

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 1987  
5:00 p.m. - Room 330

Committee Members Present:               Councilors Jim Gardner,  
Sharron Kelley

Staff Present:                               Richard Owings, Becky  
Crockett, Judith Mandt

Others Present:                             Steve Berrey, Bob Hurley,  
Michael Smith, Judy Dehen, Dan  
Saltzman, Robin Kuehnast,  
Estle Harlan

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Committee Chairman Gardner.

1. Roll Call - Approval of Minutes for Meetings of June 9 and June 23, 1987.

Since there was not a quorum of Councilors present, the Minutes of Meetings could not be approved.

2. Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution No. 87-785.

The Council Administrator, at Councilor Gardner's request, prepared an alternate resolution that didn't make many substantial changes. It just clarified that the Council would be establishing a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee to work with the staff and to bring advice to the Council on the Solid Waste Management Plan as it is updated and turned into a true functional plan. The major differences between the substitute resolution and the first one is that the substitute resolution identifies as exhibits the following attachments that were in the staff report: the Policy Guidelines and Exhibit B, which describes the role and the composition of the Policy Committee that is going to be made up of local government elected officials primarily and a Technical Committee that will be made up of staff people from local governments, representatives from DEQ, representatives from the solid waste industry and general citizens of the region; and a draft Work Program which is unchanged from the original. The new resolution just makes it a little more clear that this draft Work Program is being approved by the Council for discussion by the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee once they get set up. They will work with staff to refine the draft, perhaps flesh it out some, and then bring a final proposed Work Program back to the Council for adoption.

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There were a couple of other small additions or changes. The original resolution had not really identified who would chair the Policy Committee. The substitute resolution designates the Presiding Officer as Chair of the Policy Committee. The reasoning behind this is the feeling that since the Council is establishing this Committee to bring back to them policy advice on the Solid Waste Management Plan, a policy making official should probably chair that committee.

One other small change concerns whether the smaller cities of Washington and Clackamas Counties should have a specific representative on the Policy Committee. Until recently it looked as if such a representative would be included as part of the committee, but the most recent thinking is that maybe that causes some problems. The last work received was that the issue is still somewhat up in the air and may not be resolved until Thursday night when it goes before the Council. At least one Councilor has expressed a preference that there be such a representative.

Ms. Crockett requested that Councilor Gardner define for clarification the difference between a legislative committee and an administrative committee.

Councilor Gardner answered that in his view a legislative committee was one made up of legislators--a part of the legislature. The Policy committee would be made up of what has been called key leaders; other local elected officials and key officials who are interested in the solid waste planning process being undertaken. The committee is being established by the Council and is going to be bringing back to the Council recommendations and advice on the Solid Waste Management Plan and the policies that plan would reflect. But that committee would be working very closely with the staff and the Executive Officer as they are going through this planning process. They in a way are a bridge between the staff and the Executive Officer and the Council, and will give an opportunity for the cities and counties of the region to have some input in what the plan looks like and a lot of input as to where the facilities will be sited. They then will be bringing recommendations to the Council for final adoption.

Whether or not it's a legislative committee or an administrative committee is probably just a matter of how you define those. It is different from a purely administrative committee such as the Resource Recovery Review Committee the Executive Officer appointed. That appointment was clearly done as a way to have a

group advise the Executive Officer. It was not in any way a creation of the Council. The Policy Committee is much more a joint committee, because while the Council is creating it, and the Council is deciding on the composition of it, the actual appointment of specific members is entirely done by the Executive Officer. It really is neither a legislative committee nor an administrative committee, but a joint committee.

The only other thing Ms. Crockett commented on was the small city representation. Washington County was to have held a meeting the next day with all the cities in Washington County to try to gain a consensus on what they felt is proper representation in this group. The intent there is that Washington County itself is trying to take a lead role in that part of the region for gaining consensus on all issues pertaining to the development of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Their interest is in keeping the membership on Metro's Solid Waste Policy Committee somewhat tight so that Washington County is forced to come to a consensus on major issues out there. They don't want to see two or three cities from their area separately represented and making contradictory votes on issues.

