

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 28, 1990

Committee members present:

Councilors: George Van Bergen (Chair), Judy Wyers (Vice
Chair), Tanya Collier, and Richard Devlin
Citizens: Patricia Jernberg, Bob Palmer, David Saucy and
Janet Schuster

Committee members absent:

Councilors: Jim Gardner
Citizens: Alan Brickley

Also Present: Councilors DeJardin, McFarland and Hansen

Chair Van Bergen called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

FY90-91 Proposed Solid Waste Department Budget, Phase II Review

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, noted the Solid Waste Department responded to all questions raised by both the Budget Committee and Council staff. Because the Committee received three memos relevant to the Solid Waste budget just prior to the meeting, Chair Van Bergen asked the Committee members to review the information before proceeding with the presentation.

In response to a question from Councilor Collier, Councilor DeJardin explained his reasons for presenting to the Budget Committee for their review a resolution pertaining to a request for a records management system. He was uncertain of the correct procedure, so he decided to use this process in order to have the issue before the Committee for consideration. Councilor DeJardin noted he was not previously aware the Finance and Administration Department had presented a similar request to the Budget Committee. Councilor Devlin expressed appreciation of Council staff's analyses of the different department's budgets and said he felt their reports had been an excellent resource for the Committee.

Chair Van Bergen outlined the process he would be following for the meeting and asked Mr. Barker to give the Committee a brief explanation of the Solid Waste programs outlined in Councilor Hansen's Committee Report of March 27, 1990. Mr. Barker began by summarizing and explaining the proposed programs and their purpose to the Committee. The Committee requested Solid Waste staff prepare a written report as to how the amount of \$681,000 was arrived at for local government assistance for implementation of a waste reduction plan. The report was to include the manner

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in which the funds were to be spent. Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, said his staff was currently preparing such a report showing how the program was derived and how it was intended to be administered.

Councilor Hansen, Solid Waste Committee Chair, continued with his Committee the report, explaining that the Solid Waste Committee had discussed all of the programs listed in his report. In response to Councilor Collier's questions about the cost of the previous study on the feasibility of landfill gas recovery, Councilor Hansen said to the best of his recollection the cost was \$400,000. Chair Van Bergen expressed non-agreement regarding landfill gas recovery. In answer to further Committee questions, Councilor Hansen said the grant request for curbside containers (\$452,000) was for the containers themselves. Mr. Martin added staff was investigating the possibility of matching grants.

Chair Van Bergen opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Nick Sauvie, Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program, testified on behalf of the clean-up programs being proposed in the Solid Waste budget. He said his organization felt Metro should support the volunteers who work on voluntary disposal events. Mr. Sauvie submitted a letter to the Committee from the Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program which has been made part of these minutes by reference.

There being no further public testimony, Chair Van Bergen closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

In response to questions from the Committee regarding household/hazardous waste facilities, Mr. Martin said there was a line item in the Operations Budget to cover the estimated cost of disposal of accumulated household/hazardous wastes. Sam Chandler, Senior Solid Waste Planner, told the Committee the funds set aside for disposal fees totaled \$168,750. Councilor DeJardin added for the Committee's information that the 1% for Recycling Committee had received a proposal for collection of recycled paint. Councilor Collier asked Solid Waste staff why the household/hazardous waste day was budgeted at \$300,000. Mr. Martin said that was a government mandated program. In response to further questions from Councilor Collier, Mr. Martin noted it could not be postponed without DEQ imposing a fine on Metro. Concern was expressed by members of the Committee about the need to look at a cap on the amount available for the 1% for Recycling program. Chair Van Bergen said he felt an evaluation of the 1% program was needed and suggested to Councilor Hansen that the Solid Waste Committee might consider the issue at one of their future meetings.

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Mr. Martin noted one correction to the Committee Report from Councilor Hansen. On page 2, item #8, the program funding for grants for curbside containers should be \$502,000 not \$452,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
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