

# Minutes

Environment Committee



**Meeting date:** July 08, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

E Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11  
☒ Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3  
☒ Diego Morales, District 9  
E Peter Lindstrom, District 10

☒ Susan Vento, District 12  
☒ Chai Lee, District 13  
☒ = present, E = excused

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

## 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.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member CM Wulff.

## Agenda approved

It was moved by unanimously 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 Morales, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2025-172)

1. **2025-172: Janitorial Services for Environmental Services Facilities, Contract 24P248 (John Young, 651-602-8281)** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P248 with FBG Service Corporation (FBG) to provide janitorial services for the Environmental Services Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$655,000.

It was moved by CM Morles, seconded by CM Vento.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business

### 1. **2025-157: Adoption of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (ES) Wastewater Rates and Charges** (Matt Gsellmeier, 651-602-1802)

It was moved by CM Vento, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2026:

- Regional Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of **\$314,622,000**;
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,485** (\$3,185 for East Bethel and \$4,685 for Elko/New Market);
- Temporary SAC: **\$1.25** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Capacity Charge: **\$2.38** per 1,000 gallons (\$3.05 for E. Bethel, \$4.49 for Elko NM);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$0.359** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids);
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$0.180** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand);
- Brewery Strength Charge: **\$1.13** per barrel;
- Standard Load Charge: **\$67.27** per thousand gallons;
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$12.74** per thousand gallons;
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$86.20** per thousand gallons;
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$82.27** per thousand gallons;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$0.440** per excess pound of TSS;
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge **\$0.220** per excess pound of COD;
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons;
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A; and
- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$555,000** per million gallons per day (rate of maximum measured flow within an hour over allowed flow rate).

#### Discussion

CM Vento asked: Within the budget do you anticipate the impacts of tariffs?

Staff responded: We have considered the impacts of tariffs. We don't believe we will see immediate impacts on our larger items. Some smaller pieces could be affected. We increased our contract services budget in 2026 to account for tariffs, so we have made some minor adjustments.

**Motion carried.**

#### Information

None at this time.

#### Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager



## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of July 8, 2025.

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