

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

October 17, 1989

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Tom DeJardin (V. Chair), Roger Buchanan, Tom DeJardin and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of August 22 and September 5, 1989

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved for approval of the minutes.

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

2. General Staff Reports

- o Metro East Station
  - 1. Negotiations
  - 2. Alternative Selection Process
- o Jack Gray Transport Contract

Bob Martin, Director of Solid Waste, discussed Metro East Station issues. He said Metro and Trans Industries (TI) met to negotiate indemnification language. He said he would bring the statement of indemnification to the next scheduled Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Councilor Wyers asked if mitigation language would address water run-off and sewers. Mr. Martin said it would and there had been discussion on water run-off and sewers. Councilor Wyers asked if Metro East would be hooked up to the city sewer system. Mr. Martin said it would and the City of Portland and TI would arrange sewer services.

Councilor Buchanan asked if staff had an end-date for negotiations with TI. Mr. Martin said staff's target date was November 7 for the draft agreement and November 14 for the end of negotiations. Councilor Buchanan asked when negotiations with the next vendor would begin if that proved necessary. Mr. Martin said if negotiations with TI were not successfully completed, staff would report to the Council and ask for direction. He said the Council did not designate a second-ranked vendor.

Councilor Wyers asked if a public hearing would be scheduled when staff presented the draft agreement. Chair Hansen said a public hearing would be scheduled. Councilor McFarland asked if the Council would get a copy of the draft agreement. Mr. Martin said the draft agreement would be

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printed in the Solid Waste Committee agenda packet November 7 for the November 14 meeting. He said if the draft agreement was not ready November 7 consideration would be postponed to the next scheduled meeting.

Chair Hansen said he requested Alternative Selection Process to be listed on the agenda so the Committee could ask questions about possible alternative plans. He said the Committee wanted to know the time frame for another round of bids and related information if selection of another vendor was necessary. He asked how long another round of negotiations would take. Councilor Wyers requested the Committee also discuss if the Solid Waste Committee should serve as an evaluation committee and any other methods to begin negotiations.

Mr. Martin said if Metro rejected the TI contract, the RFPs could be re-issued, or revised proposals could be solicited from all four proposers. He said if Metro chose to begin negotiations with another bidder, closure of the St. Johns Landfill would need consideration. He said it would make sense for the Solid Waste Committee to serve as an evaluation committee than appoint a new one. He said disappointed vendors had hoped to resubmit their bids, but said it would have been difficult for them to do.

Mr. Martin discussed the Jack Gray Transport (JGT) contract. He said the information Gilliam County required for their land-use hearing process was partly submitted the date of this meeting and remaining information would be submitted October 18. He said Gilliam County scheduled their first Land Use Commission hearing October 30. He said they would hold two hearings and a final decision meeting. He said if the decision was appealed, the County Court would hear the appeal approximately December 6. He said those dates were the earliest time estimates for JGT to complete that hearing process and JGT as of the date of this meeting was on schedule.

3. Consideration of Ordinance No. 89-315, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to Incorporate the Waste Reduction Chapter (Public Hearing)

Richard Carson, Director of Planning and Development, said the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) was adopted November 1988 as a work in progress. He said the Waste Reduction Chapter was a major portion of the SWMP. He said there were delays because of Metro negotiations on the Unilateral Order (UO) with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He said discussions were held with DEQ, the Policy Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Waste Reduction Committee.

Becky Crockett, Senior Solid Waste Planner, said when the Solid Waste Committee previously considered waste reduction issues it was to discuss the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) UO and amendment of the SWMP

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to reflect provisions of the UO. She said then, eight months previous to this date, the Planning and Development Department received Council directive to consolidate all waste reduction documents in the SWMP for Metro to have the full impact of a functional planning authority behind waste reduction.

