

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

December 12, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Tom DeJardin (V. Chair), Roger Buchanan and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Member Absent: Judy Wyers

Other Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 17, 1989

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved for approval of the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Councilor Buchanan entered for the record a letter he received from John Lang, Administrator, City of Portland Environmental Services, dated November 28, 1989, in response to Councilor Buchanan's letter to Commissioner Earl Blumenauer September 7, 1989, with regard to a sewer system for the mass composting facility to be constructed at 5500 N. E. Columbia Boulevard.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1191, For the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Inspection Services at St. Johns Landfill

Jim Watkins, Engineering & Analysis Manager, explained Metro was required by its agreement with the City of Portland to twice annually provide a report of inspection and evaluation concerning the landfill operations and the condition of all facilities and structures including the Incinerator Road Bridge by a qualified consulting engineer mutually chosen by Metro and the City. He explained as the St. Johns Landfill reached its final contours, it was important to closely monitor compliance to the operations contract.

Mr. Watkins said \$100,000 had been allocated for FY 1989-90 for engineering services for the annual report for both photogrammetric and inspection services at the landfill. He said the cost for the inspection service was estimated not to exceed \$30,000 per year which did not exceed budget allocations.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1191 (to be considered by the full Council January 11, 1990, as Resolution No. 90-1191).

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1190, for the Purpose of Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Additional Environmental Risk Investigation for the Metro East Station

Mr. Watkins explained when the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 89-1169A, the Council ordered additional environmental investigation of the American Steel/Trans Industries (TI) site. He said the additional investigation was based on recommendations made by Dames & Moore (D&M) in their November 2, 1989, report to Metro. He said a qualified consulting firm would be selected to perform tasks to determine the environmental condition of the site. He said the maximum allowable contract budget for the proposal was \$40,000. Councilor DeJardin asked if \$40,000 was a sufficient amount to accomplish the work proposed. Staff said the amount was adequate. Mr. Watkins said D&M estimated \$20,000 to be sufficient for the work proposed but staff increased the amount because they would testify on the issues involved. Chair Hansen asked if the work performed would be comprehensive enough to address all the issues. Staff said yes.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1190 (to be considered by the full Council January 11, 1990, as Resolution No. 90-1190).

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1163, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas County to Purchase, Distribute, and Promote Curbside Recycling Containers

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, said the contract would award \$185,000 to Clackamas County to implement their county-wide curbside collection program. He said the program would pave the way for future Oregon recycling projects. He said Metro would match funds with Clackamas County and the program should increase recycling participation in that area.

Councilor DeJardin said staff's report referred to accumulation of data. He asked if Metro would perform an extended data analysis. Mr. Martin said yes and that Waste Reduction staff had been asked to collect before and after historical data to assess before and after impact of the

program for participation changes. Councilor DeJardin said he was eager to see as much data extrapolated as possible. Mr. Martin agreed and said Metro had made a statement by awarding the funds and said it showed when jurisdictions were ready to move on a project, Metro would do its part. Chair Hansen hoped the program would be successful and would be duplicated.

Councilor Ragsdale asked about the scope of work and noted the contract said Clackamas County would distribute flyers but that Metro would fulfill the media function. Sam Chandler, Senior Solid Waste Planner, said Clackamas County and haulers would distribute leaflets and that the Metro Public Affairs Department would perform the media kick-off, but that Clackamas County would assume on-going media functions. Councilor Ragsdale wanted to ensure the program was as successful as possible to attract other regional jurisdictions. He asked what other jurisdictions had requested containers or support.

Dave Phillips, Clackamas County, said Clackamas County approached Metro first. He said Metro met with all watershed managers whose consensus was that Clackamas County should start first and they would watch the program's progress closely.

Councilor Ragsdale requested Chair Hansen draft a letter to Mr. Martin and Vickie Rucker, Director of Public Affairs, which stated the Committee's desired wide publication of the program on an on-going basis to create demand for similar programs in other areas. Chair Hansen asked what problems would be encountered when a similar program was on-line in the City of Portland because haulers were not franchised. Mr. Martin said Portland and Multnomah County needed greater regulation of the hauling community or such programs would be difficult to carry out. He said haulers needed assurance they would have a franchise. He said Metro's flow control ordinance would add structure to hauling, but would not solve all problems. Chair Hansen said it would be frustrating to have a successful program Clackamas County and not be able to implement one in Portland. Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, discussed related issues briefly.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1163 (to be considered by the Council December 14, 1989, as Resolution No. 89-1193 (which was numbered incorrectly for consideration at this meeting)).

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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Mr. Martin said Metro South Station's new compactor was installed on time Thanksgiving weekend when the facility was closed for four days. He said the facility was keeping up as well, or faster, with disposal of solid waste. He said the first Monday after the compactor installation the facility processed 1600 tons--the highest disposal total to date at the facility. He said payloads would weigh approximately 28 tons and noted Metro's contract with Jack Gray Transport, Inc. (JGT), was based on loads not tonnage. Mr. Martin said Waste Management, Inc. (WM), screened personnel and would hire 90 percent of existing personnel. He said WM would retain Metro South's current manager as well.

Councilor DeJardin said Wastech, Inc., had performed an excellent job in working with the surrounding community and was pleased current staff would be retained. He said WM should continue the high level of community relations maintained by the previous operator. Mr. Martin said staff had discussed the issue with the new vendor.

Councilor McFarland said per Metro's contract with JGT, Metro was to provide five storage spots, and said currently 108 storage spots were proposed. She asked if Metro would provide the spots or if JGT would rent them. Mr. Martin said Metro had applied to the Oregon City Planning Commission to upgrade the facility. He said the Planning Commission preferred all solid waste operations be consolidated and did not prefer JGT's proposed rental of a separate staging area. He said the Planning Commission requested the staging area be consolidated with the transfer station and that Metro agreed because it simplified operations for the facility, JGT and Metro. Mr. Watkins explained where the storage spots would be located on the facility.

The Committee and staff discussed landscaping and buffering of the facility. Chair Hansen requested staff submit a memorandum which detailed the cost factors of the trade off and the value of the staging/rental area. Mr. Martin said staff had worked out costs and said the difference was negligible.

Mr. Martin said staff had worked on Metro East Station design. He said staff had held discussions with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on permitting issues. He said staff had held discussions with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the facility's left-turn access. He said pursuant to amendment of the resolution, staff completed negotiations with TI on removal of payment of the avoidance cost for source separated waste processed at the facility. He said in return for TI foregoing the revenue for source separated materials, Metro agreed to assume

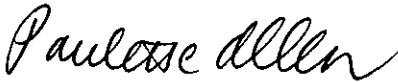
responsibility for litter pick-up around the facility. He said Metro signed, the date of this meeting, the notice to proceed and said the eighteen month period time clock was now ticking.

Mr. Martin said JGT did not have a PUC permit at this time. He said the PUC had repeatedly said they would issue a ruling by the end of 1989. He said the Arlington Landfill was ready to receive waste and DEQ had permitted that facility. He said the Biggs staging area had been appealed and staff was negotiating on the issues. He said Metro had encouraged JGT to use empty trucks on the return trip from the landfill to carry recyclables back to Portland.

Councilor McFarland asked if JGT trucks would use the Celilo interchange if they conveyed recyclables. Mr. Martin said JGT needed Metro's prior authorization for back hauls. The Committee and staff discussed related issues further.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk  
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