

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

April 25, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Sharron Kelley (V. Chair), Roger Buchanan, Mike Ragsdale and Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: Jim Gardner

Chair Hansen called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of March 2, 1989

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved for approval of the minutes.

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

2. General Staff Reports

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, said there were no general staff reports for consideration at this meeting.

3. Report on Plastics Recycling Demonstration

Pat Vernon, Associate Solid Waste Planner, gave the factual background and analysis of the two pilot collection programs, as well as the costs, findings and conclusions. Staff's recommendation was to work with industry to strengthen the market; continue to introduce and support legislation to enhance plastic recyclability which would include coding and easily-removed labels; and fund further investigation of drop box collection options or on-route densification processes. The Committee and staff discussed plastics recycling further and agreed studies should be continued.

4. Report on Waste Reduction Programs Resulting from System Measurement Study

Ms. Vernon explained Metro's Waste Reduction Program's System Measurement Program was designed to establish regional waste reduction programs and determine performance goals for those programs. Ms. Vernon said the System Measurement study required the completion of three tasks including a waste composition study; a substream resource recovery study; and establishment of waste reduction performance goals. Ms. Vernon noted when the study began, 1986 rates were used. The Committee and staff discussed the issues further.

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5. Status Report on Public vs. Private Evaluation for Metro East Station

Jim Watkins, Engineering and Analysis Manager, introduced J. Fitz of R. W. Beck and Associates. Mr. Watkins said three tasks would be completed including a conceptual design of the facility; evaluation of sites selected by the public, elected officials and Metro staff; and development of a methodology of the actual assessment between public and private proposals. He briefly discussed sites, land use issues and transportation aspects. He said three main elements involved with potential facility ownership by Metro were control/risk-sharing, timing and costs.

Councilor Kelley asked if there was a method for quick elimination of sites which would prove to not be viable. Councilor Buchanan referred to potential sites which would present traffic complications if a facility were built on them. He asked Mr. Fitz if those sites had been, or would be, eliminated.

Mr. Fitz said it was difficult to provide definitive information with the funding provided for the scope of work. He said he would inform the Committee on the main issues including those areas with heavy traffic impact, but said that information was better covered with a traffic feasibility study of some type. Chair Hansen said they were aware of funding limitations, but said it would be of assistance if the Committee were informed of critical tasks and time lines as soon as possible.

6. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1032A, Authorizing an Agreement with the City of Forest Grove, Oregon, Pertaining to an Enhancement Fee for the Forest Grove Transfer Station

Councilor Kelley asked Clifford Clark, Mayor of Forest Grove, why Resolution No. 89-1032A was before the Committee for consideration. She said she believed the Policy Advisory Committee had reached consensus on the issues. Mr. Clark said Forest Grove wished to begin collection of fees and said the agreement was not retroactive.

The Committee discussed the issues at length. Councilor Gardner said while the agreement was not inconsistent with Metro policy, he said it was not consistent with the spirit of earlier debate on the policy, or with the St. Johns model. Councilor Kelley felt Forest Grove citizens and not their City Council should function as the enhancement committee for that community. Councilor Ragsdale said because Metro policy provided that a local city council may serve as an enhancement committee, Forest Grove should not be required to utilize an advisory committee. He noted at the time Metro policy on this issue was adopted, he had been opposed to it, but said the proposed agreement before the Committee conformed with adopted policy.

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Mr. Clark submitted a letter for the record to Phil North, Solid Waste Planner, from Connie L. Fessler, Forest Grove City Manager, which endorsed the resolution before the Committee for recommendation.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Ragsdale moved to make the following amendments to the Agreement (Exhibit A) (deletions bracketed and additions underlined):

1. Section B(1): That the City Council functioning as the local community enhancement committee, will determine and submit for the Metro['s] Council approval:
2. Section B(4): To report annually to the Metro Executive Officer and the Metro Council on the expenditures of the special fund and fund balance no later than September 1 of each year.

Vote on Motion to Amend: All Councilors were present and voted aye. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

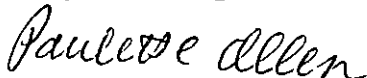
Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1032A as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: All Councilors were present and voted aye on the main motion as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Gordon Hunter, president Cully Association of Neighbors, testified briefly on traffic impact. He stated for the record North Portland residents did not object to the composting site already approved for their area, but did have major objections to a transfer station facility sited where traffic would be adversely impacted.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk

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