Ms. Crockett said the Council determined four goals to be accomplished in assembling the WRC. She said the first goal was to consolidate all existing waste reduction documents including Metro's 1986 Waste Reduction Program, EQC Order Requirements, the March 1989 Solid Waste Reduction Plan amendment, the August 1989 SWMP Waste Reduction Plan amendment, and the System Measurement Study. She said the second goal was to develop the WRC as a regional program so that specific program requirements would be identified for both Metro and local governments. She said prior to that effort, there were no specifics on local governmental responsibility for carrying out waste reduction goals in the region. She said the third goal was to develop a methodology and attain regional consensus on how Metro could effectively get local governments to carry out additional waste reduction recycling programs beyond Senate Bill 405 programs. She said the EQC Order named that effort as the "Local Collection Service Coordination Program." She said that program was previously called the Certification Program. She said the fourth goal was to identify the impact on recycling if the regional programs were on-line. She noted staff persons from Solid Waste and Planning and Development worked extensively on the Chapter to create a document to accomplish stated goals and objectives.

Ms. Crockett said Leigh Zimmerman, Associate Solid Waste Planner, rewrote, revised, reformatted and amended the document as developed and reviewed by two departments and the Waste Reduction Subcommittee, the Technical Committee, the Policy Committee and DEQ. She said the document had received extensive review.

Ms. Crockett said the WRC was a five-year plan which included a 20-year recycling projection, but was only intended to guide waste reduction efforts in the region for the next five years. She said at the end of the fourth year, Metro would enter another system measurement study in which national and world wide waste reduction programs would be evaluated and used to make revisions in regional events based on those program research and results. She said the program methodology recognized waste reduction was a dynamic process and staff expected changes due to technology and other changing circumstances.

Ms. Crockett noted the Draft Waste Reduction Chapter contained background information; identification of Metro's 20-year waste reduction goal; a specific five-year work program for Metro to identify programs; and identified a five-year specific work program for local governments for programs they were responsible to implement; and four sections which dealt specifically with the Local Collection Service

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Coordination Program which included program implementation, evaluation enforcement, timing and sequencing.

Ms. Crockett said the WRC did not address two issues adequately as of this date. She said the first issue was enforcement because local governments might not comply or not wish to carry out waste reduction in the region. She said the second issue was financing.

Ms. Crockett said the WRC contained specific program requirements for both Metro and local governments, She said the "Summary of Five Year Programs" on pages 49-50 began with Metro's program requirements. She said the programs Metro were responsible for implementing were those the Council adopted in the 1989 amendment. Staff did not wish to make changes in those programs to maintain consistency with the EQC UO and with Council decisions already made. She noted two changes to Metro's Waste Reduction programs identified. She said the first change included the addition of one task: Metro would conduct an annual evaluation of waste reduction programs in the region. She said the purpose of such an evaluation was to determine program impact on recycling levels, program effectiveness locally and regionally, and also provide a measurement on which to base enforcement action if enforcement was necessary. She said the second change was a requirement to conduct the comprehensive system measurement study at the end of four years which would be used to rewrite the WRC to go into the next five-year phase.

Ms. Crockett discussed key local government requirements. She said the first local government program requirement were the curbside container programs. She said local jurisdictions would be required to provide household containers available for source separation recycling. She said the second local government requirement pertained to yard debris. She said local governments must participate in development of the regional yard debris plan and upon adoption of that plan, were required to implement the programs which would impact their jurisdictions. She said the third local government program requirement was multi-family recycling. She said local governments were required to perform two components of multi-family recycling. She said the first component was to provide programs for multi-family buildings and also provide appropriate design review standards in their zoning code to ensure new apartment complexes provided adequate space for multi-family recycling bins. She said the fourth local government requirement was related to their need for development of annual work programs; the need for participation in regional evaluation of who had implemented what, and the need for reports to Metro on an annual basis. She said they would need to collect participation rates of who recycled and develop recycling levels for each jurisdiction which would lead to Metro's evaluation process. She said local governments would need to do commercial collection for rerouting for high-grade loads and promotion and education beyond SB 405 requirements. She said that would include promotion and education for programs already discussed at this meeting

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and promotion and education for salvageable building materials and finally, some institutional purchasing policies.

