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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

July 20 , 1993

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Also Present: Richard Devlin, Mike Gates, Jim Gardner, Jon Kvistad, Terry Moore

Also Present: Rena Cusma, Executive Officer

Chair Buchanan called the regular meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Consideration of April 6, 1993 and July 6, 1993 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to approve the April 6, 1993 and the July 6, 1993 Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Vote: Councilors McLain, McFarland and Buchanan voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Updates

- o General Staff Reports

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste Department, presented the staff report, and discussed legislation at the state level which could affect solid waste rates.

- o Waste Reduction Program Activities

Waste reduction activity reports were continued to the next Solid Waste Committee meeting due to a full agenda.

3. Release of Proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services Related to the Solid Waste Rate System

Terry Petersen, Planning & Technical Services Manager, presented the staff report, and said an RFP had been filed with the Council on July 12, 1993 for the purpose of receiving proposals for consulting services related to the solid waste rate system. He noted the RFP was contained in the agenda packet for this meeting. He noted three phases in the proposed scope of work would include: 1) the provision of details of a work plan; 2) review of general rate setting principles; 3) identification of a full range of possible alternatives; and, 4) development of specifics for selected alternatives.

Mr. Petersen said the RFP was scheduled for release July 26, 1993.

Councilor McFarland emphasized the importance of including the Rate Review Committee in the process.

The Committee and Staff discussed the roles of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Rate Review Committee.

Mr. Petersen acknowledged the concerns of the Committee and indicated staff's intent to work in tandem with both the Rate Review Committee and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

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Councilor Wyers raised questions regarding weekly pick up of trash versus semi-monthly and the possible effect on rates. She suggested review of DEQ regulatory impact on such issues.

4. Resolution No. 93-1827, For the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Laboratory Services for St. Johns Landfill

Jim Watkins, Engineering and Analysis Manager, presented the staff report, and said adoption of Resolution No. 93-1827 would authorize the issuance of an RFP for Laboratory Services at St. Johns Landfill for a three 1/2 year contract to perform water quality monitoring at the landfill.

In response to Chair Buchanan, Mr. Watkins said it was not known what would be found, but that the Department remained optimistic.

Councilor McFarland inquired about the length of the contract. Joanna Karl, Senior Engineering Planner, commented a monitoring period of as long as thirty years would be realized before post closure work was completed. She said labs would change over time, and said data from one lab to the next would be compared with changes done as infrequently as possible.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Watkins confirmed a test result was due in August to the DEQ.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1827 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Resolution No. 93-1828, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute a Contract with Weight-Tronix, Inc. for Maintenance of Scales at Metro Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

Sam Chandler, Facilities Manager, presented the staff report, and said passage of the resolution would facilitate a contract designated "A", multi-year, with Weight-Tronix, Inc. for maintenance of scales at Metro facilities.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Resolution No. 93-1828 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

6. Resolution No. 93-1792, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Metro and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office for the Purpose of Providing General Investigative Services, Assistance in Solid Waste Flow Control Enforcement and Illegal Dump Site Cleanup

Mr. Martin noted two issues and their connection were addressed in his referenced memorandum dated July 6, 1993, found in the agenda packet: 1) flow control enforcement; and 2) illegal dump site cleanup. He commented on his responses as contained in his memorandum, and noted representatives from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department were present to address the Committee and answer questions.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Martin indicated in the process of conducting investigations it was likely that hostile environments could occur for which the Sheriff's department would be better prepared to handle. He noted in house activities toward the same end had been conducted in the past which had limited success.

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Larry Ab, Fiscal Manager, Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, and Sheriff Hutchison, addressed the Committee.

Councilor McLain said Attachment 2 to the Staff Report found in the agenda packet had proved helpful to her in understanding the process, and indicated her support.

Mr. Martin said the intent of the agreement was to provide a higher level of professionalism to Metro's ability to track flow and handle illegal dumping. He noted the spiraling increases to rates were due in part to tonnage decreases directly related to illegal dumping and flow control issues.

Chair Buchanan opened a public hearing.

Garry Benning, Division President, Waste Management of Oregon, testified before the Committee. He said from a hauler's viewpoint, disposal was a major cost in providing service to customers, and said the market was sensitive to price. He said it created a disadvantage to businesses such as his to compete with haulers using other means of disposal. He noted the industry as a whole suffered in terms of public perception when an illegal dump site is found and is an environmental problem.

Councilor McFarland expressed concern over expenditures to be made looking for illegal dump sites to citizens who got limited help from the authorities in other crime areas.

In response to Councilor McLain, Mr. Martin referenced his memorandum dated July 20, 1993 regarding information on questions raised at the July 6, 1993 CSWC meeting concerning illegal dump site cleanup as part of the Metro/MCSO IGA. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He indicated the memorandum provided a general overview of Metro sponsored activities and services relating to illegal dumping in the Metro region as well as responding to questions raised at the July 6, 1993 Solid Waste Committee meeting.

### 7. Recommendation from the Executive Officer Relating to the Proposed Wilsonville Transfer Station

Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, addressed the Committee and read her written testimony dated July 20, 1993 into the record. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Councilor Devlin asked the Executive Officer if she believed the Council should spend the same amount of time as she stated in her testimony analyzing and evaluating issues regarding the Wilsonville Transfer Station. Ms. Cusma said she felt the Council had been in review of the matter for a lengthy amount of time, and should spend whatever time they felt was necessary to come to a decision.

Robert Peterson testified before the Committee. He urged the Solid Waste Committee to review the Executive Officer's recommendation and support it. Mr. Peterson entered written testimony into the record. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Bruce Brouard, citizen appointee to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, testified before the Committee. He entered his written testimony into the record supporting delay on the Wilsonville transfer station. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Chair Buchanan recognized the petitions brought by Mr. Brouard to the attention of the Committee. He requested these petitions be placed in the meeting record. These documents have been made part of the public meeting record.

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Rodney Adams, Attorney, A.C. Trucking, testified before the Committee in support of the Executive Officer's recommendation based on tonnages available for disposal, and asked for a thorough review of service areas should the Wilsonville contract be let.

Member of the Committee commented regarding the diversity of opinion regarding the issue, welcomed opinions from the citizenry on the issue, and indicated further discussion was in order.

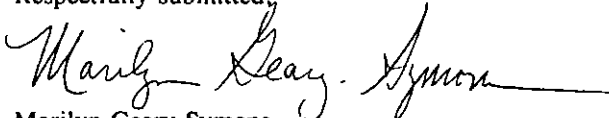
Councilor Kvistad requested justification for the recommendations not to proceed with the Wilsonville Transfer Station. Mr. Martin suggested Councilors might work with John Houser, Council Analyst, to articulate specific questions in the matter for consideration and response from the Department.

Councilor Gardner commented although facts might not have changed, understandings based on those facts could have been altered. Councilor McFarland commented regarding the nature of fluidity in tonnage increases and decreases in the waste stream.

Councilor Gates said as the waters rose in the Midwest, sand bags were thrown up as quickly as possible to take care of the immediate problem. He drew an analogy to the solid waste disposal system, and said as the waters recede in the Midwest, better, more efficient levies would be built which would be better planned to do a more efficient job. He felt Metro was in a similar position with regard to the solid waste disposal system.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons  
Committee Recorder