

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1994

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Chair), Roger Buchanan (Vice Chair), Sandi Hansen, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Judy Wyers

### 1. Consideration of April 5, 1994 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Councilor Hansen moved to approve the April 5, 1994 Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

**Vote:** Councilors Hansen, Monroe, Wyers, Buchanan and Monroe voted aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed

### 2. Solid Waste Updates

- Waste Reduction Program Activities

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, reminded the Committee that the Recycling Roundtable being hosted by Metro was to be held on Thursday, April 21, 1994 starting at 8:00 a.m. She said the invitations had gone to 500 interested parties, and said 30 R.S.V.P's had been received thus far. She noted local government recycling coordinators would facilitate the breakout sessions which would address possible actions to contemplate over the next five years to cause more waste reduction and recycling in the residential sector. In response to Chair McFarland, Ms. Gorham said the event would be held at the Portland Conference Center

Jennifer Ness, Associate Solid Waste Planner, distributed cups to the Committee and Council Staff which were designed for use in promotion of multi-family recycling and apartment complex recycling programs. She reported nearly 200 people had visited Metro's Waste Reduction booth at the Property Management Trade Show the previous week. Ms. Gorham said the cups would be given to apartment complex managers encouraging their involvement in recycling programs.

Ms. Gorham reported Andy Sloop, Associate Solid Waste Planner, had written a grant proposal for the Oregon Recycling Markets Development Council (ORMDC), which was subsequently selected. Mr. Sloop said the grant was for \$75,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through their Jobs Through Recycling Initiative with additional contributions as detailed in a document Mr. Sloop distributed to the Committee further identifying funding contributions and actions for the hiring of a Recycling Economic Development Advocate for an 18 month position to be housed at the State Economic Development Department. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record. Mr. Sloop said the function of the position was to create stronger links among public and private organizations.

Ms. Gorham discussed a project to identify potential economic opportunities to process and apply recovered cullet, a post consumer green glass material, for secondary use. Chuck Nozicka, Image Analysis Market Research (IA) briefed the Committee regarding results of a study done regarding viability research for the material.

- General Staff Reports

Bob Martin, Director of the Solid Waste Department, addressed the Committee and discussed the Department's review of the possibility of savings potential were Metro to expend funds for purchase of fuel for Jack Gray Transport trucks used in waste disposal from system facilities. He referenced his memorandum dated April 18,

1994 to the Committee which detailed the results of the review and plans to begin purchasing diesel fuel required for the transport of waste from Metro facilities to the Columbia Ridge Landfill. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He said bid documents would be prepared and presented to the Committee in August, 1994 for review and approval. He said procurement would then be conducted in September and the contract(s) awarded in October. He said savings were estimated at \$1,350 per day, or approximately \$9 million net savings over the life of the contract. Mr. Martin said an excise tax of \$.244 per gallon would be avoided by the proposed contractual arrangement.

In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Martin said about an average of 58 gallons were used per round trip amounting to a savings of about \$14 per load. Mr. Martin said he had not "banked" the amount of anticipated savings in the FY 1994-95 budget to date. He noted a reduced cost of about \$300,000 per year would be realized, and emphasized it was not reflected in the currently proposed budget, but would be so now that it was known what to expect.

Mr. Martin clarified for Councilor McLain that only transported waste to Columbia Ridge would be involved, not any other waste, such as Forest Grove.

Mr. Martin discussed various options regarding the transport of Forest Grove waste. Mr. Martin said he was not prepared to make a recommendation to the Council at this time, but was gathering information.

Councilor McLain addressed Staff, and asked Mr. Martin if his recommendation would be in the form of a proposal for review and approval by the Committee. Mr. Martin said he would bring information as obtained to the Committee and to the Executive Officer for review and decision making on the matter. Councilor McLain asked Mr. Martin if Department Staff and other interested parties could meet together for a work session as a pre-dialogue forum for full discussion of the implications of options prior to recommendation from Staff. Councilor McLain noted a precedent for such a session occurred with regard to 2040 land use issues. Mr. Martin indicated he would be willing to do so. Councilor McLain requested the Committee Chair consider accommodating such a work session. Councilor Hansen supported the concept of such a session.

