

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

January 16, 1990

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Larry Bauer (V. Chair), Roger Buchanan, Tom DeJardin and Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: None

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 31, 1990

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved for approval of the minutes.

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

4. Consideration of Ordinance No. 90-321, An Ordinance Enacted as a Supplemental Ordinance to Ordinance No. 89-319; Establishing a Plan for Financing the Metro East Transfer Station to Serve as Part of the Metropolitan Service District Solid and Liquid Waste Disposal System; Authorizing the Issuance of the Series A System Bonds for Such Purpose; and Establishing and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, said Ordinance No. 90-321 would authorize the sale of revenue bonds to finance the Metro East Station and retire Metro's debt to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the original financing of Metro South Station. He said Ordinance No. 89-319 was the master ordinance which set in place the requirements for any revenue bond financing done by the solid waste system for the purpose of financing the capital requirements of the solid waste system. He said Ordinance Nos. 89-319 and 89-320 were adopted by the Metro Council November 21, 1989. He said Ordinance No. 89-320 authorized the sale of the revenue bonds for the mass composting facility. He said Ordinance No. 89-319 meant any specific bond issue authorized by the District would be done via a supplemental ordinance which set forth the amounts and terms of conditions for issuance of those bonds. He said the Council adopted Resolution No. 89-1169A November 21 and Ordinance No. 90-321 would authorize the sale of bonds to finance Metro East Station.

Mr. Cooper said Ed Einowski, Bond Counsel to Metro, and Ray Phelps, Director of Finance & Administration, would further explain the ordinance. He said the ordinance's second draft was printed in the meeting agenda packet and that the third draft and final were before the Committee.

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 2

Councilor Wyers asked if there was a staff report on Ordinance No. 90-321. Mr. Phelps said there was not and would provide one after this meeting. He said the ordinance would provide for issuance of revenue bonds and was Metro's first with respect to system financing as opposed to the private financing bonds sold for the mass composting facility. He said the exact bond amount was not known at this time but would not exceed \$25 million.

Mr. Einowski said changes from the drafts to the final ordinance were minimal. He said the final amount would be determined after the bonds were taken to market. He said the bonds were classic municipal bonds with a 20-year maturity rate. He said Metro would not begin payment until the facility was completed in 13 months time. He said the bonds would amount to approximately \$22 million. He said the ordinance would cover costs of the Metro East Station and outstanding debts to DEQ from the 1970s. He said payment of the DEQ debt would clean up outstanding financing against the system and prevent small loans from taking priority in payment schedules.

Councilor Wyers asked how much Metro's debt to DEQ was. Mr. Einowski said originally the debt was \$2 million which Metro had paid on for approximately 10 years and said the debt was now approximately \$1 million. Mr. Cooper said the amount was probably less than \$1 million.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Ordinance No. 90-321.

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

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1181, For the Purpose of Renewing and Amending the Contract for Personal Services with Stoel, Rives, Boley, Jones & Grey for Assistance as Bond Counsel

Mr. Cooper explained Bond Counsel was retained by Metro to provide bond counsel services for resource recovery projects for three years or until financing for the projects was completed. He said August 1987 the scope of services was amended to include negotiations with various firms regarding resource recovery facilities. He said at the same time the compensation amount was increased from \$100,000 to \$145,000. He said because of delays Bond Counsel was prevented from completion of the work within the designated three years and said this resolution would amend the contract to extend the termination date to January 1, 1991, and include bond counsel and legal services for the Metro East Station. He said the resolution would not mean an increase in expenditure. Councilor Wyers complimented Mr. Einowski on a job well done and responsiveness to the Metro Council.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1181.

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

7. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1195, For the Purpose of Approving a Request for Proposals Document for the Model Zoning Ordinance

Richard Carson, Director of Planning & Development, explained the purpose of the proposed model zoning ordinance was to provide clear and objective standards with which to judge the siting of solid waste facilities. He said local jurisdictions could choose to utilize the model ordinance, modify it to meet local conditions, or write their own language. He said if the outcome were clear and objective standards which did not exclude siting solid waste facilities, Metro's goals would be served.