Two cities in Washington County have voiced major concerns. One is Forest Grove, whose mayor will be at the Council meeting on July 23. The City of Durham did not pass the supporting resolution for the sole purpose that they wanted their own representation, and King City seems not quite sure about the whole process, so they are waiting on the resolution. The City of Cornelius passed the resolution with a vote of 3 to 2. Their concern was again that of representation.

Clackamas County has not raised any concerns about the composition of the Policy or Technical Committees. Ms. Crockett didn't know if that was because they were not as well organized or if they have not given it much thought as yet.

Councilor Gardner asked if the resolution shown to these cities was the one that included one representative for all the small cities or the one that included three representative.

Ms. Crockett stated that the specific composition of the committees was never discussed with the jurisdictions. It was, however, stated that there would only be a few slots on the committees. Therefore what would happen would be that the cities would have to get together in the region to select the proper representatives for their cities. That was the issue they didn't like. Each wanted to be the sole jurisdiction coming to Metro. They did get an understanding that there were only going to be

one or two, or maybe three representatives from their counties coming to Metro.

Councilor Kelley requested Ms. Crockett explain further the details of the Waste Reduction Program and why Metro is putting so much energy and effort into siting, etc. when the actual handling of garbage is not our responsibility.

Ms. Crockett answered that it is our responsibility to carry out the Waste Reduction Program. In order to do this it is necessary for us to identify the necessary facilities in the system to carry out the waste reduction effort.

Richard Owings, the new Director of Solid Waste, stated that perhaps what would come out of the plan would be that the private sector was doing an adequate job and Metro's policy would be to not be actively involved. On the other hand, we may decide we may never meet our goal unless we get more active. There is a policy decision involved.

Councilor Kelley stated she had reservations about the roles of the Executive Officer, the Council, the Solid Waste Committee and the Solid Waste staff and felt these had not been clearly defined in any of the materials concerning the Solid Waste Program. She stated she needed to know a lot more, it needed to be clarified and it needed to be better written before she could approve it. Her other concern was that she did not understand there was an additional subcommittee. She felt the purpose of the plan keeps changing from meeting to meeting and grows bigger and bigger. It is very difficult to keep up with all of it. She would like a memo from the Executive Officer specifying what the role of the Solid Waste Committee is and to define the Committee's relationship to the Solid Waste staff and to the Council.

Councilor Gardner felt that the Solid Waste Committee was part of the Council. Where they will play a role in the Council's decision making is up to the Council. He would not feel it was the job of, or even feel comfortable with, the Executive Officer deciding what role the Council Solid Waste Committee will have. The Council has said that before it would consider any issues, contracts or decisions concerning solid waste, they should be brought before the Solid Waste Committee, who would make recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Kelley stated she agreed with Councilor Gardner's assessment, except for the Committee's relationship with the staff. She said if she were the Executive Officer of this organization, she would feel deficient if she did not guide the

staff as far as where their time went and as far as the management of the staff.

Richard Owings said that one thing Ms. Crockett had mentioned to him was the desire on her part to keep the Council informed and for the Council to make decisions about the functional plan in bite size pieces. What she was trying to avoid was to come to the Council a year from now or two years from now with a completed plan and to say "Here, adopt this." He feels this is an admirable goal on her part. The confusion comes in as to how to prepare the bite size pieces and whether these committees would be helping staff, i.e., the Executive, bring the information to the Council, or does the Council want these advisory committees reporting directly to them?

