

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

June 16, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Judy Wyers (Chair), Roger Buchanan, Sandi Hansen, George Van Bergen

Committee Members Absent: Ruth McFarland (Vice Chair)

Chair Wyers called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Consideration of December 17, 1991, January 21, 1992, and February 4, 1992 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved to approve the December 17, 1991, January 21, 1992, and February 4, 1992 Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Updates

o General Staff Reports

Chair Wyers inquired regarding a possible relationship between the co-generation plant in the Linnton/St. Johns area and the gas collection plans for the landfill. Mr. Martin indicated there was no connection as far as Metro was concerned.

3. Informational Presentation by Representatives of Rabanco, Inc.

Jerry Yudelson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Regional Disposal Company, a Rabanco Company, briefed the Committee regarding the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Washington state. He said his company was working with Metro staff toward obtaining licensing in the area for special waste and industrial waste disposal, which he noted would be coming before the Committee for hearing in the near future.

Mr. Yudelson distributed a brochure to the Committee. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record. He also showed a slide presentation, and described various aspects of waste handling the company performed. He said waste was transported via Burlington Northern rail lines, and noted the landfill was designed to exceed the new EPA standards. He said leachate collection systems were in place and plans to develop a gas collection system were underway.

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Mr. Yudelson said the Roosevelt Regional Landfill had a forty year contract with Klickitat County, was licensed by the State of Washington currently for over 1 million tons per year with an expected expansion for 3 million ton capacity and were overseen by the Southwest Washington Health District. He noted the projected life of the landfill would then be approximately 80 years. He noted aspects such as low rainfall, remote location, bowl shape for good leachate collection and monitoring. He said the landfill was currently receiving construction/demolition waste from King County, had a short term with the City of Portland to take city sludge, incinerator ash, and noted all waste accepted by the landfill was designated as non-dangerous waste. He said total cost per ton disposed was at about \$35 to \$40 range.

He said he felt the Roosevelt Regional Landfill provided a choice, offered environmental safeguards for worry-free disposal, and a rail haul option for large or continuously generated loads.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen, Mr. Yudelson said his company was working with Metro Staff on a proposal for a non-system license for a designated facility status for the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in order to receive special and industrial waste from the region. Mr. Yudelson assured Councilor Van Bergen the loads his company was interested in would not cause a violation of Metro's contract with Waste Management of Oregon, and said his company was not interested in any general purpose waste.

Chair Wyers noted petroleum-contaminated soils (PCS) qualified as special waste, and noted Metro might prohibit PCS from being landfilled in the future. Mr. Yudelson said his company was aware of the possibility, and said the company was interested in the industrial market. He said the company wanted to be able to solicit business under Metro's flow control ordinances.

Councilor Van Bergen commented it was beneficial to know options existed for disposal of solid waste. He observed it was not available at the time the present contract was entered into, and that the rate was up to \$75 per ton.

Chair Wyers noted revisions were in the process of being drafted which could affect companies such as Oregon Waste Systems and may recommend the inclusion of Rabanco, and noted she invited Rabanco representatives to come and visit with the Committee.

4. Ordinance No. 92-456, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to Incorporate the Household Hazardous Waste Management Plan and to Update Plan Policy 2.2

Mark Buscher, Senior Solid Waste Planner, and Larry Isley, Chair to the Hazardous Waste Sub-committee, presented the staff report, which

encompassed three phases: 1) the current Household Hazardous Waste operation at Metro South; 2) the work of the sub-committee; 3) a summary of the Hazardous Waste chapter of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

Mr. Buscher displayed a pictorial tour of the HHW facility at Metro South, and described the collection, sorting, separating, bulking and loading process.

Mr. Isley described the role of the HHW sub-committee. He noted the field of handling of HHW was fairly new, and said there was little uniformity in methodology throughout the country. He felt Metro's approach was innovative and that Metro would become a model for others as leaders in the field. He said a main objective in writing the document was to maintain flexibility so that revisions could be written in as they surfaced. Mr. Isley noted components of the plan were education, promotion and legislation. He felt costs although currently high would be inexpensive in the long term.

Mr. Buscher summarized the contents of the plan, and referenced Appendices A and B to the ordinance included in the agenda packet. He said the purpose of the program analysis was to survey HHW programs and funding methods across the nation with the focus on educational and promotional programs for both proper handling and reduction of HHW. He commented on role of local government and the Department of Environmental Quality in coordinating activities and collection operations in order that the regional plan remain consistent with the state plan.

In response to Councilor Hansen, Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager, said 225 customers were processing HHW at Metro South currently per weekend. He noted quantities of HHW were diminishing marginally, and said consequentially the average cost per customer was in the range of \$75 rather than \$85 to \$100 as experienced during the first month or so.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen, Mr. Buscher said the mobile unit program would be similar to the annual collection events undertaken in the past, and said the funding would not be used for mobile vehicles but rather for collection events to be held in various locations. He said it was his understanding the funding was coming from within the region rather than statewide. He noted the potential existed for a mobile unit to be put into operation at a later time, which, he said, would be leased rather than Metro owned.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen Mr. Buscher said no permanent HHW installations were planned for Washington County since mobile operations would be in place. Mr. Buscher indicated a decrease in capital costs

and expenditures of 15% to 20% was anticipated with the use of mobile facilities.

In response to Chair Wyers, Mr. Buscher said the HHW sub-committee focused on waste reduction activities and reflected of the thoughts of the Solid Waste Committee to reduce, reuse, recycle in that order. Mr. Isley referenced page 17 of the HHW Chapter which noted program targeting of school age children.

Chair Wyers referenced question no. 10 in the memorandum from John Houser, Council Analyst, dated June 9, 1992 found in the agenda packet. Mr. Buscher said Metro as well as local jurisdictions would be disseminating promotional and educational materials in the HHW Management Plan.

Mr. Buscher responded to Chair Wyers and said a specific agenda for legislation was not yet developed, but said research and planning for a legislative package in process. Mr. Isley noted if Metro could collect the materials in volume there was interest on the part of manufacturers and retailers to receive them.

Councilor Hansen inquired if any manufacturers in the country paid a surcharge which was ultimately used in the clean up effort. Mr. Isley said manufacturers were opposed to the idea.

Councilor Hansen commented regarding California legislation eliminating use of oil based paint and asked for a report to the Committee regarding impact on manufacturers and the California market place.

Chair Wyers asked why Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEG) medical wastes were not included in the HHW plan. Mr. Buscher said a plan element to the HHW Chapter for a CEG medical waste program was planned for development FY 1992-93.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Ordinance No. 92-456 to the full Council for adoption.

Chair Wyers opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify. Chair Wyers closed the public hearing.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Hansen expressed further interest in manufacturers' take-backs of products and refillable or reusable containers. Chair Wyers requested Mr. Houser begin development of a list of points for legislation for Committee discussion and to place the matter referred to by Councilor Hansen on such a list.

5. Resolution No. 92-1632, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Office to Enter into a Contract with Jensen Drilling Co. for Work Associated with the Groundwater Monitoring Well Improvements and Piezometer Installation at St. Johns Landfill

James Watkins, Solid Waste Engineering & Analysis Manager, presented the staff report, and said the contract was to maintain existing wells and to construct new wells as required by DEQ. He responded to the questions contained in the June 9, 1992 memorandum from Mr. Houser found in the agenda packet. He referenced a letter from the Rich Wiley, Procurement Officer, dated June 9, 1992 which explained reasons for the single bid. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Resolution No. 92-1632 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Resolution No. 92-1633, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Competitive Procurement Procedures of Metro Code 2.04.053 and Authorizing a Change Order to the Design Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc.

Mr. Watkins presented the staff report, and said the resolution would authorize a change order for Parametrix to provide additional design and bidding assistance services. He discussed aspects of the groundwater monitoring well abandonment, construction and repair services, and said the work included in the change order requested could not have been reasonably anticipated by either party at the onset of the project.

Councilor Van Bergen commented regarding leverage from DEQ, and asked what a well was, did it have a pump, a house, was there electricity to it, and so forth. Mr. Watkins said there were three types of wells; gas monitoring, water monitoring, and wells with piezometers drilled at various depths with some drilled close to the bottom of the landfill as deep as 100 feet to monitor water and leachate.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend Resolution No. No. 92-1633 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen and Wyers voted aye. Councilor Van Bergen voted nay.

The motion passed.

7. Committee Recommendations for Designation of Contracts for
FY 1992-93

The Committee reviewed the proposed new contracts as found in the agenda packet and discussed recommendations relating to contract designations for FY 1992-93.

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved the Council Staff recommendations for proposed new contracts be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen and Wyers voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

8. Other

Chair Wyers and Mr. Houser discussed a suggested a Budget Note which stated a plan be developed for evaluation of the waste reduction and recycling programs operated by local governments in the region with a focus on those for which Metro funds were provided, such as the Challenge Grant program.

Chair Wyers requested Mr. Houser develop language for the Budget Note and distribute it as soon as possible to all Councilors.

Councilor Van Bergen requested repairs to the Chambers microphone be dispatched.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Clerk