

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)
APPOINTMENTS OF JAMES STRATHMAN,)
BERNARD DEAZLEY, DEAN KAMPFER,)
AND PAUL MATTHEWS TO THE SOLID)
WASTE RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE)

RESOLUTION NO. 02-3231

Introduced by Mike Burton,
Executive Officer

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code provides for the establishment of a Rate Review Committee composed of seven members, including one Metro Councilor who shall serve as Committee Chair and who shall be appointed by the Council Presiding Officer, and six other members who shall be appointed by the Executive Officer subject to confirmation by the Council; and,

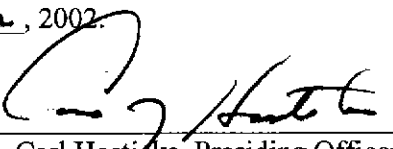
WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.003 (c) provides that committee members shall serve no more than two consecutive full two-year terms; and,

WHEREAS, the first full terms of Rate Review Committee incumbents James Strathman, with business-related financial experience; Bernard Deazley, citizen rate payer; Dean Kampfer, solid waste hauler; Paul Matthews, rate setting expert, expire in September 2002; and,

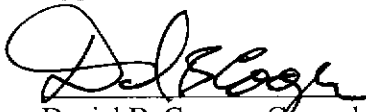
WHEREAS, this resolution was submitted to the Executive Officer for consideration and was forwarded to the Council for approval; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Metro Council hereby confirms the appointments of James Strathman, Bernard Deazley, Dean Kampfer, and Paul Matthews to the Rate Review Committee for two-year terms to expire in September 2004.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 24th day of October, 2002.


Carl Hosticka, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF **RESOLUTION NO. 02-3231**, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF JAMES STRATHMAN, BERNARD DEAZLEY, DEAN KAMPFER, AND PAUL MATTHEWS TO THE SOLID WASTE RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: October 17, 2002

Presented by: Councilor Atherton

Committee Recommendation: At its October 16 meeting, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee voted 3-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 02-3231. Voting in favor: Councilors Park, McLain and Chair Atherton. Voting against: None. Absent: Councilors Bragdon and Monroe.

Background: Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes a seven-member Solid Waste Rate Review Committee. The committee annually reviews and makes a recommendation concerning the tip fee charged at Metro's transfer stations. The committee also reviews and makes recommendations concerning other solid waste-related fees and financial matters related to the Regional Environmental Management Department. The committee membership includes a public member a representative of the recycling industry and members with specific academic or professional backgrounds related to rate setting and review. A Metro Councilor chairs the committee.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Terry Petersen, REM Director, presented the staff report. He noted that the purpose of the resolution is to confirm and reappoint four of the current members of the Rate Review Committee for an additional two-year term. He noted that each of the members proposed for reappointment bring valuable expertise to the committee and each has agreed to serve for another term.

Committee members had no questions concerning the resolution.

Key Public Testimony: None.

STAFF REPORT

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Date: September 2002

Presented by: Terry Petersen

BACKGROUND

The work of the Rate Review Committee is very specific, technical, and detailed. Metro has to spend considerable resources to educate members of the committee, and the members themselves have to invest considerable time to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to perform their functions.

In April 2001, James Strathman, professor and director of the Center for Urban Studies at Portland State University, was appointed to serve a two-year term on the Rate Review Committee. In September 2002, Dr. Strathman's initial two-year term will expire.

In April 2001, Bernard Deazley, citizen ratepayer, was appointed to serve a two-year term on the Rate Review Committee. In September 2002, Mr. Deazley's initial two-year term will expire.

In August 1999, Dean Kampfer, in the business of hauling solid waste, was appointed to complete the four-year term vacated by Gary Penning. In September 2002, Mr. Kampfer's initial term will expire.

In October 1998, Paul Matthews, authority on rate setting, was appointed to a four-year term on the Rate Review Committee. In September 2002, Mr. Matthews' initial term will expire.

Because each of these individuals is a valued member of the Rate Review Committee with knowledge and experience, the Executive Officer recommends that James Strathman, Bernard Deazley, Dean Kampfer, and Paul Matthews be reappointed to serve on the Rate Review Committee, each for a two-year term to expire in September 2004.

The Rate Review Committee is scheduled to begin its work on FY 2003-04 rates in December 2002.

EXISTING LAW

Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes a seven-member Solid Waste Rate Review Committee, six members of which are to be appointed by the Executive Officer, subject to confirmation by the Council. The members appointed by the Executive Officer shall include the following: two persons engaged in the business of hauling solid waste, one person with experience establishing rates, one person involved with a local recycling or waste reduction program, and one citizen rate payer. The seventh committee member shall be a Metro Councilor, who shall be appointed by the Council Presiding Officer.

Metro Code Section 2.19.003 (c) provides that non-council members of the Solid Waste Review Committee shall serve no more than two consecutive full terms of two years each on the committee and that mid-term replacements shall serve out the remainder of a vacant term. In addition, committee incumbents who were serving prior to the February 2001, effective date of Chapter 2.19 shall be viewed as serving their first term, regardless of how many preceding terms said incumbent may have already served. However, Chapter 2.19.003 (c) also provides for existing members to serve until their successor is seated.

BUDGET IMPACT

None, if the resolution is approved.

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS

None

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends that Resolution No. 02-3231 be adopted, confirming Dr. James Strathman, Bernard Deazley, Dean Kampfer, and Paul Matthews to serve two-year terms as members of the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee through September 2004.

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