

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

March 7, 1990

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Larry Bauer (V. Chair)

Chair Hansen called this special meeting continued from the March 6, 1990, meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

1. Discussion on Ordinance No. 90-337, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 Establishing Solid Waste Disposal Rates for FY 1990-91

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, said staff's presentation would focus on rates and repeat staff's report from the March 6 meeting.

Mr. Martin said the rate to dispose of asbestos would increase to \$100 per ton.

Mr. Martin reviewed the proposed two-tier rate system; the proposed elimination of the Regional Transfer Charge (RTC) at St. Johns Landfill and said when the landfill closed, all transfer stations would charge the same rate. He said if the excise tax was adopted, the prorated impact for all user fees would be \$2.19 per ton for a net impact of \$2.079 million. He said the Solid Waste system had to raise its rates to contribute its share. He said that increase would be partially offset by reduction in transfers of \$2.4 million. Mr. Martin said the proposed flat fee would charge all customers on a weight basis only. He said the flat fee was structured on the assumption loads would average one third of a ton, but the flat fee caused commercial users to shift to self-haul which caused loss of revenue. He said a more realistic flat fee of \$25 or \$26 per ton would cause inequity because real domestic users would be overcharged. Because of those reasons and the fear of illegal dumping, staff proposed other rates increase to keep the flat fee \$15.00. He said those proposals required the scale equipment be installed and a that construction coordinator for Metro East was required. The Committee and staff discussed solid waste disposal on a cubic yard basis.

Councilor Wyers asked how much rate increases would impact household customers. Mr. Martin said a \$1.00 increase meant a \$.10 increase per can per household customer. Chair Hansen asked what response staff received from haulers on staff's proposed two-tier system. Mr. Martin said haulers thought the new system made sense.

Mr. Martin reviewed discussion with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the rates.

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The Committee and staff discussed rate incentives for yard debris and other materials.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Council a records management system be added to the Solid Waste Department FY 1990-91 Budget.

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

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk  
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