

MINUTES OF THE
METRO BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 14, 1987

Members Present:

Councilors: Corky Kirkpatrick (Chair), Mike Bonner, Tanya Collier, Gary Hansen and David Knowles
Citizens: Bernie Bottomly, Becky Charles, Linda Girard, Ron Hohnstein, David Little and Oladapo Sobomehin

Members Absent:

Councilors: Larry Cooper

Staff Present:

Solid Waste: Tor Lyshaug, Judith Mandt, Dennis Mulvihill, Rich McConaghy, Becky Crockett, Debbie Allmeyer, Dennis O'Neil and Steve Rapp
Other: Ray Phelps, Jennifer Sims, Dick Engstrom, Chuck Stoudt, Donald Carlson, Ray Barker and LeRoy Nollette

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Tor Lyshaug, Acting Solid Waste Director, introduced himself and key staff who would be presenting information about FY 1987-88 Solid Waste Department budget programs. He asked that Judith Mandt, Assistant to the Acting Solid Waste Director, be allowed to present information on the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Program first due to a family emergency. Ms. Mandt gave her presentation.

- * Chair Kirkpatrick requested staff return to the Council with a program outlining how the \$40,000 budgeted for contracts for the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Program would be spent. She asked that the Council review and comment on staff proposal before any expenditures were made.

Rich McConaghy, Analyst, then presented information related to rates and revenue for the department. Dennis Mulvihill, Waste Reduction Manager, explained proposed staffing for the department which included 6.5 new positions. Mr. McConaghy reviewed how staff would be assigned to department programs. Charts and descriptive material was distributed to interpret budgeted programs.

After staff's presentation, Councilor Knowles expressed concern that staff had proposed a budget program to pay the city of Oregon City \$.25 per ton of waste brought into the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center (CTRC) in order to mitigate concerns about the facility's use. He asked if a similar strategy would be used for the West Transfer & Recycling Center and other solid waste facilities. The Councilor was very concerned that the proposed practice was a major

policy change and that the Council had not reviewed or approved the program before it was announced to the press.

Mr. Lyshaug explained Oregon City had initially proposed the payment plan and a figure of \$3.50 per ton and that staff were negotiating to bring the figure down. He also discussed staff's unique constraints in that Oregon City had granted Metro a revocable permit to operate CTRC.

Chair Kirkpatrick pointed out it could be less expensive to pay penalties to the City of Portland for exceeding disposal limits at St. Johns Landfill than to pay the proposed \$2.8 million for diversion costs plus the \$.25 per ton payment to Oregon City. Mr. Lyshaug disagreed, estimating the payments to Portland would amount to \$1.3 million annually over several years.

Councilor Collier agreed with the mitigation approach used for St. Johns Landfill and the resulting North Portland Rehabilitation & Enhancement Fund. She thought that approach could be effective with Oregon City. However, she said she resented staff not informing or involving the Council in the proposed \$.25 per ton program for Oregon City.

In response to Councilor Hansen's questions, Mr. Lyshaug reported the current tonnage limit imposed by Oregon City on the CTRC facility was 400 tons per day. He thought that amount could be reduced by not allowing dropbox disposal at the facility and by strategically siting the next regional landfill.

Mr. Hohnstein was very critical of Metro staff work in negotiating the contract between Metro and the City of Portland to operate the St. Johns Landfill. He said he couldn't believe Metro had put itself in the position of having to pay high disposal penalties to the City for exceeding disposal limits when the City was in no position to take back the responsibility of operating the landfill.

Councilor Knowles then discussed staff's proposed \$2.8 million budget for landfill diversion. He recalled at the April 9 Council meeting Mr. Lyshaug had reported staff were negotiating with a perspective contractor to divert waste from St. Johns and that the contractor would not name the alternate disposal site until a firm contract with a disposal site was in place. Councilor Knowles thought the Council was entitled to more detailed information about the arrangement before such a large sum of money was spent on the program.

Chair Kirkpatrick called a recess at 7:25 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 7:35 p.m. The Chair announced the remainder of the meeting would be devoted to Solid Waste budget matters and that

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General Fund items would be deferred to the first order of business at the April 16 meeting.

A discussion followed about the proposed progress of the West Transfer & Recycling Center (WTRC) project during FY 1987-88.

- * Councilor Knowles was concerned that no funds had been budgeted for a WTRC community affairs program which would be consistend with recommendations recently made by the Executive Officer's Public Affairs Transition Committee.

Councilor Knowles asked staff to rank the additional 6.5 FTE staffing requests in priority order. Mr. Lyshaug explained because staff were closely tied to programs, staff could calculate which programs could be provided and at what cost. The Council would then have to decide which programs it could or could not fund and staff levels would be reduced accordingly.

- * Referring to \$124,000 budgeted in the current fiscal year for the WTRC project, Councilor Collier asked staff to explain where those funds had been transferred and how they had been spent.
- * Chair Kirkpatrick requested staff respond in writing to budget questions posed by Donald Carlson in form of a memo dated April 13, 1987.

A discussion followed regarding a schedule for completing the Committee's business before the Council meeting of April 23. It was agreed the Committee's last meeting would be Thursday, April 16, and that the Committee would not adjourn until all work was complete.

Jennifer Sims, Management Services Director, distributed materials which would be discussed at the April 16 meeting. She asked Committee members to review the materials in advance of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the Council

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* Indicates a future staff response is required.