

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

January 12, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Jim Gardner (V. Chair), Richard Devlin, Sharron Kelley and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan

Acting Chair Gardner called the special meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, briefed the Committee on the status of the transportation bids to Arlington. He said staff was currently analyzing bids received and opened January 6. He said the goal was to receive competitive bids for all three modes of transportation: rail, barge and truck. He said Jack Grey, Inc., had the apparent successful bid at \$12.30 per ton. He said the three lowest bidders were within 10 percent of each other in cost. He said the apparent winning bid would be further analyzed, but said it appeared to be a clean bid. He introduced Gary Goldberg, vice-resident of Jack Grey, Inc. He said Arlington residents preferred an alternate mode to trucking but were pleased with the vendor selected. Mr. Martin said there would be another transportation bid briefing January 31 but did not anticipate Committee or Council action at that date. He said the final bid presentation would be February 14, 1989.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-1025, for the Purpose of Setting Timelines for Implementing Priority Programs of Metro's 1986 Waste Reduction Program

Mr. Martin outlined Resolution No. 88-1025's background to this date. He said staff had worked with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the stipulated order draft. He said what Metro promised to implement and what DEQ recommended Metro do is what the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) would approve. He said the draft was substantially the same as one presented previously.

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, noted under Summary, staff additions asked for under Planning and Development should total .25 FTE and not 3.0 FTE.

Mr. Martin said "Elements of Draft Environmental Quality Commission Stipulated Order" should replace Attachment A of Resolution No. 88-1025. Councilor Gardner asked if negotiations were final with DEQ. Mr. Martin said staff and DEQ were substantially in agreement on the program. He said there were legal attachments to the agreement which General Counsel Dan Cooper would discuss with the Attorney General.

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Councilor Ragsdale said the Council should not adopt final language without having seen it first. He said the Council would need to act before EQC approved the stipulated order. Mr. Martin said a Solid Waste Committee meeting January 17 could provide additional time for consideration.

Councilor Gardner asked if there were any differences between the new and old Attachment A. Mr. Martin said there were no program changes but said some time frames had changed. He noted the regional yard debris plan was originally separate from the stipulated order and noted staff was nervous to include it because of a lack of specifics.

David Rozzell, DEQ Waste Reduction Manager, and Peter Spendalov, DEQ Recycling Specialist, commented on the stipulated order. Mr. Rozzell said DEQ was substantially in agreement with programs and time lines as specified. He said if planning and development was considered necessary to the Waste Reduction Program, had to be included in stipulated order time lines. He said the time lines were shorter than Metro wished and longer than DEQ preferred. Mr. Rozzell said he could not speak for EQC.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend Resolution No. 88-1025 by amending the BE IT RESOLVED language. The changes were as follows with deletions bracketed and additions underlined.

BE IT RESOLVED,

The Council endorses Attachment "A" which depicts elements of the draft Environmental Quality Commission Stipulated Order to be negotiated between Metro and the Department of Environmental Quality. Attachment "A" also includes additional financial and staff resources necessary to implement the work. Council recognizes that additional resources are necessary mid-year to implement the programs on this schedule. It is understood that [Meeting] meeting this schedule is contingent upon Council adoption [of an interim budget amendment that would approve 5.0 additional FTE in the Solid Waste Department's Waste Reduction Division, 3.0 additional FTE in the Planning and Development Department and 1.0 additional FTE in the RIC.] of the budget amendment.

Vote on First Motion to Amend: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Kelley, Ragsdale and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Second Motion to Amend: Councilor Gardner moved to replace Resolution's previous Attachment A with "Elements of Draft Environmental Quality Commission Stipulated Order."

Vote on Second Motion to Amend: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Kelley, Ragsdale and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, and Solid Waste staff left the meeting to incorporate the changes made by Committee vote into Resolution No. 88-1025 for final approval.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-1026, for the Purpose of Approving a Request for Bids for Metro South Station Operations

Mr. Martin said Council action was required on the resolution at the Council meeting scheduled after this meeting. He said there was limited time to advertise an RFB. Mr. Martin said Metro could staff Metro South Station, but it was not a preferable option.

Chair Hansen asked if the bid process could be stopped if negotiations began with the current operator immediately. Mr. Martin said negotiations and the RFB must continue at the same time.

Councilor Devlin asked how much staff would become available if Metro and Wastech, Inc., renegotiated the contract. Jim Watkins, Acting Engineering and Analysis Manager, said one senior analyst would be freed for .5 FTE to work on the Metro East Station. Chair Hansen asked if the compactor issue would be resolved at the beginning of 1990. Mr. Martin said it was a very good possibility but said there was uncertainty with an RFB and/or a renegotiation process.

Dave Luneke, Oregon Waste Systems, Inc., operations manager, favored Metro issuing the bid document. He disagreed with Chair Hansen's assessment that renewal of the current contract would mean lower future bids.

Merle Irvine, Wastech, Inc., disagreed with Mr. Luneke's testimony. He said Wastech, Inc., asked for a COLA for the next nine months based on the Portland CPI. He said trailers must be retrofitted which would cost one percent of the nine month contract. He said their 15 drivers should be provided with incentive to stay as the contract came to a close. He said drivers would be provided with a bonus for staying the whole nine months. He said Wastech, Inc., was negotiating with Jack Grey, Inc., to hire some Wastech, Inc., drivers at the end of the contract. Mr. Irvine said Wastech, Inc., was open to renegotiation with Metro on their contract. He said they could rebid and other vendors could as well. He stated Wastech, Inc., already had trailers and drivers.

Councilor Devlin asked Mr. Irvine if he referred to a COLA based on a single year or based back to 1985. Mr. Irvine said Wastech, Inc., asked for a COLA based on July to June of this year.

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Chair Hansen said Metro could have a short negotiation session with Wastech, Inc. He said if it failed an RFB could be issued. Mr. Martin said if the Committee recommended the RFB to the Council, the RFB was ready and was what staff recommended. He said if staff were to implement both options, one-week negotiations would have to automatically terminate.

The Committee and staff discussed language amendments to Resolution No. 89-1026. Chair Hansen noted another committee was scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

First Motion to Amend: Councilor Ragsdale directed staff to amend Resolution No. 88-1026 by insertion of language in the resolution in Section 2: "To empower the Executive Officer to negotiate with the current vendor and report to the Solid Waste Committee by January 17 the conclusions of negotiations."

Vote on First Motion to Amend: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Kelley, Ragsdale and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend Resolution No. 88-1026 as amended to the full Council for adoption.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Kelley, Ragsdale and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Hansen called a recess at 4:00 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 5:11 p.m.

Staff presented Resolution No. 88-1025 with amendments included.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 88-1025 as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Devlin, Gardner, Kelley, Ragsdale and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk/SWC89.012