

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

Special Meeting

September 29, 1988

Committee members present: Councilors Gary Hansen (Chair), Jim Gardner (V. Chair), Sharron Kelley, Corky Kirkpatrick and Mike Ragsdale

Committee members absent: None

Also present: Councilors Larry Cooper and George Van Bergen

Chair Hansen called the special meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and explained the purpose of the meeting was to receive a briefing on plans for the St. Johns Landfill Closure.

Introductions

The chair introduced the councilors and staff present. In addition to those noted above, participants were:

Dan Miller	City of Portland
Joe Gigerlich	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Charles Grey	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Bob Martin	Metro Solid Waste Department
Dennis O'Neil	Metro Solid Waste Department
Ray Barker	Metro Council Department

General Questions

The committee listed the following as key questions.

1. How and by whom will the decision on end use and expenditure of funds be made?
2. What is the estimated cost of closure?
3. What are the local/state/federal requirements?
4. What are the anticipated and potential long-term problems?
5. What vehicles would be helpful for Council in the decision-making process? Appoint an advisory committee? Establish a committee of experts?
6. What are the critical decision-making points, and on what major premise(s) do they hinge?
7. What are the sanctions for partial or non-compliance?

8. If actual costs exceed estimates, are there opportunities to spread the costs over a longer time period?

Briefing on St. Johns Landfill Closure

Bob Martin and Dennis O'Neil gave a presentation and background of closure issues:

1. Goals for closure planning activities:
 - A. Properly close landfill in compliance with local/state and federal requirements.
 - B. Close landfill on time.
 - C. Develop closure features and a post-closure maintenance program that will minimize the risk of having to go back into the area to correct problems.
 - D. Learn as much as possible about past operations to identify possible trouble spots.
 - E. Close landfill in a cost-effective manner.
 - F. Assure closure is consistent with end use plan.
2. Objectives for closure planning activities:
 - A. Encourage thorough discussion of environmental impact and environmental management options by a wide variety of interested people (citizen organizations, regulatory agencies, Metro Council, etc.).
 - B. Identify major questions and concerns as early as possible in order to respond reasonably and timely.
3. Possible problem areas:
 - A. Identifying final cover and availability of cover materials. A number of studies are underway, the results of which will tell what conditions need to be prevented or corrected and thereby, to a large extent, dictate closure costs.
 - B. Implications of new Environmental Protection Agency Subtitle D regulations.
 - C. Post-closure monitoring and maintenance.
4. Relative responsibilities:
 - A. Regulatory agencies
 - issue permits
 - monitor and enforce compliance

- B. Metro
 - set aside reserve funds for closure
 - responsibly close landfill in compliance with applicable regulations (stop accepting waste by February 1, 1991; close by December 31, 1991)
 - fill, grade and maintain final contours
 - control leachate in 55-acre expansion area
 - address unacceptable conditions resulting from deposits of hazardous waste while under Metro control

- C. City of Portland
 - review and agree to post-closure maintenance plan
 - control leachate, except for expansion area
 - address unacceptable conditions resulting from deposits of hazardous waste while under City control

5. Timetable:

- A. Key dates for next six months attached.
- B. Staff will periodically update Council on options and regulations and prior to critical decision-making points.

6. End Use Plan:

- A. Adopted by Portland City Council in 1987.
- B. Passive recreational use -- gateway to Smith and Bybee Lake -
 - hiking trails, open meadows, recreational vehicle park, dry land boat storage area, model airplane area, archery range.

General Comments from DEQ/City of Portland Representatives

1. DEQ representatives expressed willingness to work with Metro on closure plan and negotiate issues, including setting new timelines.
2. Thorough, accurate information is the best basis for cost-effective decision making.
3. Closure activities are on schedule, however, schedule is tight.

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There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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