

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

April 5, 1988

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present:

Gary Hansen (Chair),  
Sharron Kelley (V. Chair),  
Larry Cooper, Tom  
DeJardin, Jim Gardner,  
Corky Kirkpatrick, George  
Van Bergen

Other Councilors Present:

Presiding Officer Ragsdale

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reminded the other Committee members that the review of the Solid Waste Department Budget FY 1988-89 would be held at a special meeting on April 12, 1988.

1. Status Report on Contract for Hazardous Waste Day

Ms. Vickie Rocker, Director of Public Affairs, reviewed the status of the contract bids. Ms. Rocker said she had asked the Council for and was granted a waiver on the bid process. Five proposals were received from Reidel Environmental Services, Inc.; Pegasus Waste Management; Northwest Enviro Service, Inc.; Chemical Waste Management, Inc.; and Chemical Processors, Inc./Hahn and Associates, Inc. Ms. Rocker said interviews were held March 30 and March 31, 1988. Bidders were asked to submit their prices in an Estimated Site Profile which was due at 5:00 p.m. the day of this meeting. Ms. Rocker said the five staff people who would review the proposals were herself; Mr. Bob Martin, Solid Waste Engineering Manager; Mr. Dan Cooper, General Counsel; Mr. Rob Smoot, Solid Waste Engineer; and Ms. Joan Saroka, Public Affairs Specialist. Ms. Rocker said the Metro team would meet April 6 to review all proposals; make a decision April 7; and develop a contract with the chosen vendor by April 12. Ms. Rocker hoped the Council would approve the contract at the April 14 Council meeting.

Chair Hansen said the contract should come before the Finance Committee. He was not concerned about the length of time involved, but wished to ensure the Committee be informed. Committee and staff discussed at which meeting to present the item for final presentation.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Councilor DeJardin, to recommend to the Council that the process used for selecting the Hazardous Waste Management Plan for Collection Day May 14 met with the Council Solid Waste Committee's approval.

Vote: Councilors Kelley, Cooper, DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Van Bergen voted no. The motion passed.

2. Discussion of Functional Planning Issues
  - a. Functional Planning Work Program Options
  - b. Solid Waste Management Plan Decision Process
    - (1) Policy Papers
    - (2) Interim/Ongoing Issues
  - c. Waste Reduction Policy Paper

Mr. Rich Owings, Director of Solid Waste, said staff had re-evaluated the Planning Process for the last eight months. He outlined staff presentations at this meeting. He said staff would respond to comments from the Council and Policy Committee on projects. He said staff would present some significant changes for the Work Program. He presented a revised decision-making process; new work program options; and a procedure for identifying and dealing with interim plan decisions. These presentations were in the agenda packet.

Mr. Owings wanted the Committee's suggestions and comments to forward to the Policy Committee which would then make its recommendations. At the next Solid Waste meeting, the Committee could then make its recommendations on proposed changes to staff.

Councilor Van Bergen discussed the composition of the Technical and Policy Committees and referred to the Council Solid Waste Committee minutes of October 10, 1987. Councilor Van Bergen was concerned that Metro would be limited to a short timeline with few options to choose from.

Chair Hansen concurred. He said the Policy Committee could present further options; tell the Council Solid Waste Committee their opinion on the issues; and that the Council Solid Waste Committee was not bound to those recommendations.

- b. Solid Waste Management Plan Decision Process
    - (1) Policy Papers

Ms. Rocker distributed the "Report on Interviews with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee" to the Council Solid Waste Committee. Ms. Rocker said the process, while good, was overdue. Councilor Van Bergen congratulated Ms. Rocker on the project; he thought it was "excellent." Councilor Kirkpatrick asked if the Policy Committee considered itself to be an advisory committee to the Council Solid Waste Committee. A discussion followed on the various roles of the

committees and communication problems. Mr. Owings said the same report would be given to the Policy Committee on April 15.

a. Functional Planning Work Program Options

Mr. Martin gave a summary of three work options: Policy Plan (policies); Management Plan (system); and the Operations Plan. He asked the Committee which options they would like to proceed with.

Mr. Bob Baldwin, Solid Waste consultant, presented a possible fourth option which was a framework plan to be a general plan of policies and guidelines agreed to by the region and then adopted by the Council. That adopted framework plan would be the basis for decisions regarding solid waste management prior to plan completion. This framework plan could be adopted as an updated functional plan. To Chair Hansen's question, Mr. Baldwin said the framework plan would be six to nine months duration.

Councilor Kelley favored the framework option because it would give all parties involved time to develop options. Councilor Van Bergen said 18 months was too long to assemble all the elements and that the Committee did not need to resolve individual items. Councilor Van Bergen suggested the Technical Committee report to the Council Solid Waste Committee directly.

Presiding Officer Ragsdale asked how many issues there were to resolve. Mr. Baldwin said six to eight. Presiding Officer Ragsdale felt the six or eight issues could be resolved without implementation of a white paper. Mr. Baldwin said he was stunned by the complexity of solid waste disposal issues and felt that back-up materials were necessary in the event of litigation.

Presiding Officer Ragsdale said if the key issues were isolated; if it were possible for the Council Solid Waste Committee and the Policy Committee to meet to define policy; then a functional plan could be set. Mr. Baldwin said that option would depend on the time spent to develop it.

The Presiding Officer suggested a retreat for the Council Solid Waste Committee, Policy Committee and staff to flesh out the issues. Presiding Officer Ragsdale encouraged Chair Hansen to give careful thought to staffing and recommended an amended Solid Waste budget before July 1, 1988. The Presiding Officer said the process would need to be encouraged. He said Metro needed to develop credibility with the public and advised Mr. Owings to worry about the white paper process at a later date.

Councilor Cooper thought a retreat would be beneficial. Councilor Kirkpatrick agreed and said staff needed to return to the Committee

with items the Committee could react to and said Metro already had a waste reduction plan. Councilor Kelley concurred. Councilor Gardner approved of a retreat also and said if every aspect of the functional plan were re-examined, the Technical Committee would be overwhelmed. Councilor Van Bergen said a retreat would target what needed to be done.

c. Waste Reduction Policy Paper

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved, seconded by Councilor Kelley, to defer discussion on the Waste Reduction Policy Paper.

Vote: The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Presiding Officer Ragsdale requested staff to return to the Council Solid Waste Committee with a complete proposal related to a fast-track framework plan which would enable the Council Solid Waste Committee and the Policy Committee in a retreat setting.

3. Issues for Transfer Station Chapter of Solid Waste Management Plan

The Committee agreed to defer discussion on issues for the Transfer Station Chapter of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-886, Adopting a Policy for Vendor Qualifications for the Metro East Transfer and Recycling Center(s)

Chair Hansen noted Councilors Kelley and Kirkpatrick had to leave shortly to attend meetings. He asked the Committee if they wished to discuss Resolution No. 88-886 or defer discussion. Councilor Cooper preferred to wait until all Councilors could discuss the issue.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved, seconded by Councilor Kirkpatrick, to defer discussion of Resolution No. 88-886 until the next scheduled Council Solid Waste meeting.

Vote: The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen, Clerk  
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