Ms. Crockett discussed financing issues. She said the Waste Reduction Subcommittee struggled with accepting they would have to carry the programs out, and as a result, Metro qualified that requirement with the condition implementation be contingent upon funding. She said the question of how Metro could expect local governments to carry out all these programs if no funds were available was raised. She said Metro identified the need for funding/financing and made it clear that financing could mean local governments would pay part, Metro would pay part, and Metro would help identify alternative funding mechanisms. She said Metro would analyze related issues to such funding. She said DEQ would speak briefly on the issue at this meeting. She said staff received clarification on funding. She said local governments felt strongly if such programs were to be carried out, they would need assistance to identify how to pay for them.

Ms. Crockett said staff determined a waste reduction projection termed a waste reduction goal. She said the programs based on projections indicated by 2010 the region would achieve a 56 percent recycling level. She said the region would reach 50 percent recycling in 2000 and gain 6 percent by 2010.

Ms. Crockett discussed the Local Collection Service Coordination Program. She said DEQ required Metro to establish standards of performance in recycling goals by July 1, 1990; to design a reporting procedure for local governments by July 1, 1990; to begin measurement performance of local governments relative to the standards Metro set by July 1, 1990; and to require Metro to develop enforcement tools by July 1, 1990, the purpose of which was to ensure local governments carry out the programs.

Ms. Crockett said the WRC established the means to reach the objectives of the Local Service Collection Coordination Program. She said with regard to standards, the WRC specifically identified local government program requirements were the standards. She said local government would adopt the institutional purchasing policy which met the standards to accomplish that program. She said an alternative to setting standards such as those would be to set the standard that each local jurisdiction was required to achieve a certain level of recycling in their jurisdiction. She said local jurisdictions and haulers did not think reporting procedures were adequate. She said Metro tied the standard to the actual program. She said with regard to reporting procedures, measuring performance and evaluation, the plan would establish a process for a joint Metro/local government assessment of waste reduction activities in the region. She said assessment would be based on Metro and local government's annual work programs; data collected through system measurement; local government reporting of

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participation in recycling levels; waste composition studies; and the annual recycling survey.

Ms. Crockett noted the Committee had letters before them related to the issues from Stephanie Hallock, Administrator, Hazardous and Solid Waste Division, DEQ; and David Rozell, Waste Reduction Section, Hazardous and Solid Waste Section Division, DEQ.

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing.

Peter Spendelow, Waste Reduction Specialist, DEQ, said Ordinance 89-315 would incorporate the already adopted WRP, plus additional waste reduction elements, as part of the Regional SWMP. He said the WRC if fully implemented would satisfy all the EQC UO requirements for Metro's WRP. He said DEQ supported adoption of the ordinance. He identified one issue that DEQ believed Metro should address and quoted from page 44, "The region needs to identify funding mechanisms for those programs with significant expenditures prior to requiring local government implementation." He said implementation was contingent upon identification of financing mechanisms which included salvageable building materials, commercial high-grading, multi-family dwelling recycling, the curbside container program, and yard debris implementation. He said DEQ was concerned because the above might be interpreted by some local governments to mean that certain recycling programs or requirements were optional unless Metro provided funding for the programs. He said programs implied to be conditional were essential and should be implemented. He said DEQ was also concerned that unless Metro promptly identified the funding options and set requirements for local recycling programs, the recycling programs adopted under the Local Collection Service Coordination Program would be weak.

Mr. Spendelow recommended the Draft Waste Reduction Chapter be amended to remove conditional language on pages 44-47, 49 and 52. He said language should state Metro would identify funding methods by which local governments or Metro could pay for those programs. He recommended Metro identify those funding mechanisms as soon as possible.

Chair Hansen asked staff what financing option time lines were. Mr. Carson said staff would start work immediately and the process would take three to six months. Chair Hansen asked if financing options would be included in the FY 1990-1991 budget. Mr. Carson said yes.

T. R. Factor, 2109 S. E. Ash Street, Portland, said the Draft Waste Reduction Chapter looked very good. She noted she lived in an apartment complex which utilized a Metro recycling unit and said all the tenants were pleased to have the opportunity to recycle. Ms. Factor referred to the requirement that Metro send 90 percent of all landfillable waste to the Arlington Landfill and asked how the WRC would affect Metro's contracts with JGT and Oregon Waste Systems, Inc., (OWS) in terms of

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cost. Chair Hansen said if the amount of landfillable waste was reduced, Metro would not have to pay JGT or OWS additional monies. Mr. Martin said the contract with OWS was worded precisely to state that Metro would send 90 percent of all the waste Metro designated for disposal in any general purpose landfill. He said if solid waste was designated for other purposes such as waste energy projects, composter facilities or any additional recycling, Metro was not financially penalized.

Chair Hansen and Ms. Factor discussed a letter Ms. Factor had written to the editor of The St. Johns Review. Chair Hansen said the letter misquoted him and was factually inaccurate. Ms. Factor said it was unfortunate Chair Hansen thought so, that she was not inaccurate in the letter, and that public officials were subject to review on any issue at any time.

Mr. Rozelle's letter to Mr. Carson dated August 24, 1989, stated DEQ's policy if the Metro SWMP were amended. He stated DEQ's review process would depend on whether or not the proposed amendments would affect the EQC Waste Reduction Order.

Ms. Hallock's letter to Mr. Carson dated August 28, 1989, quoted the Draft Waste Reduction Chapter, page 52, "As explained in the Five Year Program, financing for some local government activities will have to be identified prior to requiring local government compliance." Ms. Hallock stated DEQ was concerned that statement might be interpreted by some local governments to mean that certain recycling programs or requirements were optional unless Metro provided the funding for programs. Ms. Hallock recommended the conditional language be removed from the draft WRC.

Jeanne Roy of Recycling Advocates submitted a letter for the record which expressed surprise at the 20-year goal for recycling and alternative technology. Recycling Advocates stated the 56 percent recycling goal was too low because that goal included burning and composting as well as recycling. Recycling Advocates believed a 50 percent recycling goal was too low and compared that rate with the City of Seattle's 60 percent goal for 1996. Recycling Advocates recommended Metro postpone establishment of a long-range recycling goal until the public had a chance to see the study upon which it was based; make the goal a 10-year goal rather than a 20-year goal; and keep recycling goals separate from energy recovery.

Chair Hansen closed the public hearing.

The Committee and staff discussed the issues further. Councilor Ragsdale requested staff define more clearly Metro's intent and responsibilities. Mr. Carson said the financing issues required a separate chapter. Chair Hansen said the time line was very important

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because financing could be lost for some programs. Councilor Wyers requested staff return with a report on the issues in January. Councilor Ragsdale said programs should be submitted by a certain time. Ms. Crockett said the timing was not fully developed. She said what was approved in the budget process would tell staff what programs could be implemented and what Metro could tell the local jurisdictions. Councilor Ragsdale requested language be further clarified. The Committee and staff discussed the issues further.

Chair Hansen called a recess at 7:02 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved to defer consideration of Ordinance No. 89-315 to the next regularly scheduled Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote to defer was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1156, for the Purpose of Establishing Minimum Standards and Process for Considering Local Government Solutions for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP)

Mr. Carson said the resolution would establish minimum standards and a process for consideration of local government solutions for the RSWMP. The proposed action would initiate development of a Washington County Solid Waste System. The proposed standards and process could also apply to other jurisdictions if they requested development of a local government solution for their jurisdiction or wastashed. Mr. Carson said a conceptual plan would be submitted for Council consideration and adoption December 1990.

Chair Hansen discussed dates for implementation and said the timeframe as proposed could be tighter and referred to facility siting. He said the standards were good and appeared comprehensive.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend the resolution's Attachment A via the addition (underlined) and deletion [bracketed] of language. Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend the first paragraph of Attachment A as follows: "The following identifies minimum standards for addressing the local government solutions component of the regional Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). [This information is] These standards are for the purpose of initiating the development of a Washington County Solid Waste System. [However,] These [these] standards [policy questions and process would] will also apply to any other [jurisdictions] jurisdiction [if they requested] requesting to



participate in developing a local government solution for their jurisdiction or wasteshed."

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote on the motion to amend was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 89-1156 as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Regional Yard Debris Plan Update

Ms. Crockett said staff's report contained directive statements for staff to develop sound assumptions to act as the basis model to evaluate collection options for the region.

Chair Hansen discussed zoning code requirements. He asked if low maintenance landscaping could be included in the Code. Ms. Crockett said Pamela Kambur, Associate Management Analyst, had researched that issue.

6. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1161, for the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of Bids for Metro South Station Operations

Mr. Martin and Chuck Geyer, Senior Management Analyst, presented the resolution. Mr. Martin explained Metro had extended the current operating contract with Wastech, Inc., several times. He said staff developed the RFB for operation beginning January 1, 1990. He said the current operator or a new contractor would receive the contract, but said future operation at the transfer station would be different from present operations in several aspects regardless of who received the contract.

He said the current operator was transporting solid waste and said that would end with the new contract. He said solid waste would be compacted and not loose. Mr. Geyer explained a graphic illustration of Metro South and noted the current loading zone area, said the facility had a large pit, and explained how the facility had been and would be modified. Mr. Geyer said the five-year contract would handle 1.3 million tons. Mr. Geyer said staff found typographical errors in the RFB and asked the Committee if Legal Counsel could check the RFB to be recommended for adoption to the full Council for accuracy. Chair Hansen said yes.

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Mr. Geyer discussed amendment of the RFB to more thoroughly address recyclables. The Committee directed staff to conceptually amend the RFB to address the issues.

Mr. Geyer read staff's proposed amendment into the record. He proposed the third BE IT RESOLVED be amended to read "That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District authorizes the Executive Officer to execute the contract for operation of the Metro South Station."

To Councilor DeJardin's question, Mr. Martin said the current operator would not have an inherent advantage and that all vendors would have an equal opportunity to submit bids.

Chair Hansen asked if the bid contained language to encourage the successful bidder to provide current Metro South employees job security. Mr. Geyer said that request could be included in the pre-bid conference, but could not be included in the bid itself. Chair Hansen said his intent was not to compel, but said the successful bidder could receive job applications and consider current employees.

Chair Hansen discussed the schedule of events. He noted the time frame for vendors to prepare bids had been changed from four weeks to three weeks. He noted that would add 28 days to vendor mobilization. Mr. Martin said staff was most worried about adequate mobilization time. He said the bid could be compromised if vendors did not feel enough time had been added for mobilization. Chair Hansen said an issue of concern was the resolution's proposed exemption from Council approval. He said the Council would want to review the RFB and asked why the Solid Waste Committee was reviewing the RFB at this meeting which he considered late in the process. Mr. Martin said the RFB had been submitted late with less time for Council consideration than usual because staff submitted exact language. He said decisions on bid make-up related to the award of the compactor and land use issues on redesign of the transfer station had been made later than staff thought, but were required elements of the bid language. He said also that staff had been extremely busy with Metro East Station issues and work related to the JGT contract that staff had not anticipated.

Chair Hansen opened a public hearing. No persons present appeared to testify and the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Ragsdale expressed concern about the bid document. He asked if the document had been circulated in draft form to the industry. He said the Council would find it difficult to approve the document with the exemption. Mr. Geyer said the draft presented at this meeting was not circulated. He said the last draft had been circulated nine months previously and modified at that time based on the comments staff had received. Councilor Ragsdale asked if the content of the document had changed. Mr. Geyer said it had due to the compactor configuration.

Councilor Ragsdale said the RFB should be publicly reviewed. Mr. Martin said it would be helpful to receive vendor comment on the RFB, but said it was not feasible at this juncture. He said an additional month in the timeline would be helpful, but did not advocate that because staff would then have to structure extension for Wastech to detail how the vendor would operate for one month in terms of transportation to St. Johns Landfill and with the new compactor.

Chair Hansen recommended staff receive feedback from vendors at pre-bid conferences and requests for addendums. He said staff could update the Committee in early November on pre-bid conferences and any addendums which would provide the opportunity for input. He said another option would be to eliminate the Solid Waste Committee's recommendation and send the resolution directly to Council for full Council consideration. Councilor Ragsdale said Council consideration could be waived and Solid Waste Committee approval only allowed. The Committee and staff discussed meeting time frames. Chair Hansen said a special meeting could be scheduled if necessary.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend the third WHEREAS of Resolution No. 89-1161 as follows: "WHEREAS, Operation services can be acquired through the issuance [of] a [the attached] Request for Bids (Exhibit 1)."

Under the same motion, Councilor Ragsdale moved to amend the third BE IT RESOLVED as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District [exempts the execution of the contract resulting from the bid process from the prior approval requirements of the Metro Code, and] authorizes the [Executive Officer] Council Solid Waste Committee to [execute] approve a contract for operation of the Metro South Station with the low, responsible, responsive bidder as determined by the bid process."

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Main Motion as Amended: Councilor Ragsdale moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1161 as amended.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: Councilors Buchanan, DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilor Wyers was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee and staff discussed issues related to the resolution further. Chair Hansen requested pre-bid conference updates from staff.

7. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1153, for the Purpose of Approving the Submission of a Revised Closure and Financial Assurance Plan for St. Johns Landfill to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing. He said this item had been held over to give North Portland residents further chance for comment.

Jim Sjulín, City of Portland Bureau of Parks, said Smith and Bybee Lakes was the largest remaining natural area with the potential to provide passive recreational use. He said he worked for the last year and a half with the Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes on a program for the Lakes. He said the Lakes area represented complicated issues because of multiple ownership and questions about the closure plan. He said the City's "E" zone had been adopted. He said the Parks Bureau had no problem with Metro's closure and financial assurance plan. He said they hoped to achieve a public park in the Smith and Bybee Lakes area. He discussed the environmental information provided by Sweet/Edwards-EMCON. He suggested review of the end use plan and said many elements of that plan were questionable. He said it should be assessed in 20 to 30 years for feasibility. He said the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Plan drafted in 1986 was impacted. He said that plan was dependent on closure of the landfill and how it was done. He discussed water augmentation. He said the Smith and Bybee Lakes Plan presented an opportunity for Metro and the City to work together. He discussed acquisition of land from willing sellers and development of amenities required for passive recreational use. The Committee and Mr. Sjulín discussed the issues further.

Councilor McFarland discussed the plastic cover proposed for the landfill and asked if the plastic cover was optional and would be subject to change. Mr. Martin said the closure plan was flexible but that Metro was subject to requirements from regulatory agencies to develop a plan to satisfy DEQ's existing statutory and regulatory requirements on closure. He said cost had had to be estimated. He said staff knew there had to be some type of cover to keep water out of the landfill. He said if a better cover was found, the plan did not limit use to the plastic cover proposed.

Councilor McFarland stated for the record there was agreement at this meeting if a cheaper cover that worked as well as the one now proposed for closure was found, the cheaper cover would be utilized. Mr. Martin agreed and again referred to DEQ requirements and said staff hoped to integrate closure into the larger public recreational need.

George Ward, 4941 S.W. 26th Drive, Portland, said Norcal intended to purchase and give to the City a 15 acre parcel on the Columbia Slough. He said at two previous meetings he had testified that a Norcal subsidiary, BMI, had pursued a sewage sludge removal contract from Bybee

Lake. He said the City Council had approved the bond for that contract. He said that source of odor would be removed and recycled. He said that would make it possible for Norcal or BMI to offer that area for wetland mitigation. He said he toured that area the date of this meeting with two Bureau of Planning representatives to discuss a hydro power study and had asked the City to consider it this date.

Chair Hansen asked Mr. Ward if he had specific language to propose for Metro's closure plan. Mr. Ward did not. The Committee and staff discussed Mr. Ward's suggestions and the closure plan further.

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1153.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Hansen and Ragsdale voted aye. Councilors Buchanan and Wyers were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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