

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, John Đòan, Harry Melander, Gary Van Eyll

Committee Members Excused: Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

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, August 14, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Đòan, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2012 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-223 2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Đòan, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Operating Budget for Environmental Services to increase expenditures by \$2.4 million.

Motion carried.

2012-257 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract for MWWTP Process Equipment, MCES Project Numbers 805921, 805929, 805955; Contract No. 12P074

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Đòan, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a Construction Contract for MWWTP Process Equipment, MCES Project Numbers 805921, 805929, 805955, Contract No. 12P074, with Total Mechanical Services in the amount of \$4,483,105.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Study. Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, explained that OPEB is all retiree benefits that are not part of pension plans, e.g. healthcare, dental, life insurance. Environmental Services eligible positions are expected to be fully funded in a year or so.
2. 2013 Capital Program. Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager, explained the Capital Program strategy and objectives. He reviewed the proposed 2013-2016 Capital Improvement Program, which includes key projects at the Empire, Metro and East Bethel plants, and interceptor system rehabilitation projects. The proposed 2013 Authorized Capital Program includes six new projects, adjustments to existing projects, deletion of completed projects, and authorization of the design phase for the

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Empire Plant solids project and Minneapolis interceptor 1-MN-310/320 diversion project. The proposed 2013 capital budget is \$147 million.

3. General Manager's Report

At Leisa Thompson's request, Bryce Pickart gave an update on East Bethel, and said that Council staff is meeting with the city to discuss issues.

Thompson informed the committee that a discrepancy was found in the Hugo/Forest Lake flow meter, and it appears that each city will receive a credit or refund.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary