

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

March 17, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Judy Wyers (Chair), Ruth McFarland (Vice Chair), Roger Buchanan, Sandi Hansen, George Van Bergen

Councilors Also Present: Tom DeJardin

Chair Wyers called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Solid Waste Updates

o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, said as the result of an inquiry by National Geographic, a video tape was made concerning the renovation project at the new Metro Headquarters. She said National Geographic would consider its inclusion in a documentary looking at the reuse of building materials.

Ms. Gorham said Oregon Public Broadcasting was interested in footage of Metro's Home Compost Demonstration Sites for inclusion the Victory Garden program.

Ms Gorham introduced Carrie Heaton, Associate Solid Waste Planner. Ms. Gorham said Ms. Heaton would present a report on Metro's Stormwater Runoff Mitigation Project. Ms. Heaton presented the report, and distributed a document to the Committee entitled "Compost Storm Water Treatment System, Executive Summary", dated March 2, 1992. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record. Ms. Heaton said the project was completed and displayed pictures of the compost beds. She described the results of the project as positive, noted they were described in the summary, and said additional funding for a second year of the project was being sought. She noted an EPA grant proposal had been written to that end. Ms. Heaton said the project, which had been submitted to the Oregon Consulting Engineers Council for an award, had won the grand award.

In response to Councilor McFarland, staff said "COD" stood for "chemical oxygen demand" and noted its counterpart was "BOD", "biological oxygen demand."

In response to Councilor DeJardin, Ms. Heaton said other sites were being sought for future projects through, for instance, the Greenspaces program or the Metro South transfer station.

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2. Resolution No. 92-1588, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter Into a Contract with L & H Grading, Inc. for Work Associated with the Closure of Sub-Area 1 of the St. Johns Landfill

Dennis O'Neil, Senior Solid Waste Planner, presented an overview and displayed a chart. He said the object was to control the amount of ground and surface water contamination at the St. Johns Landfill by constructing a multi-layered impervious cover to cap the existing solid waste. He said construction of a gas collection system was included as a required alternate in the bid, allowing Metro the option of using one of the bidders or another methane gas recovery project proposer for the construction of the gas collection system.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. O'Neil said grasses were planned as vegetation for the top of the cover. Councilor McFarland advocated for native plants for the top of the cover.

In response to Councilor Tom Dejardin, Mr. O'Neil said the grasses could be the type that would be mowed, and said the intent was to get consulting services to discover what the best types of plants would be given the terrain and the weather.

Linda Pang-Wright presented the details of the bidding procedure, and said the bidding closed Friday, February 28, 1992 at 3 p.m. at which time four bids had been received, which she noted were listed in the staff report in the agenda packet. She said the total bid amount, which included the work for the gas collection system, was used in determining the lowest bidder. Ms. Pang-Wright said a bid from L & H Grading, Inc. was reviewed by Metro staff. She said L & H was a firm from Salem, Oregon, had no complaints or violations on record with the Public Utilities Commission, Contractors Board or the Bureau of Labor. She said L & H Grading submitted upon Metro's request a subcontractor's suppliers list, which was also reviewed for which she said no complaints or violations existed. She noted L & H Grading indicated they would use recycled products during construction of the final cover. Ms. Pang-Wright displayed a brochure describing, and a sample of, materials to be used in the geonet composite. Ms. Pang-Wright said references from firms which had worked with L & H Grading were positive.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Ms. Pang-Wright said L & H Grading would be installing the gas collection system as well.

In response to Councilor Wyers, Mr. O'Neil said following discussion with DEQ, it was determined the work would not include the soil pulverization portion of the bid.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern that the use of yard debris compost in the cover would introduce seed and roots, such as tree roots,

capable of destroyed the cover. In response to Councilor Van Bergen, Mr. O'Neil said specifications would have to include factors to prevent composted materials from causing such damage.

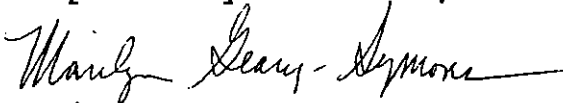
Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Resolution No. 92-1588 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen, McFarland and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons  
Committee Clerk