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

July 21, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Acting Chair), Roger Buchanan, Sandi Hansen, George Van Bergen

Committee Members Absent: Judy Wyers (Chair)

Councilors Also Present: Ed Washington

Chair Wyers called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. Consideration of Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 1992

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved to approve the Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes of March 17, 1992 as submitted.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Van Bergen and McFarland 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 said the total tonnage at Metro facilities for the preceding FY 1991-92 was approximately 703 thousand tons. He said total payments Metro made to major contractors including the two transfer station operators, Riedel for the period of operation, Jack Gray and Waste Management of Oregon for the landfill for the year were \$33,744,700. He compared the figures to those budgeted, 816 thousand tons, or over 110 thousand less tons, and noted payments had been budgeted at \$41,342,000. Mr. Martin said FY 1992-93 budget had included 724 thousand tons and \$37,379,000 in payments. He outlined the tonnage breakdown at each facility, noting 321 thousand tons were received at Metro South, 311 thousand tons of which went to Columbia Ridge, 10 thousand to Marion County. He said payments of \$1,426,000 for operating the facility during FY 1991-92 to Waste Management of Oregon.

Mr. Martin went on to say at Metro Central approximately 335 thousand tons were received of which 304 thousand tons went to Columbia Ridge, approximately 13 thousand went to the compost facility and about 18 thousand were recovered over recycled (amounting to 6.1% for the fiscal year). He said total operating costs at Metro Central were \$3,637,000, and said Metro revenue was \$42,600 on Metro's 20% share of revenue from recycled materials. He noted the compost facility operated five months in which about 106 thousand tons material was received of which 45

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thousand tons went to the landfill and the remainder converted into material with St. Johns Landfill as the endplace. He noted it was not counted as recycling since it was used as fill material. He said Riedel was paid \$2,768,000 in that period of time. He said when the compost facility went back into operation material would likely be counted as recovery.

Mr. Martin said Jack Gray provided transport for all waste that went to Columbia Ridge for a total of 21,039 loads of material up the gorge of which 10,600 came from Metro South and about 10,000 from Metro Central and 500 tons from the compost facility. He noted payments to Jack Gray in FY 1991-92 in the amount of \$9,751,000. He said Columbia Ridge Landfill received 615,100 tons with payments in the amount of \$16,162,000 for the fiscal year. He noted transfers of waste from the compost facility to the transfer station which would create double counting, and said those figures should be eliminated to balance.

Mr. Martin indicated a copy of the report was available, and said Council Analyst John Houser had a copy of the report.

In response to Councilor McFarland, Mr. Martin said of the material that would have otherwise gone to the compost facility after it closed that about 40% went to Metro Central and approximately 60% went to Metro South.

In response to Councilor Buchanan, Mr. Martin said regarding the Riedel compost facility the bank was in the process of reviewing interest from various parties to acquire and bring the facility back into operation with the necessary improvements. He said a list of 35 firms had expressed interest and a consultant had been retained to analyze and evaluate the proposals. He noted interviews had been undertaken and completed, and said a request for proposals had been formally advertised. He said currently four to five weeks remained for submittal of proposals, and noted active interest seemed apparent in from four to six major firms or combinations of firms. Mr. Martin said the facility was idle with a small maintenance crew retained by the bank.

In response to Councilor Buchanan, Mr. Martin said he would be willing to schedule a meeting with neighborhood groups and suggested a time frame might be when a proposer was selected, and he noted the matter would be brought before the Council as well. Mr. Martin guessed September or October as a possible time.

Councilor Van Bergen commented regarding methods used at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility, felt there should be a more efficient way of handling the material, and he suggested review of the process.

Mr. Martin said funding, training, a degreed chemist, and a lab were all part of the system, and said the facility was well run and sophisticated.

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Councilor McFarland suggested a continuous quality control in the form of a spontaneous review process be implemented. Mr. Martin offered a tour of the facility to interested Councilors.

Councilor Hansen asked if Councilor Van Bergen meant the workers were not working hard enough, if he believed simplistic methods were being used with sophisticated chemicals. She emphasized it was a HHW facility and no more. Councilor Hansen noted quantities of recycled/recovered paint had been sent to charitable organizations from the facility.

Councilor Van Bergen requested the Solid Waste Department provide the Council and the Council Analyst a copy of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) order or the state statute regarding the disposal requirements for HHW for purposes of review.

