

# Minutes

Environment Committee



**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

E Chair, Peter Lindstrom D11  
 Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff D16

E Tyronne Carter, District 3  
 Anjuli Cameron, District 5  
 Yassin Osman, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9  
E Gail Cederberg, District 12  
 = present, E = excused

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

With no objections the June 13, 2023 agenda was approved. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Osman to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

None at this time.

## Non-Consent Business

1. **2023-102: 2023 Unified Budget Amendment** (Ned Smith 651-602-1162, Adam Gordon 651-602-4503)

It was moved by CM Cameron, seconded by CM Osman, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2023 Unified Budget – Authorized Capital Program (ACP) with a reallocation of \$15,000,000 and an increase of \$29,000,000 as indicated and in accordance with the Capital Program – Environmental Services (Table 10) and the Capital Program Table – Attachment 3.

Discussion

CM Cameron asked: For the interceptor project what is the total cost?

Staff responded: There were 3 projects discussed. The L77 project is in the neighborhood of 7 million dollars, The Lake Elmo extension is appx 25 million, and Hasting was budgeted somewhere between 5-6 million for the design that's coming up.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-128: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency Repair of Interceptor 7017-2 along state Highway 7 in Excelsior** (Chris Remus, 651-602-4538, Jody Jacoby, 651-602-1144)

It was moved by CM Morales seconded by CM Cameron that That the Metropolitan Council

ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 7017-2 along State Highway 7 in Excelsior in the amount not to exceed \$300,000

Discussion

CM Cameron asked: Has the 300,000 dollars you're asking for already been used for the repairs in response to the emergency declaration?

Staff responded: Yes, that is the amount we applied to emergency declaration. We feel that is enough to complete the work that has already taken place that day.

CM Cameron asked: Based on the volume of the leak do you have an idea of how long the leak had been flowing and if there were any public safety risks prior to the discovery of that leak?

Staff responded: The risk would have been if you were walking in there, that would be to the public health if entering the pond, it spilled in. We work onsite to put up fences and appropriate signage. It looks like the leak may have occurred sometime Sunday night.

CM asked: Learning from what occurred is there anything we can change moving forward to prevent this?

Staff responded: We do have a pretty extensive assessment program of our gravity lines. It's hard to assess our forcemains. Knowing that, we are going back to looking at records of how old they are, trying to find out what kind of soils they are and what type of pipe it is. Then we do an assessment of the possibility of it breaking. We have a pretty aggressive preventative maintenance program, our goal is to keep it in the pipes.

CM Osman asked: Do you have any long-term solution for this specific incident?

Staff responded: Yes. This lift station will be removed and that foremain will no longer be used.

Motion carried.

## Information

None at this time.

## Reports

General Manager of Environmental Services, Leisa Thompson, shared the Environment Committee Work Plan. She reviewed the plan which includes routine functions, policy issues, and information items. Leisa noted that we are open to question or request on future topics.

## Adjournment

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

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of June 13, 2023.

Approved this 00 day of Month 2023.

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