Mark Turpel, Senior Regional Planner, said exceptions were landfills and burners. He said a strategy paper was written for 15 facilities, the schedule of events was in the agenda packet, staff would write the model zoning ordinance in March, a draft would be ready in the summer, and at the end of 1990 the final would be complete and available for Technical, Policy, Solid Waste Committee and Council review.

Councilor Bauer asked if staff sought to draft a model zoning ordinance for outright permitted use in industrial areas. Chair Hansen asked why staff did not prepare a model mitigation agreement in-house in view of staff's experience. Mr. Carson said staff capability was maximized at this time.

Motion: Councilor Bauer moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1195.

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

8. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1100, For the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Bids for Construction of Metro South Modification Operations

Jim Watkins, Engineering & Analysis Manager, said Rob Smoot, Senior Engineer, performed the primary work for Resolution No. 90-1100.

Mr. Watkins said Metro's waste services transport contract with Jack Gray Transport, Inc. (JGT), meant Metro had to provide a staging area at Metro South Station to store empty and full transport vehicles and have the capacity to compact waste before loading. He said May 1989 Metro

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 4

issued an RFB for a compaction system to be placed in the loading tunnel and proposers were asked to quote prices for a second compaction system to be located at the west end of the pit once the proposed modifications were completed. He said two compactors were necessary if one compactor failed. Mr. Watkins displayed a chart of Metro South Station and noted where the new entrance for JGT's use would be located as well as fire access. He said staff added storage to improve overall efficiency of transport operations, Oregon City staff preferred the shuttling operation on-site to minimize community impact, and JGT preferred the storage facility on-site also. He said August 1989 the Oregon City Planning Commission modified the conditional use permit to allow for modifications described in the design services RFP. Mr. Watkins said Oregon City's major concern was landscaping and said the landscaping proposed now met their requirements.

Councilor Bauer asked who designed the site plan. Mr. Watkins said SCS Engineers was the subcontractor. Councilor DeJardin asked if modification would curtail desired expansion of the facility. Mr. Watkins said it could prevent some modification but that the capacity to handle volume was considered sufficient for future use. The Committee and staff discussed modification issues further.

Mr. Watkins said the amount originally budgeted for modification was \$1.6 million and now estimated at \$3 million. He said construction would span budget years and funds would be budgeted for 1990-91. He said bidders would be asked to provide a regular and an accelerated construction schedule. The Committee and staff discussed the size of the JGT storage area and the original contract requirement that JGT rent storage space off-site.

Staff distributed a letter to the Committee from Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, dated January 16, 1990, which analyzed the costs involved to provide a storage area at Metro South Station. Councilor Wyers asked why the letter did not list construction costs. Councilor Wyers requested a listing of all costs. Chuck Geyer, Senior Management Analyst, explained costs further.

Councilor Wyers asked about disposal of hazardous waste. Mr. Martin said Metro South would take household hazardous waste only and that the facility would be receive it one, two, or three days per week on a regular schedule. He said future add-ons to the facility were possible but also linked to Washington County efforts to site Metro West Station. He said Metro South was currently overloaded. Councilor Wyers requested a detailed listing of all costs including compactor costs. Chair Hansen asked for a breakdown of tonnage amounts. The Committee and staff discussed tonnage further.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1100.

Councilor Wyers said approval of the resolution would aid JGT. She said so much of the bid requirements would be altered it was unfair to other bidders. She said costs could be minimal but could be a hardship to other rate payers. She said JGT had said they would provide their own staging area and should be held to it. Councilor DeJardin said Oregon City had maintained their responsibility and Metro was being compliant to Oregon City's wishes. Chair Hansen said the \$3 million being spent was not for JGT's benefit. He said the second compactor would have been necessary whether the successful transportation bid had been rail, barge or truck. He said the facility had to be capable and said the bulk of the project was irrelevant regardless of who the transporter was. He said landscaping was at Oregon City's request. He said the staging area would cost \$500,000 and would benefit any transporter if Metro's contract with JGT failed. He said it was essential to have an efficient transfer station facility.

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan, DeJardin and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Wyers voted nay. The motion passed.

9. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1198, For the Purpose of Supporting Earth Day Activities and Goals in the Metropolitan Region

Michel Gregory, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, explained the resolution was a way to recognize Earth Day goals and activities in the metropolitan area.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1198.

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

3. Report on Office Paper Recycling Campaign

Ms. Gregory said Metro began the Office Paper Recycling Campaign to remove as much office paper as possible from the waste stream for recycling purposes. She explained the campaign theme, displayed the packaging and information sent to interested offices and a coffee cup which said "I paper trained the staff."

She said the campaign's promotional billboard created a great deal of interest and resulted in a high volume of calls to Metro's Recycling Information Center (RIC). She said a 12-member task force was formed which sent letters to campaign information recipients. She said the campaign was well-rounded and a referral service would be formed for office paper recyclers. Councilor DeJardin asked if recyclers were

prepared to handle the increased volume. Ms. Gregory said Metro met with recyclers and received a very positive response.

Chair Hansen called a recess at 7:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

6. Discussion of Construction Coordinator Position in the Solid Waste Department

Mr. Martin said staff did not budget or anticipate the need for a construction coordinator. Chair Hansen said the Finance Committee tabled Ordinance No. 90-328 December 21, 1989. Chair Hansen said he wanted the Finance Committee to take the ordinance from the table and refer it to the Solid Waste Committee which could recommend it for Council consideration. He said the Finance Committee should discuss it because of the financing involved.

Neil Saling, Construction Projects Manager, discussed the Finance Committee's action and said there was a definite need for a construction coordinator position because of Metro South Station and Metro East Station construction activity as well as the St. Johns Landfill closure. He said the .5 FTE would be paid from the Solid Waste Department budget.

Councilor Wyers said the Finance Committee did not want to finance the new position because they believed staff had the resources to perform necessary oversight. She said the Finance Committee referred the issue to the Solid Waste Committee because they wanted input from the Solid Waste Committee, but said the tabling of the ordinance was definitely meant as a rejection of the request for funding. Councilor Bauer asked the vote to table the ordinance. Councilor Wyers said the vote to table was unanimous and all Finance Committee members were present.

Councilor Bauer noted the Convention Center Project and the Zoo each had a coordinator and asked if they could assume some duties related to solid waste projects. Mr. Saling said both staff persons were full-time and respectively dedicated to the Convention Center and the Zoo. He said he served as their back-up. He said the Finance Committee did not make it clear whether he should serve as construction coordinator back-up or request the position in the budget process.

Councilor Bauer said projects which cost \$40 million should have a coordinator to properly supervise and administer construction costs. He said staff's request was reasonable. Councilor Buchanan concurred with Councilor Bauer.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to request the Finance Committee remove Ordinance No. 90-328 from the table for purposes of reconsideration.

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 7

Vote: Councilors Bauer, Buchanan and Hansen voted aye.
Councilor Wyers voted nay. Councilor DeJardin was
absent. The motion passed.

Councilor Bauer said if funds were available for the position he hoped the Finance Committee would reconsider. Councilor Wyers disagreed and said if Solid Waste Committee members were in doubt about the Finance Committee's intentions to read the minutes and/or listen to the tape.

2. General Staff Report

- o Metro South Station
- o Metro East Station
- o Transport Services
- o Rates

Mr. Martin said members of the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee (SWRRC) were present to give testimony if necessary. Mr. Martin said for the first time staff would attempt to submit the rate structure with the budget. He said there would be some timing difficulties in doing so. He said adopted rates could not be put into effect until 60 days after adoption unless an emergency was declared so staff planned to set the proposed final adoption date 65 days before the rates would take effect in FY 1990-91. He said final Council action was proposed from mid to late March. He said Solid Waste Committee public hearings would be scheduled February 13 and 27, January 30, and the briefing at this meeting.

