and Charges

It was moved by Lona Schreiber, seconded by Marie McCarthy that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2015:

- Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of **\$190,710,000**;
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,485** per Residence or Residential Equivalent Capacity;
- Temporary Capacity Charge : **\$1.25** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.190** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.095** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Standard Load Charge: **\$56.31** per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$9.39** per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$72.49** per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$71.31** per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.388** per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$.194** 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: **\$415,000** per million gallons /day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

Motion carried.

SW 2014-167: Authorization to Reject All Bids for Construction of 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station L-81 Project 805730, Contract 13P258

It was moved by Gary Van Eyll, seconded by Lona Schreiber that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for construction of 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station L-81 Project 805730, Contract 13P258. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. 2015 Capital Budget –

The proposed program is a continuation of the existing capital improvement program. Objectives of the capital program are rehabilitation, growth and quality improvement. A summary of proposed changes and adjustments was provided as well as interceptor and plant projects for 2015 and beyond. The proposed 6-year capital improvement program (CIP) is \$720 Million, authorized capital program is \$1.118 Billion and a 2015 capital budget of \$163 Million. Key projects exist at the Empire, Metro, and Seneca plants. Rehabilitation of corroded pipes is a priority. For 2015 to 2020, 84% of the projected expenditures are for preservation of existing assets, 10% for growth and 6% for quality improvements. Project type breakdown will focus 72% on interceptors and 28% on treatment plants, which reflects the focus on interceptor rehabilitation.

2. General Manager's Report –

2013 National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Awards Announced. NACWA has announced 6 MCES plants as platinum award recipients for 2013 perfect compliance. Hastings has received 23 years of continued compliance; St. Croix Valley has received 22 years, Seneca 13 years, Blue Lake 8 years, Eagles Point 8 years, and Empire 6 years. There are only a handful of plants in the United States who have experienced 23 years or more of continued compliance. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has helped MCES reach this level of achievement.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary