

**APPROVED**  
**Date** 7-6-93

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

May 18, 1993

Council Chamber

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

Chair Buchanan called the regular meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Consideration of February 2, 1993 and February 16, 1993 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to approve the February 2, 1993 and February 16, 1993 Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Updates

o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Lee Zimmerman, Market Development Manager, presented the staff report, and distributed Metro's 1992 Recycling Level Survey Results dated April 1993. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. She highlighted areas of the report noting the curbside program by itself was a small portion of the total recycling rate.

The Committee as a whole and Staff discussed market prospects for recycled paper.

Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager, discussed a fourth satellite collection event that had been conducted in Aloha recently.

Councilor McLain indicated her pleasure with success of the event and commended the Staff for their efforts.

3. Resolution No. 93-1797, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.41(c), Competitive Bidding Procedures, and Authorizing a Sole-Source Contract with Information Systems, Inc. for Consulting Services for Weight Systems Software

Ray Barker, Assistant Facilities Manager, presented the staff report, and said the proposed resolution would authorize a contract for personal services with Information Systems, Inc. for a new computer software services contract for the weighing systems at the scalehouses at Metro South, Metro Central and Wilsonville transfer stations for a period of two years.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Barker and Mr. Chandler felt it would not be cost effective at this time to contract with another vendor to design, install and service a new system.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Chandler said Forest Grove and Hillsboro were currently using this system. Councilor McLain indicated she understood the system had a positive impact.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1797 to the full Council for adoption.

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

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The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Resolution No. 93-1802, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter Into a Contract with Emerick Construction Company for Work Associated with the Repairs and Improvements to the Roof and Ventilation System at Metro South Station

Rob Smoot, Senior Engineer, presented the staff report, and said the proposed resolution would provide authorization to execute a contract with Emerick Construction Company, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for repair and improvement work on the Metro South Station.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Smoot said the panel to be installed would last close to 20 years.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1802 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Draft Resolution No. 93-1806, For the Purpose of Amending a Contract with Talbot, Korvola & Warwick for the FY 1992-93 Performance Audit Services

John Houser, Council Analyst, presented the staff report, and said the proposed draft resolution would amend the existing agreement contract with the firm of Talbot, Korvola and Warwick for FY 1992-93 performance audit services to include a performance audit of the Waste Reduction Program of the Solid Waste Department.

Main Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1806 to the full Council for adoption.

Mr. Houser referenced a memorandum from Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, dated May 17, 1993 in which she recommended amendments to Exhibit "A". This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Motion to Amend: Councilor McFarland moved to amend Resolution No. 93-1806 as suggested by Ms. Gorham's memorandum.

Jack Talbot, representing Talbot, Korvola and Warwick, testified before the Committee and said he agreed with the proposed amendment.

Councilor Wyers suggested Mr. Talbot coordinate with Mr. Houser and Chair Buchanan.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Talbot indicated subsequent to Phase I he would be able to come back to the Committee and provide an update prior to completion.

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors McFarland, McLain, Washington, Wyers and Buchanan voted aye.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors McFarland, McLain, Washington, Wyers and Buchanan voted aye.

6. Ordinance No. 93-498, For the Purpose of Amending the Metro Code to Impose Metro User Fees on Facilities that Clean Petroleum Contaminated Soil (PCS)

Chair Buchanan opened a public hearing.

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Jerry Yudelson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Regional Disposal Company, testified before the Committee. He read written testimony into the record, "Metro Solid Waste Committee Hearing on PCS Taxation, Proposed Ordinance No. 93-498" dated May 18, 1993. Mr. Yudelson indicated his company's support of the proposed ordinance. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Martin indicated the Department could study issues raised in Mr. Yudelson's testimony and bring a report to the Committee.

Councilor Monroe discussed his understanding of PCS treatment. Mr. Yudelson clarified for Councilor Monroe that PCS after treatment was normally returned to a hole as fill dirt. He responded to Councilor Monroe's questions regarding aeration and explained bio-remediation, which uses the addition of organisms which feed on petroleum, and thermal treatment, noting that the first two methods were time consuming. Further discussion regarding the pros and cons of the methods used ensued. Mr. Yudelson said his recommendation that fees be equalized, whether PCS went to a landfill or to a thermal destruction facility, and that the proposed ordinance be amended to include a repeal of Metro's ban of off-site aeration or bioremediation.

Councilor McFarland expressed her concerns regarding the transportation necessary to move PCS through the Columbia River Gorge. Mr. Yudelson indicated his company was preparing to offer a proposal to consolidate the PCS at a single site and transport by rail.

In response to Chair Buchanan, Mr. Martin indicated he would study the issues and bring a report to the Committee.

Councilor McFarland encouraged the Committee to defer action until further study could be done.

In response to Councilor Washington, Mr. Yudelson clarified his company was interested in fees being the same for all players.

Chair Buchanan closed the public hearing.

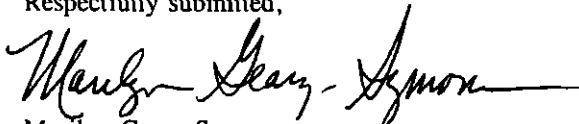
Chair Buchanan continued consideration of the proposed Ordinance No. 93-498 to the next Solid Waste Committee meeting to be held June 1, 1993.

7. Other

Chair Buchanan indicated Metro South Transfer Station had offered a tour for the Metro Council on Friday, May 21, 1993, at 9 a.m. and encouraged Solid Waste Committee members as well other Metro Councilors to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons  
Committee Recorder