Mr. Martin said staff was also in the process of budget preparation also and staff would seek final Council action on the budget mid to late June. He said final adjustment of the Solid Waste departmental budget required a slight rate adjustment. Staff would ask for an emergency adjustment of the already adopted rate to reflect the final budget outcome so the new fiscal year would begin with a synchronized rate and budget structure.

Mr. Martin said SWRRC recommendations were to synchronize the budget and rate process; put all fixed system costs into the user fees which would mean an increase in the user fee; and eliminate exemptions at recycling and processing centers. He said at the January 30 meeting staff would present the different options proposed. Staff wanted to increase and solidify the system so that all users paid the fixed costs to develop the system.

Milton Fyre, SWRRC member, noted the SWRRC had consensus on most of the issues and commended Mr. Martin and Solid Waste staff on candidness and responsiveness to SWRRC concerns. He said the SWRRC disagreed with staff on one issue. He said when staff referred to inclusion in the system they meant anyone within that boundary would pay a user fee. He said currently landfilled solid waste paid a user fee and no user fees

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 8

were paid for recyclables. He said staff proposed that any solid waste entering the system within the boundary, pay a user fee on tonnage going through the door regardless of whether it was recycled or not. He said material now recycled would receive a user fee which could be termed a tax on recycling. He said an inconsistency in staff's proposal was that if a facility such as Wastech, Inc., received a load which was 100 percent recyclable, it would be exempt from the user fee. He said a load with 95 percent recyclables would pay the full user fee. He said the concept of the user fee was that it should support all the fixed costs of the system from which everyone benefitted. He said if a load was separated before received by Wastech, Inc., under staff's proposal there would be no user fee, but inside the system boundary the full user fee would be charged. He said the SWRRC reached consensus the user fee should not be imposed on material that could be recycled and did not enter the waste stream.

Councilor Wyers asked if the SWRRC received input from recyclers. Mr. Fyre said Wastech, Inc., spoke with SWRRC. Mr. Martin said he attended a meeting of the Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) and discussed the issues with them. He said recyclers intended to establish a subcommittee to analyze staff's proposed rate system.

Councilor Wyers asked if the SWRRC discussed Metro's proposed excise tax and its relationship to solid waste rates. Andrew Thaler, SWRRC member, said the excise tax was discussed briefly. Mr. Martin said the excise tax affected rates depending on how it was incorporated into the budget once it was identified as an expense, if it was identified as an expense. Councilor Wyers asked staff if they saw the tax as an addition to the rates. Mr. Martin said he understood it would affect the rate based on proposals he had heard but was uncertain how staff would handle it administratively at this time.

Councilor Wyers asked what input the Solid Waste Committee had with other committees in the region which were in the process of discussion of higher solid waste rates. Mr. Martin said Metro paid \$.50 per ton to DEQ to mitigate their expenses in dealing with solid waste management and other issues. He said there would also be \$.50 per ton paid to DEQ for debt service on the orphan site account designed to help local jurisdictions for past, improper waste disposal sites not the responsibility of any other party. He said staff had held discussion with other entities on their budgeting process. Councilor Wyers asked Mr. Martin to ascertain the direction of other jurisdictions before the Committee voted to recommend a new rate structure, including the City of Portland. Mr. Martin said they would like to see increased line items to support source separation and container programs. Councilor Wyers wanted to know what other jurisdictions planned in terms of additional fees and how much the market could bear and how the issues related. Mr. Martin said he knew the City had increased their per ton fee levied on

haulers but did not think they planned to increase it again in the near future.

Chair Hansen said there would be more opportunities to discuss rates and said the process would be interesting because Metro had not overhauled its premise for rate setting for at least six to seven years.

Mr. Thaler discussed the proposed two-tier rate setting formula intended to cover both facility self-support and the cost of the whole system. He said staff expressed concern that as more was recycled there was less solid waste to support system costs. He said the SWRRC understood that concern but felt strongly about the arbitrary boundary drawn to define the system and how that affected recyclers.

