

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson; Phillip Sterner; Raymond Zeran

Committee Members Absent:

Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair; Susan Vento

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, June 11, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Philip Sterner, seconded by Kris Fredson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kris Fredson, seconded by Ray Zeran to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Environment Committee Comprehensive Plan Review Process:

Jeannine Clancy, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services and Kyle Colvin, Manager, Engineering Programs presented a process for consideration by the Committee. Given the number of cities who will have comprehensive plans being presented to Environment Committee, a plan was shared with the Committee to have plans that meet specific requirements be added to a consent agenda versus non-consent agenda.

Qualifying Criteria for Consent Agenda:

- Satisfies content requirements
- Conforms and Consistent with regional wastewater policies and is Compatible with adjacent communities and other jurisdictions.
- Reflects Council assigned forecasts
- No changes in 2040 service area (MUSA)
- Growth and wastewater flow accommodated without need for system capacity improvements or system extensions.
- Addresses I/I mitigation Plan requirements
- Absent significant advisory comments

Criteria for Non-Consent Agenda:

- Represents potential negative impact on regional wastewater system
 - Insufficient existing system capacity
- Represents departure from regional wastewater system plan
 - Underutilization of capacity/investment
- Represents new connection to regional wastewater system by 2040
- Requires follow-up by community considered to be non-typical

It is noted that this process had previously been adopted in 1998. In 2008, the process was amended to have all comprehensive plans reviewed on a non-consent agenda. A return to the 1998 process is being requested for Environment Committee as it will allow staff the opportunity to focus on resolving plans requiring further actions.

Comments and Questions:

Council Member Sterner asked which communities may be added to the system in the future. Staff stated Credit River Township reflects one potential addition to the wastewater system.

Council Member Sterner inquired if there would be a groundbreaking process for new communities who are added to the system. Staff stated a customer forum would be created approximately one year prior to the cut over to the regional system. It is an orientation of sorts that Council Members would be made aware of if they are interested in attending.

Council Member Fredson asked how often the wastewater components would be considered controversial versus having opposition. Staff stated very rarely do plans come in that would warrant a non-consent item. System departure or opposition that exists would warrant non-consent.

Council Member Fredson requested an update to the slide to add “known opposition” to the non-consent criteria. Staff duly noted the update.

Chair Lindstrom stated we would move forward with this plan.

2. General Manager Report

Sam Paske, Assistant General Manager, Environmental Quality Assurance represented General Manager Leisa Thompson who was on annual leave. No report at this time.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 2019-133 JT, 2019-134 JT, 2019-135 JT, and 2019-136 JT)

It was moved by Philip Sterner, seconded by Kris Freson to approve the consent agenda business items. Motion carried.

1. 2019-133 JT: City of Plymouth 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21855-1

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Plymouth’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. 2019-134 JT: City of Medicine Lake 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22156-1
That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Medicine Lake’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
2. Advise the City to submit a copy of the final adopted ordinance that requires the disconnection of any identified prohibited discharges to the sanitary sewer system.

3. 2019-135 JT: City of Mahtomedi 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21812-1
That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Mahtomedi's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

4. 2019-136 JT: City of Victoria 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21975-1

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Victoria's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

5. 2019-137 JT: City of Burnsville 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 21907-1

It was moved by Philip Sterner, seconded by Ray Zeran that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and Review Record attached to the business item and take the following action:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Victoria's Comprehensive Sewer Plan component of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried.

6. 2019-144: Emergency Declaration Ratification for Relocation of Interceptor 8352
It was moved by Ray Zeran, seconded by Kris Freson that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Justification for the Declaration of Emergency attached to the business item for relocation of Interceptor 8352 at BNSF rail crossing with Town Line Road Trail (south of TH12) in Maple Plain.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary