

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

April 15, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: George Van Bergen (Chair), Judy Wyers
(Vice Chair), Richard Devlin, Sandi
Hansen, Jim Gardner

Councilors Also Present: Larry Bauer, Susan McLain

Chair Van Bergen called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

■ **PROPOSED FY 1992-93 BUDGET**
PHASE III - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. ZOO OPERATING FUND

Casey Short, Council Analyst, said the budget for the Zoo Operating Fund had been well prepared, and said he made minimal recommended changes.

Council Staff Recommendation:

o Administration

Reduce Zoo Director from \$82,583 to \$80,173

Reduce Fringe from \$176,396 to \$175,601

Reduce Legal Fees to \$1,560

Main Motion No. 1: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the recommendations proposed by Council Staff to the Zoo Operating Fund.

Motion to Amend Motion No. 1: Councilor Hansen moved to amend Council Staff recommendations as follows:

Reduce Typesetting & Repro Svcs. to \$3,000

Reduce Travel to \$ 9,500

Reduce Meetings to \$5,500

Vote on Motion to Amend Motion No. 1: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion No. 1 as Amended: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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2. ZOO CAPITAL FUND

Council Staff Recommendation:
Reduce Travel to \$50

Motion No. 2: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend revisions proposed by Council Staff to the Zoo Capital Fund.

Vote on Motion No. 2. Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE

o Rate Review Committee

Ross Hall, member of the Rate Review Committee, said the Rate Review Committee was re-established after a Task Force study to change the goals and working procedures of the Rate Review Committee. He noted the Council had adopted the changes, and indicated Councilor McFarland was chair of the Rate Review Committee. He noted the members of the Committee were Andy Thaler, a previous Committee member, himself, Shirley Kaufmann, a recycling advocate, Tim Cosetti, a hauler, Steve Schuab, a hauler, and Elenora Fielder, a citizen at large. Mr. Hall said the Rate Review Committee met weekly, and presented for review the materials given to the Committee by the Solid Waste Department as helps in the understanding of the rate setting process. Mr. Hall said one of the goals set out in the task force was to obtain better and more complete data, and he thanked the Solid Waste Department staff for their effort in that behalf.

Mr. Hall said in the second year of the process the Committee would meet bi-monthly. He said the Committee had recommendations to be heard at the Solid Waste Committee which affected the rates. He noted the Committee reached a consensus on four policy changes. He said last year's rate was \$68.00, and said the Solid Waste Department had indicate a rate of between \$75.50 and \$75.60 was necessary to cover costs.

Mr. Hall said the first policy change to be recommended to the Solid Waste Committee applied to the contingency amount used to cover fixed costs not otherwise covered when a tonnage shortfall occurred. He said the Committee's recommendation was to move the allocation of contingency from across all tiers to Tier One which, he noted, was charged to everyone. Mr. Hall said the rationale was to spread it as far as possible and to bring the rate down.

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Mr. Hall said the second policy change to be recommended was to move the cost of operations for the St. Johns Landfill from Tier Two to Tier One. He said the rationale as expressed by one of the haulers was the St. Johns Landfill had been a depository for the entire metropolitan area for a long time and that should be spread as far as possible. He said such a move would spread the cost in the future to everyone.

Mr. Hall said the third recommendation was to remove any subsidy for yard debris rates from Tier One rates as long as the rate for the yard debris remained low and an incentive remained for citizens to separate their yard debris. He noted the amount was approximately \$36,000.

Mr. Hall said the fourth recommendation made to the Solid Waste Committee and to the Budget Committee was limits be set on the annual percentage increase in the total dollar amount of administrative, budgeting, planning transfers, general overhead costs and general government costs funded by solid waste rates. He said the limits should be keyed to an external index such as the Consumer Price Index with exceptions made for programmatic changes as approved by the Council or otherwise mandated by law. He said the intent was to bring credibility to the rate setting process.

Mr. Hall said the Rate Review's Committee recommendation to the Budget Committee was the rate have a maximum of \$75 per ton based upon the Committee's analysis, which, he noted, the Solid Waste Department could provide to the Budget Committee. He said the Department estimated another \$.50 to \$.60 per ton was necessary to cover costs. Mr. Hall noted to raise the rate to \$75.00 per ton was a 10.3% increase, and said approximately \$3 was due to an incorrect estimate in tonnage activity the previous year. He said the \$3 would be used to rebuild the operating contingency. He noted another \$.50 was pass through monies mandated by the state. He said \$7 of the increase were due to increased costs of operating Metro, which he noted was a 5% increase. He said it was not known to the Rate Review Committee as a rate setting body whether the cost increases were reasonable, and indicated he understood that to be a function of the Budget Committee.

Councilor Devlin said he had concerns about identifying administrative costs in advance, and cited several examples such as changes in policy direction, assumption of new functions or loss of functions. Councilor Wyers suggested further discussion of the issue be heard at the Solid Waste Committee.

Councilor Wyers requested the Committee's recommendations be provided in writing as well as a listing of other policy discussions that were heard by the Rate Review Committee. Councilor Wyers clarified it was not the function of the Budget Committee to approve the proposed rates at this time.

Councilor Wyers requested the Rate Review Committee report to the Solid Waste Committee concerning the possible need for review of these rates by an outside agency, and noted discussion along these lines had occurred in the past.

4. SOLID WASTE REVENUE FUND

John Houser, Council Analyst, outlined recommendations in his memorandum dated April 13, 1992 for the Solid Waste Revenue Fund budget FY 1992-93. He noted the Rate Review Committee recommended changes to the rate setting model reduced the rate recommended by the Solid Waste Department to approximately \$75.53. He said to reduce the rate to the \$75 per ton maximum recommended by the Rate Review Committee it would be necessary to reduce the Solid Waste budget by \$566,000. Mr. Houser said his recommendations would result in approximately \$611,000 in reductions, additional revenue of approximately \$66,000 and approximately \$14,000 in additional Personal Services costs. He said should all of Council Staff's recommendations be approved, the net total would be approximately \$663,000.

o **St. Johns Closure Account**

Mr. Houser said his recommendations were that two budget notes be made: 1) the Solid Waste Department report to the Council report by January 1, 1993 concerning the estimated timing and amount of additional that may be required for the closure account; 2) to direct staff that any intergovernmental agreement provide for local government repayment of the \$390,000 loan to the Planning Department within one year after the election on the fee proposal. He added local governments would be responsible for repayment of the loan if such a proposal failed.

Motion No. 3: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend the two budget notes proposed by Council Staff to the St. Johns Closure Account.

Vote on Motion No. 3: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye on budget note #1.

Councilor Devlin, Gardner, Hansen and Wyers voted aye on budget note #2. Councilor Van Bergen voted nay on budget note #2.

The motion passed.

o **Renewal and Replacement Account**

Mr. Houser had no recommendations. Councilor Hansen indicated no motion was needed, and Councilors Wyers and Hansen suggested further discussion at the next Solid Waste Committee.

o General Account

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$250,000 for design and construction of dewatering station at Metro Central

Mr. Martin recommended retaining \$50,000 of the \$250,000 for the purpose of a feasibility study

Motion No. 4: Councilor Wyers moved to delete \$250,000 for design and construction of a dewatering station at Metro Central

Vote on Motion No. 4: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Reduce proposed \$250,000 for staging area at Composter facility to \$200,000

Develop a budget note to the Office of Legal Counsel to prepare a report outlining Metro's legal obligations and options under the lease addressing the need for a staging area at the Composter facility

The Committee discussed possible further reduction of the amount or transfer to contingency.

Mr. Martin stated a contractual obligation existed, and supported transferring the money into contingency.

Main Motion No. 5: Councilor Hansen moved against the Council Staff recommendation.

Motion to Amend Motion No. 5: Councilor Wyers moved to develop the budget note as recommended by Council Staff.

Councilor Gardner asked the Committee to request Legal Counsel to provide legal opinion to the Committee.

Motion to Withdraw Motion to Amend Motion No. 5: Councilor Wyers withdrew her motion to amend Motion No. 6.

Councilor Wyers requested Mr. Houser draft a memorandum to outline the request to Legal Counsel.

Vote on Main Motion No. 5: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$35,000 for upgrade of exterior lighting system at Metro Central

Motion No. 6: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendations proposed by Council Staff to delete \$35,000 for the exterior lighting system upgrade at Metro Central.

Mr. Martin did not favor the recommendation, and said the upgrade was recommended for safety purposes.

In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Martin stated it was his goal to reduce the rate to \$75 per ton, and said he had other proposals to accomplish the reduction. He agreed to provide the Committee with a document indicating his proposals.

Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager, said the facility was open through the night, and stated the current lighting system was unsafe.

Councilor Wyers felt if the system were on record as a danger, she should withdraw her motion.

Motion to Withdraw Motion No. 6: Councilor Wyers withdrew her motion. Councilor Devlin presented a point of order, and said if the Committee took no action on a Council Staff recommendation it was inherent that the recommendation was not accepted.

Councilor Van Bergen requested a report to the Committee whether the lighting problem was a design fault or a failure of the contractor to follow the design.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$35,000 for the purchase of a mobile van for HHW pick up, one-time HHW collection events or transport HHW from Metro facilities to disposal sites.

Motion No. 7: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to delete \$35,000 for purchase of a HHW mobile van.

Mr. Martin agreed to the cut, and said he would like to revisit the item next fiscal year.

Vote on Motion No. 7: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$5,000 for purchase of scanner for department electronic mail.

Mr. Martin supported the purchase of the scanner.

No motion was made.

o Operating Account

Management Services/Administration Division

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$25,000 proposed contract for data entry services

Add \$10,500 for .5 FTE Program Assistant I.

Mr. Martin disagreed with Council Staff proposal, and said he did not believe the work could be accomplished by a .5 FTE.

Main Motion No. 8: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendations proposed by Council Staff as indicated.

Motion to Amend Motion No. 8: Councilor Hansen moved to amend Motion No. 8 that appropriate total Personnel Services cost be paid should the cost of the .5 FTE be greater than \$10,500.

Mr. Houser indicated he used a rate of \$9.08 which was one step above the starting rate in the range.

Vote on Motion to Amend Motion No. 8: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion No. 8 as Amended: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:
Reduce Meetings to \$3,000.

Motion No. 9: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to reduce Meetings to \$3,000.

Mr. Martin did not argue in favor of the proposed budget of \$5,150 for Meetings.

Vote on Motion No. 9: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Budget and Finance Division

Council Staff Recommendation:

Develop a budget note to require a portion of the \$30,000 funding proposed for database and software improvements related to the tonnage forecasting model be used to hire an outside consultant to review the development and accuracy of the new tonnage forecast model and make recommendations concerning possible improvements in the model.

Motion No. 10: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendations proposed by Council Staff to develop a budget note to hire a consultant to improve the accuracy of tonnage forecast models.

Mr. Martin did not oppose the budget note proposed.

Vote on Motion No. 10: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Develop a budget note to establish an ongoing internal task force or users group to address system compatibility issues and develop a process for handling data and word processing equipment purchases.

Motion No. 11: Councilor Devlin moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to develop a budget note to establish an ongoing internal task force or users group as indicated with the request that it be included either as a budget note in each department or cover all departments inclusively with a deadline of September, 1992 to begin meeting.

Vote on Motion No. 11: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

o Operations Division

Council Staff Recommendation:

Reduce pump maintenance budget to \$100,000.

Mr. Martin recommended a reduction of \$30,000 to this item.

Motion No. 12: Councilor Gardner moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Mr. Martin to reduce the pump maintenance budget to \$90,000.

Vote on Motion No. 12: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Increase rate for tire disposal fee at \$1.10.

Mr. Martin agreed with the fee proposed by Council Staff.

Motion No. 13: Councilor Gardner moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff with a change to increase the rate for tire disposal to \$1.00, rather than the Council Staff proposal of \$1.10.

The Committee discussed the issue of orphan tires, that is tires which are disposed of along the roadside or found in loads from self haulers rather than properly disposed at a facility.

Councilor Wyers called for the question.

Vote on Motion No. 13: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

o Waste Reduction Division

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$60,000 contract for demonstration project to use yard debris compost for erosion control

Motion No. 14: Councilor Hansen moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to delete the demonstration project \$60,000 contract.

Mr. Martin urged the Committee retain the contract, but, he said, he would recommend a reduction of \$15,000, establishing the contract at \$45,000 rather than \$60,000.

Motion to Amend Motion No. 14: Councilor Devlin moved to amend Council Staff recommendation, and reduce the proposed contract by \$15,000 bringing the contract to \$45,000, not \$60,000.

Motion to Withdraw Motion to Amend Motion No. 14: Councilor Devlin withdrew his motion to amend Motion No. 14.

Motion to Amend Motion No. 14: Councilor Devlin moved to amend Council Staff recommendation, and reduce the proposed contract by \$30,000 bringing the contract to \$30,000, not \$60,000.

Main Motion No. 14 as Amended: Councilors Devlin, Hansen and Wyers voted aye. Councilors Gardner abstained. Councilor Van Bergen abstained due to conflict of interest.

The motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:
Delete \$55,000 contract for services related to home composting demonstration sites/retention of current staff to manage the sites

Motion No. 15: Councilor Gardner moved to accept Council Staff's recommendation to delete the \$55,000 contract for home composting management services.