Councilor Gardner said that he was fairly comfortable with the steps described in the plan. He sees the Technical Committee as working closely with the staff while the pieces of this plan are being developed and the Policy Committee taking the work of the staff and the Technical Committee and bringing that to the Council in the form of recommendations and advice. Who that Policy Committee reports to in any legalistic way, he thinks may not be too clear. Maybe that's the problem. Since the Committee's function is to look at regional solid waste policies and to give advice to the Council on those policies, one could say they are in effect reporting to the Council. They will obviously be closely with the Executive because the Executive is a member of the Committee, as will be a couple of Councilors. So, in a way, it is a creature of both and will be working with both.

Councilor Kelley said that the process is part of the problem for her, but the real issue is how do you get the Council informed enough to agree or be comfortable enough with the recommendations from a relatively informed Policy Committee? And who among the Council makes recommendations and looks into the deeper issues? This is always a problem with government agencies such as Metro with twelve Councilors and a variety of issues, some of them more complicated than others, and having twelve persons making important decisions.

Richard Owings asked Councilor Kelley about her statement as to it not being clear for the Council as a whole how they are going to function in subcommittees, or if they are. Does the Council as a whole rely on the Solid Waste Committee?

Councilor Gardner answered that they did, perhaps to too great an extent.

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Mr. Owing then stated that, in that case, the Policy Committee should be interfacing with the Solid Waste Committee, rather than the Council as a whole, and the job of the staff and the Policy Committee will be to educate the Solid Waste Committee enough so that the staff can sit in the audience when it comes to a full Council meeting and let the Solid Waste Committee "carry the flag."

Councilor Gardner said that made sense to him. That Ms. Cusma had been reluctant in the past to put a definition on the function of the Solid Waste Committee because she felt it was the prerogative of the Council to decide how big a role they wished to give to the Solid Waste Committee. When the Solid Waste Committee was established, it was given a charge to review and make recommendations to the Council on all solid waste issues. Clearly, they are to be the first step, therefore they need to be as informed as they can be on the details of the plan. He said that he felt both he and Councilor Kelley felt quite a burden because the Council did rely so much on their advice. They are bothered occasionally with the feeling that they are not going to have the constant and open communication with the Solid Waste staff that they need in order to be fully informed.

Mr. Owing brought up the JPACT, SWPAC model, saying it was well established and well accepted.

Councilor Kelley explained her feeling that solid waste was quite different from transportation in that Metro was responsible for the implementation of the program as well as the planning of it, in contrast to transportation, where JPACT allowed input from the area and gained a consensus for a plan. At that point, Metro's responsibilities ended.

Mr. Owings replied he could see where there was a difference in the two areas, but also that Metro would not want to develop a plan that does not have regional support. Perhaps the whole concept needs to be changed to "We are providing a service. A way for the member jurisdictions to keep the rates down for their rates down for their citizens is to have a facility in their jurisdiction. If the jurisdiction does not want such a facility, fine, but Metro is available to provide the service, and it is the jurisdiction's choice to use whatever other facility there happens to be, such a barging to Eastern Oregon." Metro is going to need the cooperation of the cities and counties in the Tri-County area, because there is already a lot of illegal dumping going on by people who are avoiding the fees. These issues are only going to increase.

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Councilor Gardner said that substitute Resolution No. 87-785A would be introduced at the next Council meeting, but it could not be an official recommendation of the Solid Waste Committee, since there was not a quorum present. He would be introducing it as a Councilman and Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee. He felt the resolution clarified several of the issues which had been discussed in the last few meetings.

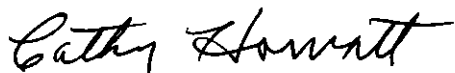
3. Discussion of Council Involvement During Resource Recovery Negotiations.

Councilor Gardner said he would be comfortable with periodic reports on how the negotiations were going. When the negotiating team reaches a critical point, they should bring it to the Council for an informal check-off that they are on the right track.

Councilor Kelley agreed, reiterated she would like as much information as possible, and suggested that at the Executive Session on Thursday night, more discussion could be held.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

July 9, 1987  
1:30 p.m. - Council Chamber

Council Members Present: Councilors Jim Gardner,  
Sharron Kelley, Gary Hansen

Others Present: Rena Cusma

Staff Present: Tor Lyshaug, Don Carlson, Ray  
Barker, Dennis Mulvihill,  
Becky Crockett

Others Present: Jim Mason, Ed Schubert, L.D.  
Brannock, Clara Lyons, Vera  
Fix, David Fix, Pam Rensch,  
Ted Stanwood, Dan Saltzman,  
Estle Harlan

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Gardner at 1:35 p.m.

Councilor Gardner opened the meeting for discussion from interested parties who had requested an opportunity to speak to the Council.

Mr. Jim Mason, 1020 Old Portland Road, #4, St. Helens, Oregon 97051, a resident of St. Helens for ten years, had concerns regarding the proposed garbage burning facility as follows:

1) He felt the residents of St. Helens had not been represented in the burner issue; 2) requested that a meeting be held in St. Helens or at least in Columbia County; 3) asked if the challenge to debate Dr. Paul Connant, an expert on garbage burning facilities, had been met; 4) asked if St. Helens was a "sure" site; and 5) questioned the changing of standards of emissions and lead levels in emissions.

Councilor Kelley told Mr. Mason she was very interested in his remarks. In answer to his questions, she said that there had been a public debate held at Parkrose High School where Dr. Connant and a number of other people spoke to their particular beliefs at a public hearing attended by about 100 people. Fluor is an outstanding company and has built a number of burners all over the world. Metro is fortunate to have two vendors whose incinerators are among the best in the world. She also suggested that everyone interested leave their names, addresses



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and telephone numbers with one of the secretaries so they can get on Metro's mailing list, and get some of their immediate questions answered as well as receive all the information available.

Councilor Kelley would like to take advantage of what she felt was an invitation to go out to St. Helens and have some hearings as well as do some informational things. She hoped that at the end of this process, Mr. Mason and the other residents of St. Helens who were attending the meeting would be as comfortable with the safety issues as well as the emission levels as she is. After four years of looking at the solid waste problem, the Council has learned a lot and their comfort level is pretty high.

Councilor Kelley also stated that the change in emission level standards was true. One of the major emissions everyone has been concerned about is dioxins. Dioxins are one of the most lethal emissions from an energy recovery facility. What the technicians in the field are doing is to put together a method of balancing the heat system. In this way they eliminate to almost every extent possible the dioxin levels. This is what has been achieved in Marion County. However, by balancing out the heat, they lifted the level of nitrogen oxides. The NOX (nitrogen oxides) are also emissions we are concerned about, but not nearly as concerned as about the dioxins. With the exception of the NOX, every other emission level standard goes far below what the DEQ said is safe. The Marion County emission levels are so outstanding; the best ever achieved in this nation, that EPA has flown in and is monitoring the facilities and the thinking is that they will set new national standards based upon those emission levels. The NOX are still a concern, and what Marion County is proposing to do, if they have not already done it, is to take out yard debris. Since yard debris is heavy in nitrogen, they feel they can lessen the level of nitrogen in that way.

The Oregonian statement that there would be a lowering of lead levels in the emissions from the Marion County burner was not true. There is not going to be any concern. She also assured the visitors that if Metro built an energy recovery plant in St. Helens that the emission standards would meet or exceed the standards used in Marion County. Marion County is mass incinerating everything. Metro will not. The goal for the Metro facility is to recycle 52% of everything that can be recycled. There is also a good plan for taking everything that can be

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considered toxic out of the waste stream. Those things that go into the Metro plant will be quite different from those that go into Marion County and we have a very good chance of exceeding Marion County. That, in fact, is Metro's goal.

Councilor Gardner commented to Mr. Mason that a lot of the support Metro has received from St. Helens has come from the County Commission. He suggested that might be a place for the group to state their concerns.

Mr. Mason replied that they had already tried voicing their concerns to the County Commissioners and had not received much recognition.

Councilor Hansen asked if there had been a referendum in Columbia County on garbage burning.

Mr. Mason replied that there was a referendum, but that the wording was not clear and it asked for two-thirds of the voters to approve the petition. It did not say anything about a garbage burner.

Councilor Gardner stated that the referendum was seen as a positive vote on a garbage burner.

Mr. Mason said that there was nothing on the referendum saying anything about a garbage burner and that none of the people he had spoken with realized it had anything to do with one. The purpose of the referendum was to get a law on the books so that voter approval and not just Commissioner approval would be necessary before garbage from out of the county could be brought into the county. Many people voted against the referendum because they did not understand it and thought it might raise taxes.

## 2. Work Session on Solid Waste Management Plan Issues.

Ms. Becky Crockett gave a report on the work the Solid Waste Staff has been conducting with the various jurisdictions. A staff member has attended every hearing where the resolution has been considered. There has generally been an extremely positive level of support from the jurisdictions on this issue. The larger jurisdictions have passed it unanimously, with the exception of one dissenting vote in Washington County. The staff is about half-way through the list of jurisdictions and

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seventeen so far have actually passed the resolution. All of them should be finished within the next couple of weeks.

She relayed some statements heard at the meetings: They don't like JPACT, but they recognize it works and it's a good way for them to get representation on Solid Waste issues. Some people like JPACT and felt it would work even better for solid waste. Another comment from the smaller cities is that they are afraid their cities won't get proper representation on the Committees and they suggested that the Council and Ms. Cusma look at some way to incorporate the smaller cities and counties into some kind of Committee structure. Finally, they said they were surprised and appreciative that Metro was willing to listen to the local jurisdictions on Solid Waste Management Planning issues. They felt extremely supportive of Metro's efforts and appreciate that we took the time to come out and talk to them about this project and invite their input.

Ms. Crockett brought four issues for Council attention:

- 1). We need to consider adoption of the draft Work Program.
- 2). We need to figure out the composition and establishment of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee.
- 3). We need to agree to a methodology for merging the existing projects in process right now with the Solid Waste Management Plan (the landfill, resource recovery and WTRC).
- 4). We need to consider the list of specific policy guidelines which have come from statements of Council members, Staff and the Executive Officer. The Staff compiled these so the Council could act on some policy directions for the region to put the plan together.

(See Attachment A for composition of Committees)

Councilor Hansen asked for the rationalization for the Port of Portland representation, and whether it would be the Executive Director of the Port, or just a Port representative.

Ms. Crockett replied that it would be the Director of the Port of Portland. The justification is that they have shown a strong interest in solid waste management. Secondly, they have a high desire to protect the integrity of economic development within the region as a whole and they view solid waste management as something of a critical area. They feel a good solution to the problem would be a positive step in improving economic issues as well.

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Councilor Gardner also questioned the inclusion of the Port of Portland. He further questioned how the representative for the smaller cities of each of the three counties would be chosen.

Ms. Crockett replied that the staff had been discussing the possibility of adding three members to both the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee to deal with that issue. Perhaps all the cities of a population under a certain amount would get together and select a representative. Then those with population over the designated amount would do the same. Adding three members to each committee would boost the membership of the Policy Committee up to fifteen and of the Technical Committee to twenty-six, which is a very large group. The expression of need for representation has definitely been made.

Councilor Gardner asked for comments from the other Councilors and stated that the roles of the two committees had not been touched upon as yet.

Councilor Kelley voiced three concerns: She still is not clear as to how the roles of the committees and the various suggestions of the Staff fits into the overall solid waste picture and the Solid Waste Department; she is concerned about the Technical Task Force being so far removed from the Council because the Council has to make the decisions and should be very well informed in order to do so; and she is concerned that some decisions have already been made that have to be fit into the picture without becoming an embarrassment to either of the committees or the Council.

