

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 02-3242
APPOINTMENT OF ERIC MERRILL TO THE)
METRO SOLID WASTE ADVISORY) Introduced by Mike Burton, Executive Officer
COMMITTEE (SWAC))

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Officer and shall be subject to confirmation by the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code Relating to Advisory Committees; Section 2.19.130 authorizes representative and alternates for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC); and,

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.130 established the SWAC to evaluate policy recommendations to the Metro Council and Executive Officer regarding regional solid waste management and planning; and,

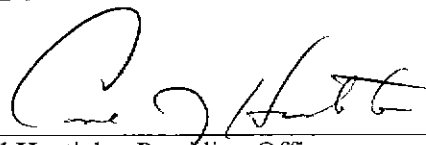
WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in the SWAC membership; and,

WHEREAS, a new position to be filled by a representative of Clark County haulers was created by Ordinance No. 02-960, "For the purpose of amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19, to modify the term limitation provisions applicable to Metro advisory committees and to enlarge the membership of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee"; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has appointed Mr. Eric Merrill to the position of Clark County hauler representative, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now therefore,

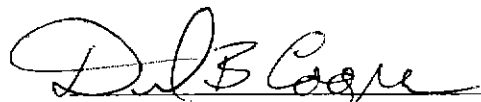
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Mr. Merrill to represent Clark County haulers on the SWAC.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7th day of November, 2002.



Carl Hosticka, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3242, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC MERRILL TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: November 6, 2002

Presented by: Councilor Monroe

Committee Recommendation: At its November 6 meeting, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee voted 3-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 02-3242. Voting in favor: Councilors McLain, Monroe and Chair Atherton. Voting against: None. Absent: Councilors Bragdon and Park.

Background: Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes a 23-member Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The committee meets monthly and reviews and makes recommendations to the Council concerning a broad range of general policy issues related to the Regional Environmental Management Department. The committee also makes recommendations related to proposed ordinances and resolutions. The committee membership includes recyclers, the hauling industry, facility operators, local governments and the general public.

The Council recently adopted Ordinance No. 02-960 which added a representative of the Clark County hauling industry to the committee. This addition was based on the need for increased coordination of solid waste and recycling programs in the Portland region and Clark County. In addition, in recent years, Metro has allowed waste to be hauled from the Portland region to Clark County for disposal.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Terry Petersen, REM Director, presented the staff report. He noted that Eric Merrill of Waste Connections was being recommended to fill the new Clark County hauler position on the SWAC. Waste Connections currently owns several Portland-based hauling enterprises that have non-system licenses with Metro to haul solid waste to two disposal facilities located in Clark County. Mr. Merrill has regularly attended SWAC meetings and has offered comments concerning matters before the committee.

Committee members had no questions concerning the resolution.

Key Public Testimony: None.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3242 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC MERRILL TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

Date: August 29, 2002

Prepared by: Michele Adams

BACKGROUND

The 23-member Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), representing recyclers, the hauling industry, disposal sites, citizen-ratepayers and local governments, evaluates policy options and presents recommendations to the Metro Council and Executive Officer regarding regional solid waste management and planning.

There are currently vacancies on the SWAC. Current Metro Code states that the Executive Officer may appoint members and alternates to the SWAC subject to confirmation by the Metro Council.

Mr. Eric Merrill submitted an application (see Attachment 1) to represent Clark County Haulers on the SWAC, a position recently added to the SWAC by Council approval of Ordinance No. 02-960, for the purpose of amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Modify the Term Limitation Provisions Applicable to Metro Advisory Committees and to Enlarge the Membership of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition

There is no known opposition.

2. Legal Antecedents

ORS 192.610 "Governing Public Meetings", Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees" and 2.19.130, "Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee", are the relevant legal documents related to this appointment.

3. Anticipated Effects

This resolution is intended to appoint Mr. Merrill to a two-year term of service on the SWAC.

4. Budget Impacts

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Officer has reviewed the qualifications of Mr. Merrill and finds him qualified to advise Metro in the matters of solid waste management and planning. Therefore, Council confirmation of these appointments by adoption of Resolution No. 02-3242 is recommended.



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Attachment 1
Resolution No. 02-3242
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August 28, 2002

Mr. Mike Burton
Executive Officer
Metro
600 NW Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mike:

Metro has recently created a non-voting position on the Metro SWAC for a Clark County hauler. I request the appointment by Metro to this position based on my company's role as the largest service provider of recycling, hauling and disposal services within Clark County, and my long-term interest in supporting Metro's solid waste and recycling programs. It is my understanding that Clark County has submitted to Metro a written endorsement of my request.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Eric Merrill
Regional Vice President
Waste Connections, Inc.

cc: Susan McLain – Metro
Terry Peterson - Metro
Janet Matthews – Metro
Mike Davis – Clark County

Eric Merrill

Work experience

Waste Connections, Inc.

Region VP – Pacific Northwest Region 2000 – Present Vancouver, WA

- Responsible for implementing the company's strategy in the Pacific Northwest Region. Manage 27 locations with 650 employees in Oregon and Washington.

Division VP – Pacific Northwest Division 1999 – 2000 Vancouver, WA

- Responsible for implementing the company's strategy in the Pacific Northwest Division. Managed 13 locations with 210 employees in Oregon and Southern Washington.

District VP – Vancouver District 1998 – 1999 Vancouver, WA

- Responsible for managing the largest district in the company. Worked with corporate representatives to bring the company public with \$36 million in revenues only 8 months after inception.

Waste Management, Inc.

Region VP – Sales and Marketing 1996 – 1998 Bellevue, WA

- Responsible for the design and implementation of a coordinated sales and marketing program for the Pacific Northwest Region. Managed 24 sales representatives and 45 customer service representatives in 3 western states with a revenue budget exceeding \$300 million.

Group Project Manager 1995 – 1996 Portland, OR

- Responsible for company acquisitions and facility permitting and development in the Rocky Mountain Area. Managed Pacific Northwest Region special projects.

Division President 1993 – 1995 Spokane, WA

- Responsible for profit and loss performance at a \$12 million, 3 site division. Directed overall strategic planning, budgeting, policy development and capital budgeting. Doubled EBITDA margin in two years.

Division VP – Special Projects 1991 – 1993 Portland, OR

- Responsible for negotiation and implementation of franchises and service contracts.

Acting General Manager 1991 – 1991 Portland, OR

- Responsible for profit and loss performance at an \$18 million, 3 site division. Directed overall strategic planning, budgeting, policy development and capital budgeting.

Eric Merrill

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- Senior Divisional Controller** **1990 – 1991** **Portland, OR**
Division Controller **1988 – 1990** **Portland, OR**
- Managed financial operations and reporting for 2 divisions (WMI – Portland and Columbia Ridge Landfill), involving 4 locations and 250 personnel.

- NERCO, Inc.**
Senior, Management Audit Group **1987 – 1988** **Portland, OR**
- Supervised audits of internal operations, cash management, and electronic data processing for a natural resources development company.

- Laventhol and Horwath, CPA**
Senior Accountant **1986 – 1987** **Portland, OR**
- Supervised external auditing teams.

- MacDonald and Radding, CPA**
Accountant **1984 – 1986** **Eugene, OR**
- Prepared external audits and corporate and individual tax returns.

Education

University of Oregon
Graduated 1985
BS in Accounting
GPA 3.97
CPA (Inactive), State of Oregon

References

Available upon request