

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

February 2, 1993

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Acting Chair), Susan McLain, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Excused: Roger Buchanan, Ed Washington

Acting Chair McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Consideration of September 1, 1992 and December 15, 1992 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to approve the September 1, 1992 and December 15, 1992 Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Updates

o General Staff Reports

Roosevelt Carter, Solid Waste Budget and Finance Manager, presented the monthly tonnage report for December 1992. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He noted the differentiation between tonnage, down 4%, and revenues, down 3%, for the region, while expenditures were down 8.4%. Mr. Martin said a substantial amount of the contingency would remain at the end of the year. Mr. Roosevelt noted the forecast model and actual tonnage were tracking very closely.

o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, presented the staff report, and said the governor-appointed Recycled Materials Market Development Council met and decided to send a report to the legislature that would continue their existence through 1995 as well as create an Executive Committee and add a retail division to work with buyers regarding procurement and sale of recycled and recyclable products to their plastics, glass, and paper divisions. Ms. Gorham said Metro offered \$5 to \$10 thousand to help in studies for the reuse and recycling of colored glass. In response to Acting Chair McFarland, Ms. Gorham said funds were allocated from unused Metro Challenge grant funds.

Councilor Wyers said a radio message she heard recently in which an OSPiRG representative encouraged consumers to send their actual

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plastics, not the Metro postcard, to the National Association for Plastics Industry.

The Committee and staff briefly discussed possibilities for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) mobile van planning. In response to Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager, Councilor McLain said the Fire Department in Forest Grove was interested in assisting in HHW collections, and agreed to provide Mr. Chandler with names to contact.

3. Ordinance No. 93-482, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02, Metro Solid Waste Disposal Charges and User Fees at Metro Facilities

Mr. Chandler presented the staff report, and said the proposed ordinance would provide for a \$5 fee for processing HHW at Metro solid waste disposal facilities. He said he hoped this was going to be just one of a number of innovative ways in which to produce revenue to Metro. Mr. Chandler said should the \$5 fee be adopted by the Metro Council at its February 11 meeting, the fee would be charged at the Metro Central station when the HHW facility there opened, as well as concurrently at the Metro South facility. He said this would all occur around the middle of May, 1993.

Mr. Chandler said that in response to a questions from John Houser, Council Analyst, a definition for "special loads" had been placed within the proposed ordinance.

The Committee and staff briefly discussed the fact that the Charter discontinued the Council's ability to attach any emergency clauses to revenue or funding matters.

Acting Chair McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify. Acting Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Ordinance No. 93-482 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Resolution No. 93-1749, For the Purpose of Establishing a New Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Terry Petersen, Senior Solid Waste Planner, presented the staff report, and said the resolution would eliminate the two advisory committees created in 1987 by the Metro Council and would create one single Solid Waste Advisory Committee. He explained the new committee would have representatives from the hauling industry, local governments, industry,

facilities and the citizenry and would be chaired by the Chair of the Metro Solid Waste Committee. He said the Director of the Solid Waste Department would have a non-voting membership, and said the Department would be responsible to staff the Committee.

In response to Acting Chair McFarland, Mr. Petersen said he did not believe the Solid Waste Committee Vice Chair, who would be Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee in the absence of the Chair, would be welcome to attend meetings but would not be required to do so.

The Committee as a whole discussed the function and relationship of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Rate Review Committee. Acting Chair McFarland felt the Rate Review Committee would be not be served by an attempt to combine the Solid Waste Advisory committee and the Rate Review Committee, which she said served a specialized and different function. Mr. Martin commented further on the functions of the two Committees.

Councilor McFarland expressed concern that the new Committee be utilized as a positive public relations tool. Councilor McLain commented she felt careful definition of the roles of the Committees was important, and said the Committees should be kept abreast of each other's agendas.

Main Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1749 to the full Council for adoption.

The Committee and staff discussed suggested changes to the language in Exhibit A to reflect the intent and consensus of the Solid Waste Committee.

Motion to Amend: Councilor McLain moved to amend Resolution No. 93-1749 to insert a new no. 3 in Exhibit A to read; "Receive reports from the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee," and that the remaining designated numbers 3. through 7. be renumbered accordingly with new numbers 4. through 8.

The Committee and staff discussed the suggested amended language.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye to recommend Resolution No. 93-1749A to the full Council for adoption.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Resolution No. 93-1750, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.060, Personal Services Contracts Selection Process, and Authorizing a Sole Source Contract with Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) for Sponsorship of the Annual "SOLV-IT" Cleanup Event on Saturday, April 17, 1993

Judith Mandt, Administrative Manager, presented the staff report, and said resolution would authorize a personal services contract (Attachment A) with SOLV for the provision of services in coordinating the fourth annual "SOLVIT" Cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 1993.

She referenced a document entitled, "SOLV-IT Clean-Up Event, Materials collected in 1990, 1991, 1992" which showed full color photos of prevention devices installed at chronic illegal dumping sites at various locations in North Portland in 1992. Ms. Mandt referenced the fund distribution for 1991-92 and 1992-93, and noted \$59,000 was budgeted for the total clean-up program for FY 1992-93 of which \$30,000 had been budgeted for the SOLV-IT event and \$29,000 budgeted for other Neighborhood Clean-Ups. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor McLain, Jack McGowan, Director of SOLV, he said Schnitzer Steel did not pay for scrap metal picked up during SOLV-IT clean up events because they paid for the trucks and drivers for transport of such materials during those events.

Ms. Mandt noted KINK Radio, Bank of America, and Safeway joined Metro as sponsors for the 1993 event. She noted a team of volunteers would join in the clean up campaign, and that last year 50 volunteers from sponsoring firms were involved.

Mr. McGowan introduced Ann Marie Messano from KINK Radio, who presented the Committee and Councilors with SOLV-IT T-Shirts. Mr. McGowan distributed a packet of materials to the Committee, and noted SOLV-IT had won an award called "Take Pride in America" and was the only organization in Oregon to win the award presented by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. This packet has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. McGowan presented a 7 minute video which told the SOLV-IT story.

Mr. McGowan said SOLV-IT was a consolidation effort on the part of government, business and industry. In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. McGowan said the organization was in communication with the three counties was underway regarding the event, and he agreed with Council McLain's suggestion that he attempt to preview the event with the film

he showed to the Committee with City Councils in the region. Councilor McLain indicated she would provide Mr. McGowan with a prioritized list of names to contact.

Councilor Gates suggested Mr. McGowan attempt to make a connection with an organization called FOCUS which linked local jurisdictions together for consideration of local issues.

Councilor Wyers suggested Mr. McGowan contact Steve Everett of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters. She said she had spoken recently to the group which was looking for what she termed a "pet project". She said she had recommended SOLV-IT as a possible consideration for the group.

Mr. McGowan gave SOLV's phone number, 647-9855, and FAX number, 647-0159, to the Committee and said he was interested in feedback.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1750 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Resolution No. 93-1752, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.060 Personal Services Contracts Selection Process, and Authorizing a Sole Source Contract with the Portland Art Museum for Sponsorship of a One-Day Event to Emphasize Waste Reduction and Recycling in the Museum Family Sunday Series, Sunday, March 14, 1993

Ms. Mandt introduced Judy Schultz, Assistant Curator of Education for the Portland Art Museum. Ms. Mandt presented the staff report, and discussed the plans for activities for the one day event proposed in the resolution.

Ms. Mandt noted the funding of \$5,000 was not a budgeted item, but, she said, funds were available in the Materials and Services budget in Administration (\$2500) and in Waste Reduction (\$2,500) through cost savings that had occurred elsewhere.

The Committee, staff and Ms. Schultz discussed the pros and cons of the proposed resolution.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved to recommend Resolution 93-1752 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Wyers and McFarland voted aye.

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The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder

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