Councilor Gardner questioned whether the local jurisdictions have expressed much concern that we'll already have made decisions on resource recovery, possibly on the west transfer station and on the landfill. The roles of the committees may only be to say where some of these facilities should be located rather than whether or not those facilities should be part of the system.

MS. Crockett replied that the Staff had been very careful from the start to bring up this situation, saying that Metro will go forward with the projects already in process. The jurisdictions have expressed concern, but at the same time, they have been very open in recognizing that you can't stop everything and then do a plan. You have to recognize existing programs that are already in place, then you pull the pieces together into the plan to get the final product. For the most part, Ms. Crockett felt the jurisdictions feel comfortable with that.

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Councilor Hansen went back to the composition of the Policy Committee and asked what the role of the Executive Officer would be. He was also concerned that the Committee still limited Council participation to two members, especially if the upgraded participation of the small cities resulted in a fifteen member board.

Ms. Cusma stated that her view was that, on the whole, the committees would be involved in administrative activity only and would be advisory to the Council. The Council is the elected body in Multnomah County.

Councilor Hansen replied that he was not so much concerned whether the Council's point of view was going to be put forth as he was that with too little Council representation on the Committee, it will be more difficult to obtain Council approval of what the Committee has created because the comfort level is not as high. With JPACT having three Council members, it seems to be easier to accept JPACT recommendations, because the Council knows there has been a lot of Council input at that level. As you start slicing it thinner, the Council will want to scrutinize the decisions more closely.

Councilor Gardner stated that Councilor Hansen had touched upon his concerns also. The role of the committees needs to be defined, because that will have a lot to do with what the ideal composition of the committees should be. If the role of this Policy Committee is seen as similar to JPACT, Council would be very reluctant to completely disregard a recommendation made by them. If the Council is going to give away that large a portion of the decision making, it would have to feel very comfortable that its own perspective is represented there. The composition of the committee is tied directly in with what the committee is actually going to do and what their role is going to be in reaching decisions and making recommendations.

Ms. Crockett referred to Appendix I of the materials handed out at the beginning of the meeting, the Solid Waste Plan Work Program. She pointed out that what the Staff had tried to do was set up a work flow that would put the Council in a position to give policy directions before the Staff does anything. When the Council adopts the Policy Guidelines, the staff starts their work--they have direction from the Council. When the technical work is done, it is brought back to the Council for final approval. Everything in the plan is incremental. The Council

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agrees on the policy direction, the staff goes and does it's work, it goes to the Technical Committee, it goes to the Policy Committee, it gains the regional consensus it needs, and it comes back to the Council for final approval. The Staff was so wanting to make sure the Council was involved throughout this project, they probably added three months onto the time frame, just to give the Council that kind of input and participation throughout the project.

Ms. Crockett explained that the Work Plan was very much a draft, the intent was to illustrate to the Council generally what this planning effort is, what it means and the kind of process the staff is going through. Plus we wanted to illustrate where the Technical Committee fits in, where the Policy Committee fits in, and where the Council fits in as far as the decision making process in the development of the plan. The staff has been working on this about two months now and it is incredibly complex to link together all of the parts of the system.

Councilor Hansen asked what finally came out of the Legislature in terms of the relationship between Metro and DEQ on our waste reduction program.

Dennis Mulvihill, Waste Reduction Manager, stated that House Bill 2619 clears up the situation. The only way we are involved with DEQ now is to give them a status report periodically. There is no override, nothing binding. We have to give them a report and they have to report to the Legislature.

Ms. Crockett mentioned that there was a requirement that the Solid Waste Plan be sent to DEQ for their approval, but the Director of DEQ could simply send a letter saying they had received the plan and it was seen as an administrative function. It would not go to DEQC unless DEQC had a high interest in it.