Mr. Martin said the hire of a full time permanent employee for the work would produce nominal savings, and said he attempted to avoid hiring for one year only. He said the current staff would not be interested in the position, and the Department would need to recruit.

Vote on Motion No. 15: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Van Bergen and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$50,000 for study of use of alternative methods and containers for curbside recycling

Motion No. 16: Councilor Wyers moved to change this item to fund multi-family containers. Transfer \$50,000 to bring funding for multi-family containers to \$100,000.

Mr. Martin said \$300,000 had been funded into the regulation for multi-family containers.

Vote on Motion No. 16: Councilors Devlin and Wyers voted aye. Councilors Hansen and Van Bergen voted nay. Councilor Gardner was not present for the vote.

Councilor Wyers called for a division of the assembly.

Councilor Wyers called for the question.

Rising Vote on Motion No. 16: Councilors Devlin, Gardner and Wyers voted aye. Councilors Hansen and Van Bergen voted nay.

The motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$25,000 contract for marketing research for Metro's Market Development

Motion No. 17: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to delete the \$25,000 contract for marketing research.

Mr. Martin said the marketing research study was developed as a result of the Performance Audit report. Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, felt the marketing research was necessary to determine who was buying what recycled materials and products.

Motion to Withdraw Motion No. 17: Councilor Wyers moved to withdraw her motion No. 17.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$20,000 for contract to develop product specifications for particle board feed stock and wood-based industrial boiler fuels.

Delete \$20,000 for contract for development, research and performance testing of secondary glass products

Mr. Martin supported retention of the \$25,000 contract, and deletion of the two \$20,000 contracts.

Motion No. 18: Councilor Hansen moved to retain the \$25,000 contract for marketing research, to delete the \$20,000 contract for development of product specifications for particle board, and to delete the \$20,000 contract for development, research and performance testing of secondary glass products.

Councilor Wyers supported Councilor Hansen's motion, and suggested the contracts to be deleted be included in the following fiscal year budget.

Vote on Motion No. 18: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Combine three contracts into a single contract:

- 1) development, coordination and documentation of salvage of building materials from a building demolition site;
- 2) development, coordination and documentation of salvage and recycling of building materials from residential remodeling projects; and,
- 3) construction site waste audits and assisting building contractors with waste reduction plans.

Motion No. 19: Councilor Devlin moved a budget note be developed to combine the contracts as recommended by Council Staff, and to classify these contracts as "A" contracts.

Ms. Gorham said the contracts were separated as they related to the new headquarters building renovation project and to document the project so others might be benefitted.

Vote on Motion No. 19: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Houser noted the following recommendation was a result of discussion in the Solid Waste Committee.

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete \$250,000 revolving loan fund for recycling and waste reduction projects

Continue to fund 1% for Recycling Program at \$225,000

Motion No. 20: Councilor Hansen moved to accept Mr. Martin's recommendation to reduce 1% for Recycling Program by \$100,000 to \$150,000 total.

Councilor McLain did not agree with the motion on the floor.

Councilor Gardner felt the loan program was prudent, but indicated he would support reducing \$100,000 from the 1% for Recycling Program and funding the program at \$150,000.

Councilor Wyers said it was not the recommendation of the Solid Waste Committee to reduce the 1% for Recycling Program to \$100,000 or to move to the loan program.

Councilor Wyers suggested, regarding the \$250,000 allocated in the proposed FY 1992-93 budget for loans, that \$200,000 be allocated to the 1% for Recycling Program, allocate \$10,000 to the SOLV-IT program, thus realizing \$40,000 savings.

Vote on Motion No. 20: Councilors Gardner and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Devlin, Wyers and Van Bergen voted nay.

The motion failed.

Motion No. 21: Councilor Devlin moved to reduce the 1% for Recycling Program to \$200,000 and to allocate \$10,000 to SOLV-IT Program increasing the SOLV-IT Program budget line item to \$30,000.

Councilor Wyers supported the motion.

Vote on Motion No. 21: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

o **Engineering and Analysis**

Council Staff Recommendation:

Delete .5 FTE temporary Associate Engineer position from Regional Facilities budget/Return 1.0 FTE to Engineering & Analysis Division/net effect to increase Engineering & Analysis Personal Services \$14,290

Mr. Martin did not support the recommendation.

Motion No. 22: Councilor Wyers moved to accept the recommendation proposed by Council Staff to delete .5 FTE temporary Associate Engineer from Regional Facilities budget, return 1.0 FTE to Engineering & Analysis Division.

Councilor Gardner supported the motion.

Councilor McLain noted the Regional Facilities Committee had been divided on the Council Staff recommendation. She said it was forwarded to Council for further discussion.

