

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

August 7, 1990

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Tom DeJardin (Chair), Judy Wyers (Vice
Chair), Roger Buchanan, Tanya Collier

Committee Members Absent: David Saucy

Chair DeJardin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. Consideration of July 17, 1990 Minutes

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved for approval of the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Collier and Wyers voted
aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were
approved.

2. General Staff Reports

Transport Services

Bob Martin, Solid Waste Director, said that pursuant to a LUBA settlement agreement a meeting with interested parties in the Gorge will be held Wednesday, September 5, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sililo Converter Station. He said that a six months status report was being prepared and would be done soon. Councilor Wyers asked if there was a list of people that would be invited to this meeting. Mr. Martin said that he did have an extensive list and he would provide her a list before sending out the invitation.

Metro South Station Compactor

Mr. Martin said that his department had evaluated the two proposals for the compactor and thought that both proposals were very equivalent. He stated that the proposals had been carried into the contract stage. The contracts would soon be completed and would be presented at the next Solid Waste Committee meeting along with a recommendation of which contract would be most advantageous.

Councilor Wyers read an Oregon City Planning Commission staff report which indicated that the Jack Gray Transport office trailer needed to be moved to a permanent site and wanted to know who would pay for this. Jim Watkins said that JGT was leasing the trailer from Waste Management of Oregon. He said that there is consideration of moving their permanent site to Metro East Transfer Station and that JGT would continue to lease from either WMO or Metro.

Composter

Mr. Martin reported that the construction of the compost facility was slightly behind schedule. He asked the Committee if there were any interest in touring the compost facility and the transfer station. The Committee agreed to depart Metro Center at 3:00 p.m. on August 21, 1990 to tour both sites and be back at Metro Center for the 5:30 p.m. regular meeting. Mr. Martin said that he had received requests from the Executive Officer and her staff and from the Bureau of Environmental Services to also tour these facilities. Chair DeJardin said he would welcome them to go on the tour.

3. Update on Washington County Work Program and Preliminary Assumptions for System Analysis

Rich Carson, Director of Planning and Development, discussed the bi-monthly update on the Washington County Solid Waste System Plan (memo and chart attached). He said a one-day workshop session with the Council and the Steering Committee to brief them on policies and technical analysis would be valuable. The date was set for Saturday, October 20, 1990. Councilor Wyers asked if the work by ECO Northwest would be finished by then. Mr. Carson said yes but if follow-up work were needed because of major changes, the schedule would need to be adjusted. Washington County Commissioner Steve Larrance explained that the theory to have the workshop after the technical analysis was done was so that more of the analysis could be based on the facts of this particular case as opposed to conjecture or facts developed relating to studies at other Metro facilities.

Councilor Collier expressed concerns about an assumption memo from Terry Moore. Mr. Carson said those concerns would be discussed later. Councilor Collier asked about item No. 2 on Terry Moore's memo stating that Washington County would not take waste from East Multnomah County; her concern was that Washington County should have a system that fits into the regional system. In discussion about that matter it was said that Washington County was the baseline for the data but the thought was that Washington County would be a part of the regional system.

4. Update on Draft Ordinance to Provide Recycling Credits to Eligible Non-Profit Organizations

Mr. Martin gave a recap on this subject. He said that in developing Ordinance language they had run into two major issues: 1) the separation of Church and State, which legal counsel was reviewing; and 2) funding. He said that in trying to find funding at the level the Committee would like to give he had found that the funds needed to come out of more than just one department's budget. Mr. Martin expressed his view that the program was a function of general government and there needed to be a way that this program would not increase disposal costs.

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However, he said he had identified three available areas of funding in the Solid Waste Budget that would not affect the current disposal rate. They were as follows: 1) the money saved from doing the study in-house should be \$6,000; and 2) there was a prospect of unanticipated revenue if the decision was made to accept waste from Washougal, Washington at the Metro South Transfer Station for up to one year. In addition to paying the full disposal costs, Washougal would also pay the \$7.00 per ton user fee. That fee times the tonnage assumably involved, less than 500 tons per month, in the current fiscal year would probably amount to about \$25,000 to \$30,000; and 3) there was \$35,000 in the gas recovery project funding for the current fiscal year that probably would not be needed because it would likely be included in a separate contract. He stated that if that money was not dedicated to any other project, the money would roll forward in the year-end fund balance, which could help reduce future rate increases in future years; however, since the money was already appropriated the Council could decide on the appropriate place to use it. The total amount of these funds would be between \$66,000 and \$71,000. He said that if Deseret Industries was eliminated from the program because of a constitutional issue, the funds needed were still \$178,000, therefore another \$100,000 needed to be identified. He clarified that the \$178,000 needed would be from October 1 instead of for the full fiscal year.

Mr. Martin further reviewed some other areas in the Solid Waste Budget but there seemed to be no good options for getting more funds. In further discussion, it was decided that Mr. Martin should speak with Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, on possibly getting funds from other departments in the agency, and that the Council Analyst could try to find these funds. Don Carlson, Council Administrator, said that his staff could look into this matter and report back to the Committee by mid-September when they would be reviewing the Ordinance.

5. Review of an Intergovernmental Agreement With The City of Gresham to Purchase, Distribute, and Promote Curbside Recycling Containers

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, presented the Staff Report. She indicated the Intergovernmental Agreement was needed to continue implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan objective to provide containers for curbside recycling to every single family residence in the Metro region. The City of Gresham would be the lead agency for the project and would contract with other east county cities to implement the program. Metro would provide \$70,000 to the City for the purchase and distribution of curbside containers and the City would provide Metro quarterly reports on the progress and results of the program.

Based on questions from Committee members and Council staff it was determined that the quarterly reporting requirement should extend beyond the current fiscal year, thus this Intergovernmental Agreement would be

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a multi-year contract. The Committee recommended that the term of the agreement be amended to extend from June 30, 1990 to October 31, 1990 to accommodate the quarterly reporting requirement for the current fiscal year.

Motion: Chair DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 90-1305 as amended and the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Wyers, Collier and DeJardin voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair DeJardin adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri González
Committee Clerk

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