Councilor Hansen stated that he had two concerns: Evaluating waste reduction goals and evaluating waste reduction programs. He commented that it had to be made clear that the difference between this situation and JPACT is that there was no pre-conceived sign-off that the Council will be accepting what has occurred up to the point the Council finally approves it. If he thought there was any type of belief that this was a consensus building exercise that the Council couldn't change, he would move right now to remove those two sections from the Work Program. He feels the goals for waste reduction are probably one of the most important policy things that the Council will ever have to do.

Ms. Crockett answered that she thought the jurisdictions are going to feel the same way. When the staff has been talking to

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them, the first issue that comes up is "What about recycling? What are you doing in waste reduction? How can we get involved in that?" That's why we put the waste reduction goal setting right up front. We have an existing contract with SCS. We're proceeding with developing a sub-committee mostly comprised of industry representatives that deal with recycling and waste reduction. When they are done with their work, we will take their completed goal work through the Technical Committee, the Policy Committee and back to the Council. The staff will also have public forums specifically on waste reduction goal setting, plus we will probably identify what we feel the facilities are that are identified as a result of setting those waste reduction goals.

Councilor Hansen commented that Metro had to be careful not to set up unrealistic goals that might not be able to be met. He also questioned whether there would be any type of obligation on the part of local government, for example on issues of certification or the things that go more into the heart of collection rather than the Metro role, that if they approve these programs, they are also approving the implementation that will be necessary at the local level to accomplish them.

Ms. Crockett replied that was probably one of the reasons why the staff plugged that into the comprehensive planning process where local jurisdictions participate, because they need to understand that if they set this kind of system up, they have to participate in the implementation of the system. The whole plan is set up in such a way that the local jurisdictions do come to a point of recognition of their responsibility in dealing with this issue. In conversations the staff has had with them, they seem appreciative of wanting to gain understanding and deal with the problem. We're hoping that as we go through the process, they will assume a greater responsibility in carrying this project out.

One other thing she wanted to mention was in the setting of the goals and reevaluation of the program, it is the staff's intent to set up subcommittee's to bring in proper expertise such as the hauling industry specifically, in hopes of coming to some kind of consensus prior to turning it over to the local governments.

Councilor Gardner stated he was anxious to see the new work plan, which he hoped would be ready for the next Council Solid Waste Committee at which time the Committee may choose to make a formal recommendation to the Council on it, or make suggestions or perhaps embrace it.

3. Dean Gisvold's Contract Extension.

Since some Council members were unable to stay until the end of the meeting, Chairman Gardner suggested Item 4 be handled early in order to guarantee a quorum.

Tor Lyshaug, Acting Director of Solid Waste, explained that Mr. Gisvold's contract had expired. The Staff was recommending that Mr. Gisvold continue to be part of the negotiation group and therefore were asking that his contract be extended not to exceed \$100,000. Mr. Lyshaug stated that this type of negotiation could take as long as a year to complete.

Councilor Kelley made a motion that the Council approve concept the extension of Mr. Gisvold's contract with provision that they be given further specific details before final vote. The motion was approved.

4. Waste Diversion Update.

Tor Lyshaug presented to the Council two aerial photos of the St. John's landfill, one made in 1986 and one done in 1987. The City of Portland has provided an engineer to work with the Metro staff concerning the closure program. There are so many unanswered questions that will need to be answered before the closure can take place, that there is a need to buy some time. Tests have shown that we can substantially improve compaction, so recommendation will be made for additional equipment in order to accomplish this.

Metro is going to do the obvious things. On the other hand, we are not going to paint ourselves into a corner. We want to find out what will be needed, so that we may have a recommendation that will fulfill all the obligations, but not find ourselves in a situation that will cost many dollars to complete.

Councilor Hansen commented he would like to thank Mr. Lyshaug for the work he has done. He brought tremendous enthusiasm to the problem of garbage and has brought some fresh insights because of coming from a different discipline. It was a real challenge, and the challenge was met. It was appreciated.


Councilor Gardner said that if that was made into a motion he would certainly make it unanimous.



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The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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