

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

March 20, 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 the regular meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Councilor Buchanan introduced Doris Bjorn, new Oregon Waste Systems, Inc. manager.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1233, for the Purpose of Approving Projects and Programs for the One Percent for Recycling Program 1989-90 Fiscal Year

Councilor Wyers, 1% for Recycling Advisory Committee Chair, explained the resolution and process to select projects.

Leigh Zimmerman, Associate Solid Waste Planner, discussed the nine projects selected for FY 1989-90. Councilor Wyers noted the 1% for Recycling Advisory Committee (1% Committee) received 52 applications which they separated into either waste reduction or promotion and education categories. Councilor Wyers said 1% Committee members would describe the projects/programs selected.

Mickey Templeton discussed the City of West Linn's proposal - "Mixed Paper Collection from Single Family Residences" and Pacific Landings' proposal - "Curbside Oil Recycling Pilot Project (Pac-Lube Containers)."

Forrest Soth discussed Morley & Associates' proposal - "Latex Paint Recycling Project" and the proposal from Protekt, Inc. for "A Prototype Multi-Material Collection Vehicle."

Karen Griffin discussed the proposal by Northwest Quality Innovations - "Walking Shoe Made Entirely of Recycled Materials (Dejashoe)" and the proposal by White, Wykoff & Company - "Yard Debris Compost Bins."

Councilor Wyers discussed the proposal by the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI) "Recyclotron" and its related computer game and the proposal by United Recycling Pacific, Inc. "Reclaimed Gypsum."

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1233.

Chair Hansen thanked all the proposers for their work. Councilor DeJardin noted he attended several 1% Committee meetings and was impressed with the high quality of proposals received.

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Chair Hansen noted letters had been received on the resolution. Before the Committee was a letter from David McMahon, Cloudburst Recycling Collection Service to Councilor Wyers, and a letter from Marguerite Truttman, Alpine Disposal and Recycling to the Metro Council dated March 16, 1990. Chair Hansen noted the letters questioned criteria used by the 1% Committee. Chair Hansen recommended the Solid Waste Committee revisit proposal criteria before the 1% Committee accepted proposals for the next fiscal year.

Chair Hansen opened a public hearing.

Marguerite Truttman, Alpine Disposal & Recycling, said she understood the 1% Committee did not have the funds to sponsor curbside collection programs but then funds were discovered available which Protekt, Inc. received for their proposed multi-purpose collection vehicle to collect, grind and sort plastics. She said the proposal from Protekt was considered only because of the attached grinder. She said a grinder could be retro-fitted to any truck. She said it was unfair competition for Protekt to receive funding for a collection vehicle in addition to the grinder and also unfair because the City of Portland did not regulate haulers. She said Alpine Disposal recycled plastics and had submitted a proposal for a vehicle. She said the 1% Committee should fund all proposers equally or none at all. Ms. Truttman said she discussed the issues with Councilor Wyers who advised her to submit another proposal for FY 1990-91.

Paul Truttman, Alpine Disposal & Recycling, said they needed more containers to be competitive and noted labor costs had risen.

Brian Heiberg, 2432 S.E. Umatilla, said he wanted a recycling vehicle for his business. He said tipping fees he paid to Metro subsidized his competition. He said he was at a disadvantage with his customers because he could not offer plastics recycling and his competitors could and he did not have the resources or the equipment to compete with them. He said it was difficult to deal with a system regulated by multiple entities and said more coordination between Metro, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and City of Portland was needed. He noted contributed funds to Portland for recycling promotion. He said he received no assistance for collection because 1% funds were for new and innovative projects or programs only.

Chair Hansen asked if anyone else present wished to testify. No one else appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

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

Chair Hansen called a recess at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1229, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality for Shared Funding of the Waste Tire Technical Assistance Project Adopted by the Contract Review Board February 20, 1990

Heidi Sieberts, Associate Solid Waste Planner, said the resolution would endorse a grant from DEQ to provide co-sponsorship funding of the Waste Tire Technical Assistance Project.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1229.

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

4. Discussion on FY 1990-91 Solid Waste Department Budget and Program and Project Priorities

Acting Chair DeJardin announced Agenda Item No. 4 would be considered at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 1990.

3. Discussion on Household Hazardous Waste Strategy Paper

Acting Chair DeJardin congratulated Becky Crockett, Senior Solid Waste Planner, who with Rich Carson, Director of Planning and Development, received the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association's Professional Achievement Award for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Ms. Crockett discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Strategy Paper. Sandy Gurkewitz, Senior Management Analyst, explained House Bill 3515 required Metro to establish permanent depots to receive household hazardous waste from the general public on an on-going basis on or before January 1, 1991. Staff's strategy paper detailed a short-term approach to develop two household hazardous waste (HHW) depots at Metro South and Metro Stations. Ms. Gurkewitz said a third would be sited at Metro West Station when the conceptual plan was on-line. The Committee, Ms. Crockett and Ms. Gurkewitz discussed the HHW depots further. Mr. Martin said staff had done an excellent job on the strategy paper. The Committee and staff discussed staffing logistics. Councilor Wyers stated she was not in favor of contracting out labor.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Acting Chair DeJardin introduced Resolution No. 90-1236, For the Purpose of Recommending to the Budget Committee that the Solid Waste Department Records Management System Request be Approved.