Mr. Martin said Metro South Station was on-line and the Arlington Landfill was now receiving solid waste for disposal. He said all contracts were on schedule and January 2, 2,100 tons were processed which was Metro South's highest processing volume to-date.

Mr. Martin discussed the change order to Metro's contract with JGT which led to disposal of extra solid waste at St. Johns Landfill the weekend previous to this meeting. He said solid waste flow was up 40 percent until January 8 and up 24 percent until January 15. He said solid waste flow was heavier because of heavy rainfall. He noted January 2 flow was heavier than usual because of the three-day weekend and accumulated holiday waste. He said also contributing to heavy solid waste was Killingsworth Fast Disposal Landfill's (KFD) closure December. He said Metro's agreement with Marion County's Waste to Energy Facility (WTEF) expired which meant waste which would have been directed to that facility now must be landfilled. He said staff was renegotiating that contract with Marion County. He said all factors cited were unusual circumstances which led to the change order executed by Administration January 12. He said the 4,500 tons to St. Johns Landfill did not violate Metro's contract with the Arlington Landfill vendor. He said St. Johns Landfill would not receive in the future the volume received last weekend.

Mr. Martin said January 15 Metro South processed 600 tons and 440 tons were shipped to Arlington. He said Gilliam County was pleased with operations. He said Metro would send five to seven loads per day to St. Johns until disposal was back to the average of eight to ten loads per day. He said JGT had more loads than previously expected. He said staff had to renegotiate with Marion County and achieve operational continuity at Metro South. He said the current difficulty was that solid waste was heavy and wet and in danger of overloading JGT axles. He expected with bales there would be better payload distribution.

Mr. Martin said protests at St. Johns resulted from misinformation and said JGT was not in violation of its contract. He said because of the

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 10

demonstrations he was concerned about safety because protestors had blocked the gate and engaging in other activity. He said he left gate staff instructions to call the police if further obstructions continued. He said one JGT driver was attacked but uninjured. He said JGT drivers said protestors intentionally tried to block JGT trucks which could have caused trucks to jackknife. He said the amount of solid waste was unexpected, but that staff had always stated some loads would be sent to St. Johns until its closure. He said January represented the least flow to the facility ever. Councilor Buchanan asked if St. Johns had adequate security. Mr. Martin said Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) was requested to provide additional security. He said old contracts lapsed and Metro needed to reinstate or issue new ones. He said BFI was asked not to use their personnel for security purposes which should be handled professionally. Councilor Buchanan asked if it were clear what the demonstrators wanted. Mr. Martin said protestors did not want waste disposed of at Metro South, St. Johns or Arlington via JGT trucks.

Councilor Wyers wanted to tell fellow Councilors, staff and those present that she sought every legal possibility to stop Metro's contract with JGT. She said it was the honorable thing to do and had no remorse. She said the Councilor involved in the protests at St. Johns was not her. She said she did not want misconceptions to develop because of her outspokenness on the JGT contract. Councilor Wyers asked how the extra dumping affected Metro's agreement with the City of Portland with regard to closure. Mr. Martin said it did not affect Metro's agreement with the City and that DEQ wanted Metro to achieve certain contours at the landfill and said the extra disposal would be beneficial to that purpose.

Chair Hansen asked if increased flow at Metro South would decrease anticipated flow at St. Johns. Mr. Martin said the increase was not of a high magnitude. Councilor Wyers asked about Metro's contract with Oregon Waste Systems, Inc. (OWS) and if disposal at St. Johns affected that contract. Mr. Martin said Metro never planned to send more than 90 percent of all landfillable waste to Arlington. He said staff had held discussions with OWS about flow and set a flow rate. He said at this time Metro was sending Arlington 324,000 tons monthly. He said 24,000 tons would be diverted to St. Johns and some tonnage to the Marion County WTEF as was done previously. Councilor Wyers asked if all these variations meant a new operating plan for JGT. Mr. Martin said no and said a contract amendment established the price for JGT to haul to St. Johns. Councilor Wyers asked if JGT could ship all the waste to Arlington. Mr. Martin said JGT could do so but the trailers could not keep up. He said JGT could schedule three round trips per vehicle, but accumulated solid waste would be held over from peak days. He said Metro could exert a provision to make JGT acquire more trailers. Councilor Wyers and Mr. Martin discussed the proposed Biggs staging area.

