

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: August 11, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

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

- ☒ Mark Jenkins, 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 Chair Cederberg 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 Lindstrom.

Agenda approved

Council members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Carter to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-131 SW: Adoption of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (ES) Wastewater Rates and Charges** (Christine Dwyer, 612-309-8017)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the wastewater rates and charges outlined in business item 2026-131SW, to be effective January 1, 2027.

Discussion

- CM Carter asked: Regarding slide 6, is the 7.2% increase in the industrial strength charge typical or abnormal?
- Staff responded: The increase was fairly typical, noting that industrial strength charges are generally higher than municipal wastewater rates.

Motion carried.

Information

1. **Environmental Services (ES) Summer Cohort Internship Presentations** (Othman Zaimi, 651-602-8368)

This item was postponed.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of August 11, 2026.

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