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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Metro Regional Center  
Conference Room 370

May 4, 1993

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Vice Chair), Susan McLain, Ed Washington, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan (Chair)

Vice Chair McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

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

Roosevelt Carter, Budget and Finance Manager, presented the Solid Waste Monthly Financial Report for March 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Vickie Rocker, Public Affairs Director, presented an update public affairs efforts for on the hazardous waste disposal facility. She discussed the pesticide alternatives workshops and the Common Sense Gardening Guide. She noted a campaign to promote the new telephone number for the Recycling Information Center was being planned.

Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, introduced Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager. Mr. Chandler updated the Committee on the clean up activity held in Gresham, Oregon. The Committee commended the Solid Waste Department on the clean-up projects.

2. Resolution No. 93-1793, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Requirement of Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals to Procure Hazardous Waste Disposal Service

Mr. Chandler, presented the staff report. He noted an updated price list was distributed, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He noted the resolution was discussed previously. He said the selection of a vendor for the hazardous waste disposal services would be based on RFP compliance, costs, environmental soundness, and experience/qualifications of the vendor. He said bids would be received based on materials and may ultimately be awarded to more than one vendor. Jim Quinn, Hazardous Waste Specialist, noted there were only a few qualified vendors that would be submitting bids.

Mr. Chandler explained that the vendor must provide Metro with their proposed method of disposal. Councilor Wyers expressed a desire to have a Councilor, or Council staff to participate in the selection process. Vice Chair McFarland expressed a desire to have both a Councilor and a Council staff to participate in the selection process. Mr. Martin stated a concern about the ability of a Councilor or staff in the technical evaluation of the vendor.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution, amending it to include a Councilor and Council staff in the selection process.

Councilor Wyers noted while Councilors were not proficient in technical analysis, they did represent the public interest.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Vice Chair McFarland noted a proposal relating to a possible performance audit of the Waste Reduction Program was distributed, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. John Houser, Council Analyst, summarized the need for such an audit.

3. Public Informational Hearing Related to Riverbend Landfill

Vice Chair McFarland presented a brief history of the complaints generated from the Riverbend Landfill operation. Vice Chair McFarland opened the public hearing.

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Cleo Westphal, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition of the Riverbend Landfill operations. She summarized her written testimony dated April 26, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Bruce McIntosh, Sanifill representative, appeared to testify in favor of continued operation of the Riverbend Landfill. The Committee discussed the leachate process used at the landfill.

Norman Barnett, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition to the landfill operation. He expressed concerns about the aquifer in community. He advocated the Council establishing a procedure for addressing this and similar issues. He noted the landfill was not licensed as a regional landfill. He spoke to legislation related to landfill operations in Yamhill County. He spoke to potential earthquake hazards in the area. He expressed concerns about insurance for exhuming the landfill. He stated the cost would far exceed the proposed reserve fund.

Duane Woods, representing Sanifill through Heller, Erhman, et al, Attorneys at Law, appeared to testify. He stated the information previously provided was erroneous. He distributed copies of Certificates of Insurance for the operation of the landfill, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He also discussed Yamhill County Board Order 92-280, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He spoke to the process for addressing the water quality concerns.

Gil DePuy, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition to the landfill operation. He spoke to limiting garbage received at Riverbend landfill to local waste. He favored eliminating the imported waste from the operation. He said the poplar trees to be treated with leachate were insufficient to absorb the large amount of leachate. He expressed concerns about the height of the landfill.

Lee Frease, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition to the landfill operation. She distributed two letters related to the landfill operations, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. She reiterated the concerns of the other citizens appearing in opposition. She expressed concerns about well water quality. She spoke to conflicts of interest created by the permit authorizing agency (Yamhill County) receiving revenues from the landfill operation. She noted Yamhill County and the DEQ both indicated they would not monitor the site.

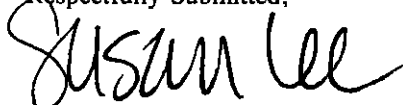
Michael Coyle, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition of the landfill operation. He noted the owner of the landfill purchased the nearby RV park and dairy. He questioned if Sanifill completed the land transaction. He expressed concerns about spraying the leachate in the area.

Jacquie Dole, McMinnville, appeared to testify in opposition of the landfill operation. She noted she served on the Yamhill County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and was a biologist. She spoke to water quality concerns. She talked about the concerns of the agricultural community in the area related to aquifer pollution. She noted at least one pump was not working and was allowing leachate to drain directly into the Yamhill River.

Mr. Woods refuted some of the testimony presented to the Committee. Mr. McIntosh responded to questions from the Committee.

With no further business before the Committee, Vice Chair McFarland adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

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