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Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2020

2:00 PM

The meeting was held virtually.

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council work session call to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

2. Work Session Topics:**2.1 Goals and Criteria for Wet Waste Allocations to Private Transfer Stations**

Council President Peterson introduced Mr. Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Molly Vogt, Analytics Manager for Waste Prevention and Environmental Services, to present on the goals and criteria for wet waste allocation to private transfer stations. Mr. Scott reviewed the agenda for the work session, which included the discussion of the wet waste tonnage allocations and the movement towards a goals based allocation approach, and to get direction on a proposed approach for 2021. He briefed the Council on the process of private transfer stations and tonnage allocations. He discussed the reasoning for needing an allocation method.

Ms. Vogt compared the original phase plan one, which was for the year 2020 to phase two, which was 2021 and beyond. She recommended to change from the original plan to a goal based allocation plan. She briefed the Council on the 2020 engagement for regional waste. Ms. Vogt discussed five out of the seven proposed goals that would be explored and it included:

- Providing living wages and good benefits
- Increase diversity in workforce
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Invest in communities

- Affordable and consistent rates

Ms. Vogt discussed the proposed wet waste allocations based on the achievement of goals. She reviewed the feedback received from the industry, local government agencies, and the regional waste advisory committee. She provided details on the next steps for goals-based approach which included an adoption of a methodology by the COO; review applications and finalize allocation percentages; and publish forecast and announce allocations.

Ms. Vogt posed the following questions to the Council:

- Does Council agree with the proposed goals-based criteria for allocating wet waste tonnage to private transfer stations in 2021?
- Does Council support doing additional analytical work and stakeholder engagement in 2021 to refine the criteria for 2022 and beyond?

Council Discussion

Councilor Chase inquired when the private transfer stations would begin implementing the criteria if the rates were to be delayed.

Councilor Craddick inquired on how long haul disposal tractors would work in relation to minimizing environmental impacts. She inquired if staff had discussed benchmarks in regard to providing livable wages. She inquired if delaying the decision would cause any risk.

Councilor Dirksen inquired if spatial capacity was taken in to consideration on the 30% allocation goal. He inquired on the criteria for onsite equipment using lower greenhouse gas fuel, and how it would be defined.

Councilor Lewis commented on the reserve share and total compensation in regard to benefits for workers.

Councilor Gonzalez commented on the alignment between engagement and the criteria development. He stressed the importance of delaying any decision.

Councilor Stacey voiced his support of the goals based allocation. He commented on the need to take in to consideration of current circumstances for setting rates. He recommended postponing the effective date rather than the decision date.

President Peterson stressed the need to have enough time in order to implement the recommendations.

Councilor Lewis voiced her concern on rates and rate settings.

Councilor Stacey requested additional work sessions regarding the topic to deliberate all recommendations.

3. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott discussed the Metro Town Hall that took place on September 22, 2020.

4. Councilor Communication

Councilor Craddick and Councilor Lewis provided an update on the Parks and Nature bond measure.

5. Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diadira Pedro-Xuncax, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	PowerPoint	09/24/2020	Wet Waste Tonnage AllocationsGoals and Criteria	092420cw-01