

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, Harry Melander, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn

Committee Members Absent: 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 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-346 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the University of Minnesota

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the University of Minnesota (University) to provide research services for the Environmental Services Division in an amount not to exceed \$315,000 for a four-year period. **Motion carried.**

2012-347 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Master Utility Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for the Relocation of Interceptor 9101 as a part of MnDOT State Project No. 8214-114

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Master Utility Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for relocation of the Bayport Interceptor 9101 facilities located in the vicinity of proposed State Project No. 8214-114 (TH36). **Motion carried.**

2012-348 Approval of Municipal Wastewater Charge (MWC) Adjustment Agreement with the Cities of Hugo and Forest Lake

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute agreements with the cities of Hugo and Forest Lake to adjust prior year Municipal Wastewater Charges (MWCs). **Motion carried**

2012-349 Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 12P213 with SKB Environmental, Inc. for Transport and Disposal of Stabilized Biosolids

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute Contract 12P213 with SKB

Environmental, Inc. for transport and disposal of alkaline stabilized material in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. **Motion carried.**

2012-350 Adoption of Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Procedure Changes

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopts changes to the Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) program to be effective January 1, 2013, and approves the revised SAC procedure manual which is shown in attachment A in substantially final form. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Environmental Services Division Risk Management Update

Philip Walljasper, Director of Risk Management and Claims, explained the functions of the Risk Management department and risk related financials for Environmental Services.

Water Resources Policy Plan Update

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, and Judy Sventek, Water Resources Assessment Manager, provided an overview of the process and schedule for the new plan. The goal is to have a draft plan ready to review in November 2013. Public hearings will be held in 2014, with final adoption of plan in May 2014. Staff also summarized comments that came out of the Thrive MSP 2040 listening sessions.

2013-2016 DBE Goal

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Igbal Mohammad, Lead EO Consultant, and Aaron Koski, Lead EO Consultant, provided background on the DBE Public Facilities Authority (PFA)/EPA program. The proposed triennial goal is 12%; subgoals are 6% minority DBE and 6% Women DBE. Environmental Services construction projects include specialized work that cannot be contracted out and have few opportunities for DBEs. Contractors have met goals that have traditional subcontracting opportunities. Council staff recommends setting contract-specific goals for ES construction projects, and using goal setting methodology to determine relative availability of DBEs for work present in a contract. Design contract goals are set at 15% (7.5% and 7.5%). In summary, the individual contract goals are: overall goal: 12%; design contract goal 15%; construction contract goal: 0-20% (average of 10%).

General Manager's Report

Leisa Thompson informed the committee that the MPCA issued a press release about the Minnesota River water quality improvements at a news conference that was held at the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary