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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 14, 1994

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Rod Monroe (Chair), Richard Devlin (Vice Chair), Jim Gardner, Jon Kvistad, Susan McLain, George Van Bergen, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan

Other Councilors Presents; Sandi Hansen, Ruth McFarland

Chair Monroe called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 3.05 p.m. He announced Councilor Ed Washington was to be a permanent member of the Budget Committee from this time on.

I. Public Testimony on the Solid Waste Department Budget

Chair Monroe opened a public hearing.

Randy Thom and Dick Allen, representing Bio-Reactions Industries, Inc, Tualatin, Oregon, testified before the Committee in support of proposed Metro budget funding for recycling enterprises.

Jerry Powell representing Resource Recycling and Chairperson of the Oregon Recycling Markets Development Council, testified before the Committee and advocated for Metro's support of activities and programs in the FY 1994-95 Proposed Budget related to market development. Mr. Powell read his testimony into the record, and distributed a copy of his testimony to the Committee. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Julie Burman representing the Clean Washington Center, Seattle, Washington, testified before the Committee and discussed government involvement in market development, and indicated support Metro's market development activities and programs as proposed in the FY 1994-95 Proposed Budget.

Susan Ziolko, representing Clackamas County, testified before the Committee in support of proposed funding in the Metro budget for recycling programs.

Lynne Storz, representing the Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program, testified before the Committee and advocated Metro's support of recycling program activities and the Challenge Grant program in the FY 1994-95 Proposed Budget.

Kathy Kiwala, administrator of the City of Lake of Oswego recycling programs, testified before the Committee and said she hoped Metro would continue funding support of recycling programs including compost bins, waste characterization study, Metro Challenge Grants and others.

Lissa Druback, City of Portland, Solid Waste & Recycling, testified before the Committee and advocated for funding in the FY 1994-95 Budget of composting bins programs, enhancement programs, residential and commercial recycling collection programs including yard debris programs and Metro Challenge Grants.

Alex Mauck, President N.W. EEE ZZZ Lay Drain Co. testified before the Committee and demonstrated a product manufactured from recycled materials by his company and used for drain field piping. He said regulatory barriers prevented the furtherance of systems development of products utilizing recycled materials, and asked for Metro's help.

Pamela Brown, Chairperson of the Recycled Development Council Retail Division of the City of Portland Energy & Environment Commission, testified before the Committee, and advocated for support for Buy Recycled programs and recycling markets development through the Metro budget. Mr. Brown read her testimony into the record, and distributed a copy of her testimony to the Committee. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

2. Solid Waste Revenue Fund

Bob Martin, Solid Waste Department Director, addressed the Committee, and referenced a memorandum from Kathy Rutkowski dated March 11, 1994 regarding the history of Solid Waste Department Interfund Fund Transfers which responded to a request for information from Council Van Bergen. He referenced also his memorandum dated March 9, 1994 to John Houser, Council Analyst, in which the Department had responded to questions raised in Mr. Houser's memorandum of previous. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Martin highlighted question no. 5, page 2 regarding the reduction in the ending contingency balance as impacted by tonnage estimates. He highlighted question no. 3, page 12 regarding designated facilities, and the solid waste enforcement contract. He noted, in response to Councilor McLain, that information regarding clean up activities was imbedded in the enforcement contract information.

Chair Monroe and Mr. Martin discussed potential tonnage shifts from Metro South to Metro Central.

Mr. Houser referenced page 4, question no. 5 regarding the methane gas contract. Jim Watkins, Engineering & Analysis Manager, said the contract extension had given the company more time in which to seek and receive financing assistance, which effectively removed an obstacle to performance of the contract.

Mr. Houser referenced page 13, question no. 5 regarding two pending non-system licenses. Roosevelt Carter, Budget and Finance Manager, addressed the Committee and said East County Recycling's non-system license request simply needed to be completed and said it would be done.

Sam Chandler, Facilities Manager, said the development of a model ordinance was in progress and Mr. Martin added such a model ordinance had already been presented to local jurisdictions for review and incorporation into local codes.

Councilor Van Bergen cautioned regarding legislative protocols related to citing or criminal acts connected with such enforcement activity.

