

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 1987

5:00 p.m. - Conference Room 330

Present:

Committee Members: Jim Gardner, Gary Hansen, Sharron Kelley and Tom DeJardin (arrived late)

Staff Members: Kim Duncan, Bob Applegate, Chuck Stoudt, Dennis Mulvihill, Becky Crockett, and Sandra Coats

Others: Susan Wissler, Judy Dehen, Wally Douthwaite, Nick and Barbara Welsh, Ed and May Frank, Richard A. Daniels, Jean Larson, Mureen Rutherford, Monte R. Shelton, Peter Johnson and Michael Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Councilor Gardner.

Councilor Gardner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 10 and 24 minutes. The minutes of the March 10 will be discussed at the next meeting, since they were distributed this evening. Councilor Hansen asked about Agenda Item 3, at the March 10 meeting, Clarification of the Council members' role in the Resource Recovery Project Evaluation Process, and he wondered when it would be considered. Councilor Gardner stated that the Committee is not dealing with the minutes from the March 10 meeting tonight and that he had hoped to get information on the Resource Recovery Project this evening. Dennis Mulvihill referred Councilor Hansen to the Memo from the Executive Officer (March 20) which referred to the Resource Recovery Review Committee. This item will be added to the agenda for the next Council Solid Waste Committee. The minutes of the February 10 and February 24 meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

Councilor Gardner mentioned that there were two items on the published agenda that we won't be taken up as the Acting Director of Solid Waste, Tor Lysnaug, was unable to attend this evening's meeting - the items scheduled for 5:45 p.m. (Waste Diversion/-Reduction) and 6:15 p.m (landfill siting process). These items will be acted on at the next meeting. Dennis Mulvihill mentioned that the revised draft agreement in taking over the siting process has not been received. Metro is meeting with DEQ and working well with them, and Dennis will be the contact person between DEQ and Metro Solid Waste on the landfill siting process. Councilor Gardner mentioned that he met with the DEQ staff and they are sensitive to the position Metro may have to take and there is a very public proposal for a landfill in Eastern Oregon, but DEQ has responsibilities under the statute that forces them

to go to the point of selecting a landfill site in the Portland Metropolitan area. If a more attractive landfill is made available, the trick is to somehow let Metro proceed with both of them on a parallel track, recognizing that it doesn't make sense to spend a lot of time establishing a landfill here if there is going to be a better option. The objective is to have Metro take over, once DEQ has made their selection, but not be absolutely committed to developing that landfill if there is a better alternative. Discussion followed on the landfill siting and the schedule for making the decision. Councilor Gardner requested that, since the Committee didn't get the landfill siting report tonight, that they receive a written report well prior to the next Committee meeting to enable the Committee to review it and discuss the issue intelligently. (Councilor DeJardin came in.) Rick Daniels of Waste Management of Oregon introduced himself to the Committee and offered to come to the next Committee meeting and make a presentation. Councilor Gardner requested that this be added to the April 7 Solid Waste Committee agenda.

The item originating in the Solid Waste Department that is on the March 26 Council Agenda is the Yard Debris Marketing Plan for composting. Councilor Hansen referred to the article in "The Oregonian" and inquired as to the current rate for Yard Debris at St. Johns. The rates are being raised for source-separated yard debris from \$1.00 to \$2.00

AGENDA ITEM

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Kim Duncan referred to the report provided at the previous Council Solid Waste Meeting on 1987 Solid Waste Bill Status in Salem and stated that there is nothing really pressing at the Legislature, in the terms of Solid Waste, in the next week. HB2654, the landfill siting extension bill does not have another hearing scheduled. This is the bill where the discussion on the Arlington site surfaced and was debated. Her sense of the committee is that that extension is probably not going to happen. HB2928, the Solid Waste Revenue Bond measure and HB2929, the general functional planning bill are set for hearing April 2 in front of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee along with all of the other Metro structure bills that are house bills except for the Executive Officer structural bills on separation of powers. That afternoon is Metro day. The Executive Officer supports HB2928. HB2929 was introduced as a vehicle, based on the decisions of the Council, with regards to functional planning, so she would hope, prior to the 2nd of April, to have some guidance from the Council. SB11 (Local Government Hazardous Waste Collection Program) cleared the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. There are some problems. Policy-wise it is fine. The fee process is one this agency could have some problems with because it involves a tipping fee that would go into a state fund and then the state would award grants on a 75%/25% matching basis. Metro could get back less money than they collect. Discussion followed on the bill. The bottle bills (SB508, wine cooler bottle deposit, and SB290, plastic milk container deposit)

are scheduled for the 1st of April.

MOTION

Councilor Hansen moved to support SB11 with, hopefully, amendments and discussion to equalize the funding problem in order to ensure that the Portland metropolitan area will get its fair share of funding. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the concern with the funding mechanism in the bill.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of all four Councilors.

AGENDA ITEM

RESOURCE RECOVERY CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
PROCESS

Bob Applegate, from the Public Affairs Department, distributed a handout on Citizen Information Program, Metro Resource Recovery Project and then covered the information contained in the handout with the Committee, including the Vendors Fair April 2 and the Environmental Forum April 6. April 7 Metro has been invited to come out to the North Portland Citizen's Committee monthly meeting and we have been given an hour to an hour and a half on the agenda to explain our proposal and the process for making a selection. Bob will attempt to get local representatives from the vendors who are proposing sites in that area to attend also and is requesting that DEQ come to the forum. Two dates are proposed on the schedule for the Review Committee to hold hearings (Wednesday, April 22 and Monday, April 27). No location has been established as yet. He also wants to ask the Committee if the Council wishes to hold extra meetings, other than meetings at which contracts would be presented, to receive public comment, such as was done on the West Transfer and Recycling Center siting. He would be glad to set the hearings up. The Review Committee has been set up and information on them is included in the handout. They are in the process of beginning their work. Councilor Hansen inquired as to whether the Vendors Fair or Environmental Forum will be on the cable public access station. Bob stated they had received inquiries from cable and felt the Environmental Forum lends itself to that type of coverage. The Vendors Fair, which doesn't have a structured program, would be difficult to cover. Discussion followed on the Review Committee's public hearings and a concern was expressed that the Review Committee cover the entire region in the hearings process, and it was suggested that perhaps they could have more and shorter hearings rather than fewer and longer ones.

AGENDA ITEM

DISCUSSION ON COUNCILOR HANSEN'S
RESOLUTION RESTRICTING THE SITING OF
SOLID WASTE FACILITIES IN THE PROXIMITY
OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Councilor Hansen stated that the basic thrust of his resolution, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet, is to try to resolve the issue of fairness in siting solid waste facilities in close proximity. He would like to have the Committee not necessarily endorse the resolution but rather ask for a staff review of it. Discussion followed on the impact of this resolution on the present RFP and future facilities, including the current landfill siting process and the burden on inflicted on a community where they are grouped versus the efficiency of having the facilities grouped together.

MOTION

Councilor Hansen made a motion to refer this resolution to staff to evaluate and report back to the committee on the resolution's impact on the waste management system. Discussion followed concerning defining the type of facilities being discussed.

The motion passed with Councilors Hansen, Gardner and Kelley voting in favor and Councilor DeJardin voting against it.

Councilor DeJardin reported to the Committee on his recent trip to Florida during which he included visits to garbage burning facilities concentrated in a 25-mile area in the Tampa area.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be April 7, 1987, at 5:00 p.m.