

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

Chair, Peter Lindstrom, D10
 Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

Tyrone Carter, District 3
 Yassin Osman, District 7
E Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9
E Gail Cederberg, District 11
 = 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

It was moved by a consensus to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Osman to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2023-236)

1. **2023-263:** City of Shorewood 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22304-1 (Kyle Colvin 651-602-1151, Freya Thamman, 651-602-1750) 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 Shorewood to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's population and employment forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Shorewood Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, which state that the City is currently reviewing and negotiating revisions to several of its intercommunity service agreements. Once these agreements have been executed, a copy shall be submitted to the Council.

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

None at this time.

Information

1. 2024-2029 Capital Program (Kyle Colvin 651-602-1151, Rene Heflin 651-602-1077, Adam Gordon 651-602-4503)

Staff from Wastewater Planning & Community Programs presented an overview of the 2024-2029 Capital Program. This 6-year Capital program is defined as a combination of the Authorized Capital Program (ACP), the Capital Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Capital Program ACP Objectives are as followed:

- Preserve Assets
- Meet capacity needs by expanding system capacity through plant expansion and interceptor extensions and improvements
- Improve quality of service

The Capital Program is financed through:

- Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Loans
- Council General Obligation Bonds in which the Council sells general obligation bonds
- Pay-As- You-Go (PayGO), which are funds dedicated to paying for some capital expenses with current revenue

Staff discussed new plant and interceptor projects as followed:

- Blaine Relief Interceptor
- Savage Trunk Sewer Acquisition (Credit River)
- Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant and;
- Other miscellaneous small system improvements

The goal for administering the program is to achieve an 80% delivery of completed projects each year in the program. This approach allows for Program flexibility and eliminates the need for frequent requests for Program amendments. Staff concluded with the Capital Program schedule. The final adoption of the 2024 budgets and levies is scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Reports

General Managers Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of October 10, 2023.

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