Councilor Wyers indicated she would be willing to withdraw the motion.

Councilor Devlin said he would prefer to wait on the recommendation by Council Staff until the Regional Facilities issue was resolved.

Councilor Hansen indicated she would prefer to wait.

Motion to Withdraw Motion No. 22: Councilor Wyers withdrew her motion No. 22.

o **Planning Team**

Council Staff Recommendation:

Develop a budget note requiring a work plan for the planning staff be submitted to the Council by August 1, 1992.

Councilor Hansen recommended the work plan be expanded to three years.

Mr. Martin indicated he had a work plan prepared and available for review.

Councilor Wyers indicated she would like to refer the issue to the Solid Waste Committee for further review.

The Committee agreed to refer the issue to the Solid Waste Committee.

o **Recycling Information and Education Division**

Council Staff Recommendation:

For accounting purposes only, to segregate funds and expenditures of the Recycling Information Center and the Recycling and Waste Reduction Education programs administered by Public Affairs Department. Funding from the Revenue Fund would continue under this recommendation. Council Staff indicated a budgetary breakdown would be available regarding transfers at Phase III budget hearing.

Motion No. 23: Councilor Wyers moved to accept Council Staff's recommendation to create a Recycling Information and Education Division within the Operating Account of the Solid Waste Department budget and to segregate funds and expenditures of the Recycling Information Center and the Recycling and Waste Reduction Education programs.

Vote on Motion No. 23: Councilor Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Houser said his tally indicated the Committee had adopted approximately \$480,000 in total budget reductions. He said reductions in the amount of \$560,000 were necessary to align the budget with the \$75 per ton rate. Mr. Houser noted Mr. Martin had budget adjustments which would bring the total reductions necessary to \$640,000, and noted further reductions in the amount of \$160,000 would be necessary to meet the \$75 per ton goal.

Councilor Devlin commented a recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Committee regarding the transfer of the planning function to the Solid Waste Department, which he said would include the transfer of responsibility for administration of the Regional Solid Waste Master Plan (RSWMP) including the land use components of that plan. He said the Transportation and Planning Committee's recommendation was that the Solid Waste Planning Division be charged with the review of local comprehensive plans for compliance with RSWMP.

In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Martin said the unrestricted fund balance was an updated estimate of the year end fund balance to be carried over.

Mr. Martin said the Environmental Impairment Liability Account was the Department's self insurance account for potential environmental impairment for which he said insurance was not available. He said the account was a reserve built up from regular annual contributions. He said he proposed a \$400,000 appropriation for the account FY 1992-93, changing the proposal from \$475,000.

In response to Chair Van Bergen, Jennifer Sims, Finance and Management Information Director, said the actuarial study recommended \$500,000 contribution annually to the account, and concurred that in the past \$400,000 had been contributed annually. She noted the Solid Waste Department would be the sole contributor in the future as the amounts designated for the Zoo and MERC were being satisfied. She concurred \$400,000 was an acceptable reduction, but stated the actuary would be

contacted to obtain a supporting agreement. Ms. Sims said the fund goal was \$12 million.

Motion No. 24: Councilor Gardner moved to accept the recommendation to reduce the transfer for the Environmental Impairment Liability fund by \$75,000, making the transfer \$400,000, subject to actuarial review.

Vote on Motion No. 24: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Motion No. 25: Councilor Devlin moved to reduce the Waste Reduction Metro Challenge funds by \$20,000.

In response to Councilor Wyers, Mr. Martin said the goal of \$75 per ton could be met without the proposed reduction in the Metro Challenge funds as moved by Councilor Devlin.

Mr. Martin said reductions in the amount of \$646,000 had been adopted by the Committee assuming that the irrigation system was reduced by \$20,000.

Motion to Withdraw Motion No. 25: Councilor Devlin withdrew his motion No. 25.

Motion No. 26: Councilor Hansen moved to reduce the irrigation system line item from the proposed \$120,000 to \$100,000.

Vote on Motion No. 26: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Houser noted his figures totalled to reductions of \$605,000, but indicated he would work with Mr. Martin to reconcile the difference.

Motion No. 27: Councilor Hansen moved to reduce the mobile phone line item from the proposed \$10,500 to \$7,500.

Councilor Wyers called for the question.

Vote on Motion No. 27: Councilors Devlin, Hansen, Wyers and Van Bergen voted aye. Councilor Gardner voted nay.

The motion passed.

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Councilor Wyers requested a memorandum from legal counsel regarding Household Hazardous Waste charges.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Clerk