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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

June 15, 1993

Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Excused: Susan McLain

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

1. Informational Briefing and Recommendation from the Executive Officer and Solid Waste Department Staff Related to the Wilsonville Transfer Station

Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, addressed the Solid Waste Committee, and her written testimony has been entered into the permanent meeting record. Ms. Cusma said she would be prepared to give a final recommendation to the Committee when the matter came before the Committee for hearing on July 6.

Mr. Martin concurred with Ms. Cusma's remarks, and referenced a document entitled, "Summary of Franchise Agreement with WRI" dated June 15, 1993. He said the full length agreement was not currently ready as it was being checked editorially, and said it would be made available to the Committee as soon as it was done.

In response to Councilor Gates, Mr. Martin explained a policy decision had been made to keep the facilities open for commercial only on weekdays for the sake of cost effectiveness, and said no changes were anticipated.

2. Solid Waste Updates

o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Mr. Martin said the revised pesticide ad was ready and would run in two upcoming editions of the Oregonian, and noted it displayed flowers and would be done in blue ink. He referenced a letter to Vickie Rocker, Public Affairs Director, from Bruce Pokarney, Director of Communications, Oregon Department of Agriculture, dated June 10, 1993 in which their satisfaction was expressed with the way Metro had addressed the issue, and he assumed that the letter meant Metro would not be subject to fines or penalties for violation of Oregon statute as threatened in their earlier letter.

3. Ordinance No. 93-498, For the Purpose of Amending the Metro Code to Impose Metro User Fees on Facilities That Clean Petroleum Contaminated Soil

Mr. Martin presented the staff report, and said the Department believed the existing policy was correct, and urged Ordinance No. 93-498 be rejected. He expressed the need for examination of broader rate issues as part of Metro's schedule for rate restructure to be based on a comprehensive rate review. Mr. Martin distributed a proposed draft resolution, Resolution No. 93-xxx, For the Purpose of Establishing a Process for Evaluating Metro's Solid Waste Fees and Adoption of a New Rate Structure for FY 94-95, and accompanying staff report dated June 7, 1993.

Burton Weast, Western Advocates, addressed the Committee and noted Senate Bill 1004, which was introduced by Rabanco Regional Disposal Company, had been heard. He noted Presiding Officer Wyers and Mr. Martin testified in opposition to the bill noting the bill addressed issues which were within Metro's purview and charter driven role; i.e. setting fees for waste disposal in the region. Mr. Weast said Senator Cease opposed the bill but felt valid points were raised, and said the Senator had assembled a work group to discuss the issues. Mr. Weast said the proposed resolution would respond to concerns by

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defining the issues, the manner of review and a time line. Mr. Weast emphasized the significance of the issues, and said as Metro's legislative representative, he strongly supported passage of the draft resolution.

In response to Councilor Wyers, Mr. Martin said he was concerned about the time frame, and said an effort would have to be made to complete the restructuring in order for the rate to be adopted by the end of March and in the next budget cycle. He felt if Metro were to cut all discretionary items out of the budget, it would not solve the funding problem.

Chair Buchanan opened a public hearing.

Lex Johnson, General Manager, Oregon Hydrocarbon, testified before the Committee, and said he opposed proposed Ordinance No. 93-498.

Jerry Yudelson, Regional Disposal Co, Portland, Oregon, testified before the Committee, and said he was of the opinion that Senate Bill 1004 would have no impact on Metro's rate structure or revenues.

Mr. Yudelson presented his company's proposal to the Committee, and outlined six points as contained in a memorandum from himself and Diana Godwin regarding the proposed ordinance, dated June 15, 1993. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Chair Buchanan closed the public hearing.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to table Ordinance No. 93-498 until the Committee and Staff had time to consider the proposed draft resolution.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Resolution No. 93-1789, For the Purpose of Appointing Leslie Blaize, Theodore E. White and Torrence Royer to Three Expiring Terms on the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee and Appointing Robert H. Bay to Fill a Vacancy on the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee

Katie Dowdall, Community Enhancement Coordinator, presented the staff report, and said the proposed resolution would appoint new members to the Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee. She gave a brief biography of the prospective members and said they would provide balance to the Committee.

Motion: Councilor Wyers moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1789 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Buchanan recessed the Committee at 4:55 p.m.

Chair Buchanan reconvened the Committee at 5:03 p.m.

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5. Recommendations for Contract Designations for FY 1993-94

John Houser, Council Analyst, presented the staff report, and explained his recommendations for the current contract list as either A or B contracts. An A Contract was defined as one in which bid or request for proposal documents require Council Committee approval; a B Contract was defined as one in which Council Committee approval was not required. Mr. Houser distributed a copy of the Contracts List with his recommended designations, and this document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Houser and Mr. Martin clarified Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEG's) generated less than what was covered by federal regulations, e.g. up to approximately 120 pounds per month. Mr. Martin commented that, depending on the type of waste involved, the amount of waste from a CEG could be considered significant.

Councilor Wyers commented she felt the Committee had a need to know about the contracts in order to respond to their constituency, and said she believed any contract over \$50,000 should be reviewed by the Committee.

Councilor McFarland suggested a rule be set that any sub-contract over \$50,000 in the Engineering Division, St. Johns Closure Account, be subject to Committee review. The Committee agreed in consensus to accept the rule.

The Committee discussed the remainder of the Contract List and changed some designations by consensus. A revised listing of A and B contracts has been made a permanent part of the meeting record.

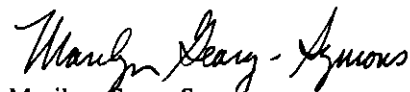
Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to adopt the Contracts List as recommended by Mr. Houser with modifications as recommended by Councilor Wyers, and that the Contracts List be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Vote: Councilors McFarland, Washington and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder