

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

October 13, 1988

Room 330

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Sharron Kelley,
Corky Kirkpatrick and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Members Absent: Jim Gardner (V. Chair)

Other Councilors Present: Elsa Coleman and David Knowles

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. Introduction by Committee Chair

Chair Hansen explained this special meeting was scheduled so that representatives of Wastech, Inc. (Wastech) and Riedel Waste Disposal Systems, Inc. (RWDS) could present an application proposal for a private east transfer station(s).

2. Presentation by Wastech, Inc. and Riedel Environmental Technologies, Inc. Regarding Their Joint Proposal to Process and Transfer Solid Waste from the Metro East County Area

Gary Lord, vice-president, Riedel Environmental Technologies, Inc. (RET) presented the proposal from RWDS and Wastech with Merle Irvine, Wastech executive vice-president.

The proposal dated September 30, 1988, "Application from Riedel Waste Disposal Systems, Inc. and Wastech, Inc. for Exclusive Franchises from the Metropolitan Service District to Build, Own and Operate the Metro East Transfer and Recycling Center" was distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Lord said the application made by RWDS and Wastech was a joint proposal which asked Metro grant them an exclusive franchise to build, own and operate the Metro East Transfer and Recycling Center (ETRC) on three sites owned by the two firms. The three sites are: Oregon Processing and Recovery Center (OPRC), owned by Wastech and located at 701 N. Hunt St.; property owned by RWDS located at NE 55th and Columbia Blvd. at which site a solid waste composting plant would be built; and a landfill, Killingsworth Fast Disposal (KFD), located at NE 75th and Killingsworth St. and owned by RWDS.

Mr. Lord said the application asked for a 20-year contract length compatibility with existing solid waste contracts. He said the necessary permits had been obtained and that, since the three sites were already in existence, neighborhood impact would be minimal.

Mr. Irvine said the applicants had no interest in collection and disposal and a maximum effort to recycle would be made. He said the application met Metro's waste management plan criteria and state

guidelines. He noted in June 1988 Metro granted Wastech a franchise to expand OPRC. He said approximately 61 percent of the waste-stream processed would be recovered. He said the three facilities combined would process 650,000 tons per year.

Mr. Irvine said the benefits to the public would include low costs to the public and to build facilities; minimized traffic impact by diversion of waste to three separate sites; reduction of waste to the Arlington landfill; and promotion of recycling and recovery of solid waste.

Mr. Lord said the timing involved would be quick, have a positive impact on the St. Johns landfill and fulfill the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mandate. He said there would be no delays due to land use permits because none were required.

Mr. Lord and Mr. Irvine finished the presentation and asked for questions from the Committee and staff.

Councilor Knowles asked how it could be ensured different solid waste types would reach the correct facility. Mr. Lord said the company would be dependent on Metro to determine what loads went where.

Councilor Coleman asked what assurance Metro had that the three facilities would remain one entity over 20 years. Mr. Lord said the application as written required the three facilities to stay together as one entity during the length of the contract.

Councilor Knowles asked what contact there had been with neighborhood groups. Mr. Lord said neighborhood associations had been contacted and were pleased by the three-site proposal. The neighborhood associations had made it clear they wished to have input on the process.

To Councilor Kelley's question, Mr. Lord said the application was similar to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process but said the application process was quicker. He said the applicants would prefer to have the application as it was approved, but if Metro required an RFP process, an RFP would be submitted.

Chair Hansen said the application was an exciting prospect because the facilities could be on-line so quickly. He said the recycling components as outlined in the application were very good.

Gordon Hunter, president, Cully Association of Neighbors, expressed interest in tipping fees. He said their neighborhood had one small park and said the area could be improved with tipping fees received.

Paul Moody, owner, Senter Tool Service, said he owned 4.5 acres directly west of one of the facilities. He said he was happy with the

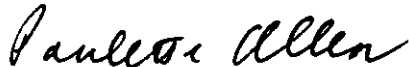
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project thus far. He expressed concern, since the composting plant had been approved, that plans already made would change midstream. He was not sure added profitability of the solid waste facilities was best for other businesses in the area. He was unsure what impact would result from the facility proposed close to his business, but said the site was good for the purpose proposed. He said more information was needed since the proposed facility was only 150 feet from a school. He noted RWDS had kept promises they had made in the past.

Councilor Knowles suggested Mr. Hunter and Mr. Moody talk directly with representatives of Wastech and RWDS and report back to the Committee the results of those communications.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk
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