3. Ordinance No. 94-541, An Ordinance Amending the FY 1993-94 Budget and Appropriations Schedule For the Purpose of Reflecting Funding Increases Due to Delivered Solid Waste Tonnage in Excess of Budget Expectations, Restoring Funding for the Neighborhood Annual Cleanup Program, Recognizing New Grant Funds and Related Expenditures, Funding Unanticipated Personal Services Requirements, and Transferring Appropriations Within the Solid Waste Revenue Fund and the Rehabilitation and Enhancement Fund, and Declaring an Emergency

Roosevelt Carter, Budget and Finance Manager, Solid Waste Department, and Kathy Rutkowski, Principal Administrative Services Analyst, briefed the Committee regarding transfers of approximately \$1.88 million from the Solid Waste Revenue Fund Contingency and \$20,000 from the Rehabilitation and Enhancement Fund Contingency Account as detailed in the proposed ordinance and accompanying staff report. These documents are a part of the permanent meeting record. Ms. Rutkowski pointed out an error had been made in the total PERS fringe rate estimated for the 1993-94 budget, and she said the difference amounted to a .7% increase in the fringe rate that should have been budgeted.

Councilor Monroe requested further information regarding PERS pick up legalities, which Ms. Rutkowski understood would be provided by labor negotiations in Personnel and for which Ms. Rutkowski affirmed she would obtain an answer.

In response to Councilor Monroe, who noted last year's costs were about \$500,000 as connected to the put-or-pay clause, Mr. Carter said he would provide estimates for the coming year for the put-or-pay costs for Metro South based on increased tonnages. Chair McFarland noted the contract was concluded in October, 1994. The Committee and Staff discussed the tonnage flows to Metro South further.

Chair McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

Motion Councilor McLain moved to recommend Ordinance No. 94-541 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote Councilors Hansen, McLain, Monroe, Wyers, Buchanan and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Ordinance No. 94-543, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Reduce and Otherwise Adjust Disposal Fees Charged at Metro Solid Waste Facilities, Provide for Special Exemptions from Fees and Establish Covered Load Rebates, Effective September 1, 1994

Mr. Carter presented the staff report, and said the Executive Officer had recommended passing savings to be realized following signing of the Oregon Waste Systems contract in the amount of \$1 per ton on to the rate payers of region, or about \$750,000. He said this savings was reflected in a proposed action before the Budget Committee.

Chair McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

Main Motion Councilor Monroe moved Ordinance No. 94-543 to the Finance Committee for consideration without recommendation.

Chair McFarland said the Rate Review Committee had discussed the matter at length, and said the Rate Review Committee was interested in holding the rate at the same level for a two year period, not a one year period.

Mr. Carter responded to Councilor Monroe regarding the potential for increasing the excise tax on solid waste. He said the Department calculated the approximate additional cost to Solid Waste would be about \$450,000, and said the savings realized in the Jack Gray Transport fuel purchase contract would offset the additional excise tax cost.

Councilor Monroe requested the figures Mr. Carter referenced be prepared in a report to the Budget and Finance Committees. He said if the excise tax were increased to fund Planning, it might be determined to be prudent to reduce the tipping fee following careful examination of the numbers.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Hansen moved to amend Councilor Monroe's motion to change the recommendation to the Finance Committee to reflect Committee approval.

The Committee debated the issues.

Vote on Motion Amend: Councilors Hansen, McLain and McFarland voted aye. Councilors Buchanan, Wyers and Monroe voted no.

The motion to amend failed.

Vote on Main Motion. Councilors Hansen, McLain, Monroe, Wyers, Buchanan and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Ordinance No. 94-542. For the Purpose of Repealing Ordinance No. 94-531 Due to Metro Waste Disposal Services Contract Amendment No. 4, Which Will Allow Reduction of Metro's Solid Waste Disposal Rate by Separate Ordinance, and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Carter presented and summarized the staff report, a copy of which is contained in the permanent meeting record.

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved Ordinance No. 94-542 to the Finance Committee without recommendation.

Chair McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, McLain, Monroe, Wyers, Buchanan and McFarland voted aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Ordinance No. 94-546. For the Purpose of Amending Franchise No. 12 for Pemco, Inc. to Authorize an Additional Temporary Location for Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Soil and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Carter presented and summarized the staff report, a copy of which is contained in the permanent meeting record.

Chair McFarland opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared before the Committee to testify. Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Carter said the terms of the franchise were approximately four months for the proposed temporary location. Mr. Carter noted the proposed ordinance carried an emergency clause.

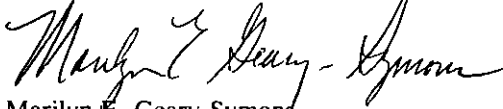
Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Ordinance No. 94-546 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, McLain, Monroe, Wyers, Buchanan and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn E. Geary-Symons  
Committee Recorder