Judith Mandt, Assistant to the Director of Solid Waste, explained expert consulting services would be beneficial to staff to organize and manage information. She said a records management system was necessary to meet document retention requirements and input information in the Local Area Network (LAN). Councilor Buchanan asked how much staff estimated the system would cost. Ms. Mandt said staff estimated the cost at approximately \$50,000 and said staff made the same budget request for FY 1989-90 and the cost was then estimated to be \$40,000, but staff's request was eliminated from the budget.

Acting Chair DeJardin said because of the Solid Waste Department's size and contractual responsibilities a records management system was essential. Councilor Wyers agreed staff's need and said she was for the same request last year, but asked why the request was put in the form of a resolution outside of the budget process.

Mr. Martin said the Budget Committee expected an independent appraisal of departmental priorities and said staff had nine other priorities in addition to the records management system. Acting Chair DeJardin said since the Council rejected the request last year, it was appropriate to put the request in the form of a resolution. Councilor Wyers asked staff what the other nine priorities were and said it was not necessary to make the request in resolution form outside the budget process.

Main Motion and Amendment: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend the Budget Committee adopt Resolution No. 90-1236 as amended with the addition and deletion of language in the BE IT RESOLVED section: That the Council Solid Waste Committee recommends that the Metro Budget Committee approve [this] the Solid Waste Department Records Management System and recommend Council approval of this request during the 1990-91 fiscal year budget process.

Vote on Main Motion and Amendment: Councilors Buchanan and DeJardin voted aye. Councilor Wyers voted nay. Councilors Bauer and Hansen were absent. The motion passed.

5. General Staff Reports

- o Metro East Station
- o Metro South Station
- o Landfill Closure
- o Marion County Disposal

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Mr. Martin said the City of Portland was withholding building permits for Metro East Station because traffic improvements were necessary for Culebra and Balboa Streets. Councilor Wyers asked who would pay for improvements. Mr. Martin said Metro could dispute that with Trans Industries, but Metro's contention was the improvements were not necessary. Councilor Buchanan asked if there were delays due to a back load of permits. Mr. Martin said the City of Portland had been very attentive but the Traffic Bureau believed the street improvements should be done. Mr. Martin believed the issue would be resolved rapidly and said in the meantime plumbing work had been authorized and was being done. He said DEQ's draft permit appeared satisfactory. Councilor Wyers asked the status of the contaminant report on the Trans Industries/American Steel site and asked for an update on that report as soon as possible. Councilor Wyers asked what would be done with yard debris at Metro East. Mr. Martin said staff planned a tipping area to spot loads of clean yard debris and a rate incentive to keep yard debris clean and out of the pit. Mr. Martin noted Metro South Station remodelling would increase that facility's capacity to handle yard debris.

Mr. Martin discussed Metro South Station and said compacted and transported payloads were exceeding 28 tons. He said the flow of solid waste was still high but not as abnormally high as it was in January. He said March 19 Metro South processed 720 tons.

Councilor DeJardin asked if operations were progressing smoothly at the Arlington Landfill. Mr. Martin said they were.

Councilor Wyers asked when the vendor to provide Metro South's second compactor would be selected. Mr. Martin said the resolution to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) would be considered by Council March 22.

Mr. Martin said closure of the St. Johns Landfill was on schedule for February 1, 1991. He noted DEQ wanted side slopes of at least 5 percent. He said the current plan called for flatter slopes. He said Metro, DEQ and the City of Portland believed steeper slopes were beneficial environmentally because of drainage and other considerations and said staff would hold further discussion with DEQ on the issue. He said the landfill would have further activity after closure to achieve the higher slopes by accepting clean fill or soil contaminated by hydrocarbon products. He said landfill contents already there could be bulldozed to create a regrade but said that was not the most desirable option. He said this activity could cause restructuring of the lease agreement with the City of Portland.

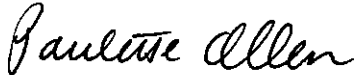
Councilor DeJardin said he believed 5 percent slopes were required already. Mr. Martin said they were and that DEQ expected them to be. He said the three agencies involved agreed 5 percent was a reasonable

standard for closure. The Committee and Mr. Martin discussed closure issues further.

Mr. Martin said Metro negotiated a small agreement with Jack Gray Transport, Inc. (JGT) to haul waste to the Marion County Waste to Energy Facility and noted Marion County required minimal solid waste in March. He said Metro negotiated a good hauling price of \$4.75 per ton. Councilor Wyers asked if JGT would perform back hauls from Arlington to Portland. Mr. Martin said he was not aware of any back haul agreements and said the contract with JGT required Metro approval of any back haul operations. Councilor Wyers asked staff to brief the Committee on any back haul operations if they arose.

At 8:00 p.m., Acting Chair ~~DeJardin~~ continued this meeting to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 1990 to consider Agenda Item No. 4.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
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