

## **Minutes of the**

### **MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Tchourumoff, Rodriguez, Barber, Letofsky, McCarthy, Kramer, Schreiber, Melander, Elkins, Commers, Chávez

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Tchourumoff called the meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION**

Wastewater Reuse Policy Alternatives

Jeannine Clancy and Deborah Manning presented this item. The task force that was formed to review this topic came to consensus on several items, including reasons for a wastewater reuse program, cost-of-service basis for reclaimed water rate, using funding from non-Council funds, and if the Council moves ahead with the regional cost share, it should implement a pilot wastewater reuse program with caps on cost share, user agreement, public input process, and Council decision making. MCES received comments from State Rep. Garofalo and State Rep. Barr, as well as labor organizations, local cities, Metro Cities, SKB Environmental, and MN DNR. The comments reflected varied opinions about the regional cost share issue. Staff recommend a policy based on Alternative 3 in the handout.

Metro Plan Solids Management Facility Plan

Jeannine Clancy, Peter Sandberg, and Rene Heflin presented this item. The Metro Plant treats 180 million gallons of wastewater every day for 66 communities, and processes 850 wet tons of solids every day for 73 communities. The Metro Plant needs additional solids processing capacity to preserve the existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure, and to serve population growth in the region. The existing incinerators will be 20 years old in 2025. MCES proposes to renew existing incinerator facilities following construction of a fourth incinerator. Peter Sandberg explained the background of the project. The Metro Plant has the most advanced and highest performing incineration system in the country. The energy recovery system provides  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Metro Plant's power demand. Rene Heflin described the project scope and why the fourth incinerator is needed. The project costs for the fourth incinerator are estimated at \$150M. The fourth incinerator will allow for renewal of existing incinerators and is the most cost-effective and sustainable alternative to meet the region's wastewater needs. It will have the lowest community impact and will improve the reliability of the wastewater treatment system. Public outreach for the facility plan is scheduled to occur from April 23, 2018 to June 26, 2018.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary