

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1993

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Roger Buchanan (Chair), Ruth McFarland (Vice Chair), Ed Washington, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: Susan McLain

Councilors Also Present: Rod Monroe

Chair Buchanan called the regular meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Solid Waste Updates
 - o General Staff Reports
 - o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Jim Goddard, Senior Solid Waste Planner, presented the staff report. He presented a graphic display and a slide presentation showing several renovation and demolition projects in which salvage and recycling of materials played a role. He said work with the Neil Kelly Co. had been ongoing and materials such as reusable appliances removed from homes during remodeling had gone to other projects benefiting the homeless and disadvantaged. He explained how wood scrap from demolition could be salvaged and used in composite board for future new construction projects.

Councilor Wyers asked Mr. Goddard to alert Councilor Washington regarding the display board in particular.

In response to Chair Buchanan, Mr. Goddard said some appliances were in good condition and were readily reusable and some were able to be reused after repair. He noted appliances such as stoves and refrigerators were the most common appliances available.

The Committee and staff discussed processes used regarding recycling paints.

Vickie Rocker, Director of Public Affairs, presented the staff report, and discussed an aspect of the adult education program, Master Gardners, and invited the Committee to a dress rehearsal workshop on April 7 to be held at Metro Center. Ms. Rocker noted other workshops were scheduled for the Metro region, and said a schedule would be available early the following week.

2. Resolution No. 93-1791, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Metro Code, Chapter 2.04.060, Personal Services Contracts Selection Process, and Authorizing a Sole-Source Contract with the Portland Oregon Visitor's Association (POVA) for Sponsorship of an Event to Emphasize Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Support of Recycled Product Purchases, May 3-5, 1993

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, presented the staff report, and said the proposed contract would provide services to develop and hold a waste reduction seminar for visitor industry related businesses.

In response to Councilor Washington, Ms. Gorham said the hoteliers and restauranters were POVA members, and she said they were interested in presenting an image to visitors that demonstrated their environmental concerns.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1764 to the full Council for adoption.

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In response to Councilor Buchanan, Ms. Gorham said Metro had not done such a seminar with POVA previously. Ms. Rocker explained POVA was a non-profit private agency umbrella group for the hotel/motel industry, and said POVA was contracted by the Convention Center to encourage visitors to the Convention Center.

Vote: Councilors McFarland, Washington, Wyers and Buchanan voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Resolution No. 93-1764, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute a Contract with the Matrix Management Group to Complete Study Elements I and II of the Comprehensive Waste Stream Characterization Study
4. Resolution No. 93-1765, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Office to Execute a Contract with the Environmental Careers Organization to Complete Study Element III of the Comprehensive Waste Stream Characterization Study

Terry Petersen, Planning and Technical Services Manager, briefed the Committee regarding the history of the project, and said the RFP was first filed with the Council Office in September, 1992 which was approved for release. He said proposals were received in January and February which were subsequently evaluated. Mr. Petersen noted concerns had been expressed regarding the evaluation process, which were: 1) the need to do the work; 2) cost; and, 3) minority issues.

He referenced his written response dated March 1, 1993 located in the agenda packet regarding contract status / background for Metro's Waste Characterization Study and request for contract expedite process.

Mr. Petersen said the study would help provide information regarding how much tonnage to reduce the tonnage forecasts by when mixed scrap paper was picked up at the curb.

He said in order to prioritize waste reduction activities it was necessary to conduct waste characterization studies.

He said he was disturbed by the issue raised concerning minorities. He said three evaluation teams had independently reached the same conclusion. Mr. Petersen indicated staff was interested in resolving the situation.

Councilor McFarland said she had concluded such a waste characterization study should be done, and asked whether Metro could conduct such work in-house.

Councilor Wyers did not believe an expenditure of \$250,000 for the proposed study was justified based on previous expenditures. She suggested to the Committee and to Staff that the Department come back to the Committee with a proposal for a lesser amount of money.

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste Department, noted the funding had been budgeted in the current fiscal year's budget.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Petersen said deleting a work task and reissuing an RFP would not cost much.

Councilor McFarland suggested removal of a task should be considered.

Councilor Wyers said should the matter be should be reviewed by the Budget Committee, and asked Staff to work with John Houser, Council Analyst.

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Mr. Martin indicated he was unclear concerning the will of the Committee, and suggested a way to proceed might be to go back to Matrix and discuss a reduced level for the scope of work with a lower price tag. He suggested Legal Counsel advise the Department.

Councilor Wyers agreed with Mr. Martin's suggestion to go back to Matrix for further discussion.

Councilor Washington indicated he felt the concern was clear regarding the cost issue.

Councilor Monroe, Chair of the Budget Committee, agreed a waste characterization study was necessary, and strongly recommended the item remain in the current budget cycle.

Mr. Martin said he felt the merits of the study had been decided last year when it had been placed in the FY 1992-93 adopted budget.

Charlie Scott, Matrix Management crew, said the contract covered a limited amount of the work, and that an agreement had been struck with Bruce Broussard, American Contractors. Mr. Scott said his company was willing to come back to the table for further discussion regarding the scope of work.

Bruce Broussard testified before the Committee regarding his concerns for minorities, the need to work, and costs.

The Committee agreed to continue that matter to the next Solid Waste Committee meeting to be held April 20, 1993.

5. Resolution No. 93-1783, For the Purpose of Establishing Metro Council Support for the Executive Officer to Execute Change Order No. 11 That Allows Trans Industries to Install a Fiber Based Fuel (FBF) Processing Line

Jim Watkins, Engineering and Analysis Manager, presented the staff report, and said the proposal would allow Trans Industries to install a FBF processing line at Metro Central. He outlined costs of the program and benefits that would be provided to the region as described in the staff report in the agenda packet.

The Committee and Staff discussed issues of costs and monitoring of materials.

Judy Dehen, a Portland resident, did not favor FBF, and noted several concerns including environmental concerns.

Chair Buchanan continued the item for consideration to the next Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Councilor Wyers requested a definition in writing for fiber-based fuel from Staff to be given prior to the next Solid Waste Committee meeting. She asked that further information regarding the tests that were done be included.

6. Solid Waste Department Budget Issues

Mr. Houser said his analysis of the budget would be ready for distribution and discussion April 7, 1993. He said the information would be presented at the Solid Waste Phase III Budget Committee meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder

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