

Council Solid Waste Committee Meeting

March 10, 1987

Committee Members Present: Sharron Kelley, Jim Gardner, Gary Hansen

Staff Members Present: Bob Applegate, Dennis Mulvihill, Kim Duncan, Doug Drennen, Joan Saroka

Others Present: 26 interested members of the public (see file for details)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Minutes from the previous two meetings were presented and discussion was postponed to the end of the meeting as the councilors had not yet had the opportunity to review them.

Agenda Item 1 Discussion of 3-12-87 Council Meeting Agenda Items

The only item on the agenda for the Council Meeting on March 12, 1987 deals with designating Solid Waste as an activity for functional planning. The back up material was not included with the agenda and it was felt that not enough information was available for discussion.

Two new members were appointed to the Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee (SWPAC) due to resignations. Jean Roy is the representative of the citizens; and representing the commercial hauling industry is Tom Miller.

Agenda Item 2 Legislative Review by Kim Duncan

Kim Duncan gave a review of the current legislation affecting the solid waste issues (See attached).

Council Solid Waste Committee requested that this briefing become a permanent agenda item.

MOTION

Gary Hansen moved that the Solid Waste Committee will be supportive of legislation that would have the effect of encouraging or increasing recycling or eliminating various problems of solid waste. Sharron Kelley seconded the motion.

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION.

Councilors requested a copy of the Household Hazardous Waste Bill, SB 11.

Agenda Item 3 Clarification of Council Members' role in Resource Recovery Project evaluation process

This item will not be discussed due to the absence of the Executive Officer.

Bob Applegate then gave a brief update of the Citizen Involvement Process. Two separate events are scheduled thus far: 1) a "Vendor's Fair" during which the proposers will have the opportunity to explain their projects to the public; and an Environmental Forum at which a proponent and opponent will discuss the environmental effect of mass incineration, composting and landfilling.

Agenda Item 4 Status Report on WTRC

1. Metro does not intend to yield ^{appeal} to the county's requirements.
2. We will be focusing our time and efforts on the legal battle.
3. There will be little or no budget item in next year's budget for WTRC due to the time frame (18 months) of the legal battle.

Discussion followed regarding the potential of the litigation and Metro's response.

Agenda Item 5 Discussion of items for future Council Solid Waste Committee agenda

The following items were suggested by staff:

1. Waste diversion: Landfill management board
Options for Landfill life
2. Amendments to Waste Reduction Program. More aggressive action to be taken.
3. Legislation
4. Budget
5. WTRC - Legal Proceedings
Final Design
6. Resource Recovery and the siting process.
7. Functional planning -
 1. Resource Recovery Siting
 2. Third Transfer Station
 3. Solid Waste Management Plan
8. Landfill siting - Metro will be assuming the responsibility for the landfill siting process in the near future.

Discussion then followed regarding Waste Management's Arlington disposal site proposal to the City of Portland. The CSWC wants to be kept informed of the status of this proposal. Gary Hansen requested a staff report on this.

Councilor Hansen also requested that his resolution dealing with the siting of Solid Waste facilities in the North Portland area be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Kelley expressed a need for an organized Citizen Involvement Process plan. This should include a time frame that coincides with the Resource Recovery process, the role of the council members and the role of the staff.

Discussion then led to the topic of recycling. The citizens from East County expressed their support of aggressive recycling programs.

CSWC requested that a status report of the implementation of the waste reduction program be given at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m.