Mr. Chandler discussed \$53,000 included in the budget for shift coverage for paid leaves; i.e. vacation, illness, etc. He said a component of employees who regularly did not work a full 40 hour week were offered additional hours upon occasion based on need, and said it was not overtime.

Mr. Houser asked about the Marion County contract to dispose of waste. Mr. Martin said the contract had been in force for approximately five years, and said the facility had been underutilized during the winter and said about 7,000 tons was sent there each year. He said cost savings was effected due to reduced transportation costs, noting it was more expensive to send waste to Columbia Ridge. Mr. Chandler said the contract carried a yearly renewable option.

Councilor Van Bergen asked for information whether a non-renewable contract would subject Metro to a charge for amortizing out the Jack Gray trucks.

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, responded to a question from Mr. Houser regarding amounts budgeted local governments related to their waste reduction programs. He said he was interested in what percentage of local government expenditures on waste reduction and recycling came from Metro Challenge Grants

and what percentage came from local funds. Ms. Gorham said the figures represented were for the current fiscal year only, and said she would work with Mr. Houser and a request from the Chair to provide further information.

Councilor Devlin noted Metro Challenge Grant funds were ordinarily distributed according to intergovernmental agreement, and asked if new intergovernmental agreements would be entered into FY 1994-95. Councilor Devlin asked that a Budget Note be established indicating that Metro funding assistance be identified in the literature utilized by those programs receiving Metro funds as part of this program.

Mr. Houser asked if commercial waste audits would continue to be done at Metro or were they moving toward local governments. Ms. Gorham said commercial waste audits were moving toward local governments and emphasis on multi-family recycling programs was planned. Mr. Martin commented less confusion with both local governments and with franchised haulers was hoped for as a result.

Mr. Houser asked concerning the increase in the proposed advertising budget for the division would increase from \$3,250 to \$53,151. Ms. Gorham said advertising was previously budgeted in Public Affairs, and said in addition three new ad campaigns were proposed.

Mr. Houser asked regarding contracts for construction/demolition debris. Ms. Gorham said an overall waste reduction plan was in place, and offered to bring forward conceptual ideas for what was needed in the specific area of construction/demolition debris.

Terry Petersen, Planning & Technical Services Manager, addressed the Committee and provided justification concerning the need for an additional Associate Management Analyst, and indicated the function of the position was to be a Solid Waste Planner, to maintain and update specific chapters of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan as well as other-related activities.

Councilor Devlin requested Mr. Petersen provide a list of what he believed to be the status relative to each chapter to the members of the Council. Mr. Petersen had the list available and distributed it to the Committee. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Houser noted the Service Supervisor position was created in the FY 1993-94 Budget as a temporary position to facilitate the Waste Characterization Study, and noted the FY 1994-95 Proposed Budget would continue the position and establish it as a Planning Supervisor as a new and permanent position.

The Committee and Staff discussed the elimination of the Public Affairs Department, and an organizational shift of the Recycling Information Center as well as the Education Specialist to the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Martin indicated he hoped the Talbot & Korvola audit would help in providing a structure for implementation of that change, if approved.

Councilor McLain asked if the FY 1994-95 Proposed Budget addressed the needs presented by the citizen representation testifying at this meeting concerning market development.

Councilor Van Bergen commented the work of market development carried with it the need for a state-wide response.

Chair Monroe recessed the Committee at 5:12 p.m.

Chair Monroe reconvened the Committee at 5:32 p.m.

Chair Monroe indicated the public testimony portion of the meeting was to be reopened at this time.

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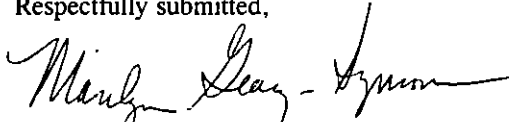
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Councilor Devlin raised the issue of continuing needs potentially involved in the St. Johns Landfill closure process. Mr. Martin indicated the policy makers were ultimately the decision makers, and would follow guidelines as set before him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marilyn Geary-Symons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marilyn Geary-Symons

Committee Recorder