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, presented the "Status Report on Metro's Regional Waste Reduction Program" dated July 1992 concerning FY 1990-91 waste reduction activities and which was submitted to the Oregon DEQ. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. She noted a report to the DEQ was not required until January 1993, but, she said, the Department had reported in July on a regular basis for the three years previous, noting it was a good practice. Ms. Gorham said a Budget Note had requested a thorough evaluation of Metro's local government recycling program, and noted such information was located in the Appendix to the report. She said an additional report would be made to DEQ in January 1993 which, she indicated, would include a narrative on what Ms. Gorham termed exceptional programs as well as less than exceptional programs.

Ms. Gorham introduced Leigh Zimmerman to the Committee, and said Ms. Zimmerman had been promoted to the position of Market Development Manager.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen, Ms. Gorham indicated she could make available to the Committee a short hand sheet concerning the DEQ order for purposes of comparison regarding compliance issues and factors. She said Metro was in compliance in areas reported, and indicated concerning construction and demolition debris reporting was yet to be done.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen, Ms. Gorham said DEQ response was typified by a letter of commendation but not necessarily a full compliance statement, and she noted programs were of an ongoing nature.

Mr. Martin agreed a statement from DEQ would be in order. Acting Chair McFarland concurred with the request.

3. Resolution No. 92-1651, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Del Seitzinger, Stefanie Graff and Arnold Polk to Fill Vacancies on the 1% for Recycling Advisory Committee

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Judith Mandt, Administrative Manager, introduced Mr. Seitzinger from Clackamas County, a real estate appraiser, and Ms. Graff from Multnomah County, a former recycling coordinator, to the Solid Waste Committee. She noted Mr. Polk was from Washington County. Ms. Mandt noted Councilor Buchanan was the 1st Committee Chair, the Committee was in its fifth year, and said \$200,000 had been allocated for projects for the current year. She noted also that 23 applications had been received. Ms. Mandt described the outreach effort that had been made such as media advertising and public service announcements to recruit for membership to the Committee. She noted members currently on the Committee were Linda Mullen from Multnomah County, Emily Kroen from Washington County and Kent Frutiger from Clackamas County.

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved to recommend Resolution No. 92-1651 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Hansen requested information regarding recycled paint from the HHW facility be included in the 1st for Recycling Committee staff report to be developed for presentation to the Council. Councilor Buchanan agreed.

4. Resolution No. 92-1654, For the Purpose of Making Areas Outside the Metro Boundary Eligible to Receive "Metro Challenge" Grants

Steven Kraten, Recycling Section Supervisor, and Ms. Gorham presented the staff report, and explained the question of equitable access to the "Metro Challenge" grant program was addressed in the resolution. Mr. Kraten referenced Resolution No. 90-1270, and noted guidelines for administration for the Metro Challenge program which said grants would be allocated to local governments on the basis of population, but, he said, did not specify what population. He noted the resolution stated if programs were late, Metro Challenge funding would be prorated on a monthly basis, but, he said no formula had been established for such proration. He noted grants to be spread out over several years would be based on substantial completion in a prior year, but, he said substantial completion had not been defined in the previous resolution.

Mr. Kraten noted activities were more complex than the original first year's six, and said another change in the Recycling Act of 1991 made the tri-county area a single watershed.

Mr. Kraten said the resolution would permit jurisdictions outside of Metro's boundaries access to the program provided that their garbage was processed through a Metro disposal facility, and noted portions of rural Clackamas County would be affected.

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Mr. Kraten recommended a committee be established to examine each of the programs, make a report and recommendation to the department director. He recommended the committee be composed of Metro and DEQ staff. He said the criteria applied would be the annual waste reduction program and the 1991 Recycling Act.

Councilors McFarland and Van Bergen expressed concern regarding review, criteria and the process. The Committee suggested the Council be represented on the proposed committee. Mr. Martin and Ms. Gorham had no objection.

Councilor Hansen suggested that staff include local government representatives on the review committee. Mr. Kraten expressed concern that local governments be in a position to approve their own programs. Councilor Hansen suggested a process similar to that used to structure the permanent enhancement committee be used to structure the program review committee.

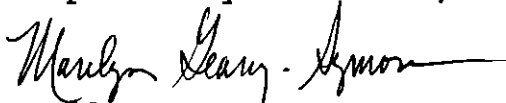
Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Resolution No. 92-1654 to the full Council for adoption.

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

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Clerk