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 11

Douglas DeVries, JGT Northwest general manager, said The Dalles Planning Commission would vote on the issues January 18. Councilor Wyers said Mr. Martin assured the Council there would be no staging area in The Dalles. Mr. Martin said there might or might not be a staging area. Councilor Wyers asked if JGT drivers were union affiliated because she recalled truckers testified in favor of the contract. Mr. Martin said JGT drivers were not union and the drivers and the Teamsters were conducting talks.

Councilor Wyers said she was interested in future compaction tonnage figures. She said the axle weight could be a future problem and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) had fined JGT several times for a total of \$2,300. Mr. Martin said axles were weighed as they left the yard. He said staff was working with the PUC and the PUC had ridden with JGT trucks and were pleased with JGT on several counts.

Chair Hansen asked if JGT shipments to St. Johns would terminate in July. Mr. Martin said the shipments would last a minimum of four months and a maximum of six months from this date. Councilor Bauer noted the temporary shipping of waste to St. Johns saved funds.

T. R. Factor, 2109 S.E. Ash, #7, Portland, said staff's report that JGT drivers were attacked at St. Johns was not true. She said citizens protested because the whole idea of a landfill in Gilliam County was that there would be no more dumping at St. Johns. She said citizens were peacefully calling attention to events at the landfill. She said residents were not informed of the activity and noted JGT disposal operations took place after dark which seemed suspicious. She said protestors did not block the gate or drive in front of trucks. She said the protestor with the umbrella who allegedly struck a JGT driver was not aware of the incident. She said possible problems might have occurred because of teenagers who were present.

Ms. Factor asked if Metro would continue to collect the \$.50 per ton mitigation fee for enhancement of the area. Chair Hansen said yes.

Ms. Factor noted the PUC rode with JGT and said it took eight hours to go and eight hours to return. She said it did not appear they would be able to perform their 1.8 trips. Ms. Factor said the contract should be amended and noted PUC had fined JGT \$2,573.00. She objected to staff who were not present at St. Johns the previous weekend briefing the Committee on those events. Ms. Factor noted Mr. Martin said five to seven loads would be dumped and then eight to nine for the rest of the fiscal year. She said rate payers deserved clarification and said if JGT could only effectively perform one shift the taxpayers should know the effect on Metro South such as accumulated solid waste. She said on behalf of St. Johns residents she formally objected to and protested the additional dumping at St. Johns. Ms. Factor said the residents were

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1990

Page 12

promised the dumping would stop. Councilor Buchanan and Ms. Factor discussed the issues briefly.

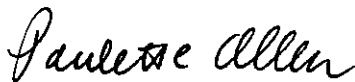
Councilor Wyers told Ms. Factor she requested a copy of the change order from staff and would give a copy to Ms. Factor. Councilor Bauer noted the JGT contract was a large one and would need time for fine tuning. He said possibly there had been intolerance on both sides. He knew there was impatience from those who were critical and said it was a huge undertaking to outline and coordinate a regional solid waste system. Ms. Factor said there were questions about JGT's veracity. She said JGT had promised the Indian community jobs if they would allow JGT use of the Celilo interchange. She said there was a great deal of doubt about JGT's integrity. She said incidents over the weekend added to mistrust and said the contract had been abrogated and many concessions given to JGT.

Councilor Wyers said there were rumors she had led the legal opposition to the JGT contract. She said nothing could be further from the truth. She said the legal actions had cost a great deal of money. She said citizens raised the funds for legal action as well as for the referendum and referral. She said it was not appropriate for Councilors to organize protests of any kind.

Chair Hansen expressed concern about safety at St. Johns. Ms. Factor said if citizens had been properly informed, no unpleasantness would have occurred.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
SWC90.016