

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

July 2, 1991

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Acting Chair), Tom DeJardin,
Jim Gardner, Susan McLain

Committee Members Absent: Judy Wyers

Councilors Also Present: Roger Buchanan

Chair Wyers called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of February 19, 1991 and March 19, 1991 Minutes

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved for approval of the February 19,
1991 and March 19, 1991 Solid Waste Committee minutes.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Resolution No. 91-1466, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Requirement of Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals from Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal Contractors to Transport, Recycle, Treat and Dispose of Wastes Collected at Metro's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

Sam Chandler, Solid Waste Facilities Manager, presented the staff report and referenced page 12 of the proposed Request for Proposals, Section VII., regarding Evaluative Criteria noting seven criteria listed for evaluation of proposals. He said a point value assigned to the criteria was 1) cost/50%, 2) experience and qualifications/10%, 3) emphasis on recycling and environmentally sound disposal options and ability for Metro to select options/10%, 4) ability to accept a wide variety of materials/10%, 5) ability to respond quickly in urgent pickup situations/10%, 6) general compliance with the RFP/5%, 7) amount of labor, etc. required by Metro/5%. He said a point system would be applied, and said a maximum of 500 points would be available to the proposers, and noted the evaluation team included himself; Jim Quinn, chemist and Hazardous Waste Specialist; Chuck Geyer, Senior Solid Waste Planner; Carrie Heaton, Associate Solid Waste Planner with expertise in waste reduction. Mr. Chandler referenced a memorandum from Karla Forsythe, Council Analyst, dated June 25, 1991, and said \$100,000 budgeted FY 1991-92 for hazardous material disposal at the composter would be a pass through separate cost for the composter facility. In response to Acting Chair McFarland, Mr. Chandler said the composter facility was not intended as a drop-off location for hazardous material.

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He noted Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEG's) would be identified through the hauler or other documentation, and CEG hazardous waste would be subject to proper and legal disposal.

The committee and staff discussed Metro and Riedel controls and costs concerning the composter facility.

Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, said pass through costs at the composter were costs Riedel incurred and passed through to Metro. He said, depending on cost factors, Metro could assume direct responsibility for hazardous waste at the composter or allow Riedel to pass through the costs.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend Resolution No. 91-1466 to the full Council for adoption.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner and McFarland voted aye. Councilors McLain and Wyers were absent.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Solid Waste Updates

o General Staff Reports

In response to Councilor DeJardin, Mr. Martin said the Metro South upgrade was progressing in a satisfactory manner, and said Metro was ready to proceed with Household Hazardous Waste facility.

o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, presented the staff report, and said the recycling bill, Senate Bill 66, passed and was signed by the governor on June 28. She referenced a summary of the bill which has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Martin said no budget amendment or rate change were anticipated FY 1991-92 related to the \$.35 tipping fee at disposal facilities as referenced in the bill.

Ms. Gorham distributed copies of Metro's July 1991 report to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the Waste Reduction Program. The report has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Gorham said the Environmental Quality Commission passed an amendment to a rule that allows for pick up of clean yard debris.

Ms. Gorham said a demonstration project with plastic lumber was being conducted in conjunction with the Environmental Learning Center, and reported successful progress in a test to determine agricultural

applications for yard debris compost as an alternative to living mulches and chemical herbicides.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Martin said Riedel had placed a public affairs specialist on staff, and said Riedel had replied by memorandum to DEQ summarizing their efforts to date and projected plans to reduce odor. The Committee requested a copy of the memorandum.

4. Ordinance No. 91-406, For the Purpose of Amending Ordinance No. 88-266B Adopting the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to Incorporate the Illegal Dumping Chapter

Becky Crockett, Regional Planning Supervisor, said the sub-committee on the Illegal Dumping Chapter agreed substantive changes proposed by Council staff were useful, and discussed the recommendations as outlined in Ms. Forsythe's memorandum dated June 25, 1991.

The Committee and staff discussed ways and means of potential measurement pertinent to illegal dumping. Mr. Martin said informal surveys had been undertaken noting the increase in rates had not been matched by an increase in illegal dumping. He said evidence on a national level concerning mandatory collection demonstrated reduced illegal dumping activity.

Ms. Crockett noted a recommendation from Council staff to identify a work program for the collection systems analysis in the illegal dumping chapter, and said the department recommended against incorporating a work program in the chapter.

Ms. Forsythe commented on clarity of process in writing chapters of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). She mentioned statements made concerning difficulty for Metro to test for an empirical relationship between increasing rates and increase in illegal dumping, and said the proposed revision in the policy statement demonstrated a positive approach for Metro. She suggested a cost effective analysis of activities such as dump clean up could be of assistance when reviewing enforcement issues. She suggested lessening the tendency toward behavioral analysis in the chapter, and supported discussion regarding whether a planned chapter should have a work plan to implement policy indicating who would do what, and when.

Acting Chair McFarland requested Ms. Forsythe coordinate with Ms. Crockett on the task of incorporating proposed revisions in the chapter.

Councilor McLain supported a structured plan with a view toward function rather than behavior evaluation.

Councilor Gardner commented a functional plan would be followed by Metro first, and should have clear and specific steps or work plan measures Metro would take to implement the policy. He suggested less discussion and

analysis of the issues in the plan itself, and editing the format for clarification.

Acting Chair McFarland commended department staff for their spirit of cooperation in working with the committee and Council staff.

Ms. Crockett questioned whether RSWMP chapters should have a separate inventory analysis document of system aspects rather than incorporated in the chapter.

Councilor DeJardin suggested an initial paragraph indicating the reasons for the chapter and a subsequent appendices behind the chapter for reference would be appropriate. Acting Chair McFarland and Ms. Forsythe concurred with Councilor DeJardin's suggestion.

The item was continued for consideration by the Committee at a later date.

Acting Chair McFarland opened a public hearing.

George Ward, Consulting Engineer for Darryl Boris of Arizona Slag Co., spoke regarding the need for cover material for the St. Johns Landfill, presented exhibits and products made from steel mill slag which could be utilized, and encouraged the Committee tour Oregon Steel Mills.

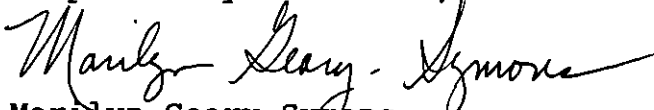
The Committee and Mr. Ward discussed the rock-like product made from slag, and its non-hazardous properties.

In response to Acting Chair McFarland, Mr. Martin said staff from the Engineering and Analysis Division of the Solid Waste Department would confer with Mr. Ward regarding a tour after Chair Wyers' return from vacation.

Acting Chair McFarland closed the public hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Clerk