

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1987

Room 330

Committee Members Present: Tom DeJardin, Jim Gardner,
Gary Hansen, Corky Kirkpatrick,
Sharron Kelley

Staff Present: Judith Mandt, Rich Owings,
Roosevelt Carter, Dennis
Mulvihill, Robert Newman, Gerry
Uba, Becky Crockett

Others Present: Tom Miller, Merle Irvine, Estle
Harlan, Joan Brown, James
Cozzetto, Dennis Bernhardt,
Kenneth B. Just, David Phillips

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 87-819, for the Purpose of
Approving the Recommendation of the North Portland Enhancement
Committee for the Expenditure of \$40,000 from the Rehabilita-
tion and Enhancement Fund

Councilor Hansen said the Council of October 8, 1987, approved a committee of North Portland residents, chaired by himself, to decide how the North Portland Enhancement Fund should be allocated. The committee members were selected at the beginning of 1987. Councilor Hansen said a great deal of work had been done to determine how the funds should be spent. It was decided during the budget decision process that the Committee report to the Council on its recommended enhancement projects before the funds are spent.

Councilor Hansen said 22 public meetings were held and 2,000 Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent out. As a result, 22 excellent proposals were received. Councilor Hansen said the total package of proposals covered various community concerns such as the senior and youth communities and neighborhood appearance.

Councilor Kelley asked how the proposals would be evaluated and/or approved. Councilor Hansen said contractors would be paid only after projects were successfully completed, and the Council would receive follow-up reports in March.

Don Cox, Manager of Accounting, sent Ms. Mandt a memorandum, entitled "Documentation for Payments for Rehabilitation and Enhancement Projects," summarizing the documentation necessary for payments to contractors with the stipulation that payments not be made until full documentation had been received. Councilor Hansen said the Council would ask for oral reports, but added that such items as the \$500 grant to the Kenton Neighborhood Association would not need a high level of scrutiny. "We tried to keep everything as simple as possible," he explained.

Councilor Kelley suggested if one or two projects were unusually successful, that an independent evaluation could be made, and possibly more money awarded since interest revenue was being used.

Councilor Hansen said since the Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee would be in the area observing projects in progress, they would be able to tell if projects were successful. The Boys and Girls Club will pick up litter on Lombard Avenue and business members of the community would give direct feedback.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked how the principle would be retained. Councilor Hansen said nothing would be done in a precipitous manner, but there was no initial consensus in the community on what to do with the fund which would eventually reach \$1.5 million when the landfill was closed. If the principle were retained and only interest spent, the principle could be kept as an endowment fund.

Councilor Kirkpatrick said evaluation needed to be built into the whole process and the evaluation results needed to be looked at.

Motion: Chair Gardner moved to recommend adoption to the full Council on October 21, 1987. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion.

Vote: All five Councilors present voted aye. The motion was carried unanimously and the motion was approved.

1. Consideration of Minutes of September 29, 1987

Motion: Chair Gardner moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 1987. Councilor Hansen seconded the motion.

Vote: All five Councilors present voted aye. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes were approved.

2. Status Report on the Waste Management Program

Becky Crockett, Analyst, presented the status report on the Waste Management Program. Ms. Crockett distributed a Draft Work Program document which had been adopted by the Technical and Policy Committees. Ms. Crockett said at the time of her presentation to the Committees, the schedule was on line but by the next week the timeline would fall behind schedule due to staffing problems.

Chair Gardner felt numbering of the tasks to be done implied priority. He asked to have the numerical listing removed.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked if the timeline could be shortened, saying it was a long time to spend on "elements that Metro has already spent ten years on." Chair Gardner concurred and said Metro was bringing in other jurisdictions and letting them evaluate Metro's decisions.

Ms. Crockett announced one of the citizen representatives, Linda Krugel, resigned because of time conflict. Councilor Hansen said in the future all Councilors should be informed of any changes, resignations, and/or appointments to citizen boards, including the Solid Waste Planning Technical Committee and/or Policy Committee. Other Solid Waste Committee members concurred.

3. Status Report on the Hazardous Waste Program.

Dennis Mulvihill, Waste Reduction Manager, gave a status report on the Hazardous Waste Program which Councilor Kelley had requested at the Solid Waste Committee meeting of October 6, 1987.

Mr. Mulvihill discussed the current status of the Pilot Project for Household Collection Day.

Discussion followed between Mr. Mulvihill and the Councilors about low-volume generators of hazardous waste. Councilors asked who were responsible for generators of less than 100 kilos of hazardous waste per month. Mr. Mulvihill explained there was a gap in responsibility because the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Oregon Legislature only had guidelines for generators of 100 kilos or more of hazardous waste per month. He said the Legislature had ordered Metro to take care of hazardous waste generators of less than 100 kilos per month. Mr. Mulvihill said staff was working on a disposal program and trying to get it on-line before 1988.

Chair Gardner asked how the disposal plan and treatments would be funded. Mr. Mulvihill said the funds would be taken out of the General Fund. He also said Metro needed to go back to the next legislative session and offer suggestions on funding. Chair Gardner said financing would have to eventually be clarified.

In response to a question by Chair Gardner, Mr. Mulvihill said some special waste permits Metro issued for disposal at the St. Johns Landfill involve materials which fit hazardous waste definitions. Chair Gardner asked how giving special waste permits fit with Metro's not knowingly accepting any hazardous waste. Rob Smoot, Solid Waste Engineer, explained the only hazardous waste the landfill knowingly accepts is asbestos. Metro had termed certain waste products "Special Waste" because they could be a hazardous waste in the future. Metro wanted to regulate the generators of questionable wastes because Metro did not want generators mixing special wastes with regular waste, now, or in the future.

Councilor Kelley asked how battery waste and PCB products were handled. Mr. Smoot said the public was requested to keep such waste products for Metro to collect in the spring. Mr. Mulvihill said small quantity household waste was exempt -- that there was no collection system for it. Councilor Hansen asked if it would be difficult to designate CTRC as a drop-off point for household hazardous waste. Mr. Owings said such a method was not as simple as it sounded because the system would have to be set up, wastes sorted, and personnel trained to dispose of it.

Councilors discussed the issue further. Councilor Hansen said it would be helpful to have a date set for local collection as soon as possible.

4. Consideration of a Contract for the Installation of Local Area Network (LAN) Equipment and Software

Gerry Uba, Analyst, reviewed staff's written report. Since the Solid Waste Department space would be extensively remodelled, Mr. Uba explained it made sense to install the LAN in conjunction with the remodelling and construction. Mr. Uba said the LAN would manage the databases, information resources, and computer system(s) of the department so that all staff could access the same data and be able to increase staff productivity. Mr. Uba said the Solid Waste Department had enough money in its budget for 10 computers, but were requesting the LAN to be funded by a transfer of funds from the Contingency Fund to the Information Systems Fund.

Councilor Kirkpatrick approved the LAN installation but questioned the necessity for the acquisition of 10 personal computers (PC's). She was reluctant to approve the transfer from the Contingency Fund

to Information Systems because October was early in the fiscal year. Roosevelt Carter, Operations Manager, said the computer acquisition was necessary because all the department computers were heavily used. Mr. Owings stated that staff preferred the LAN option.

Councilor Kelley agreed with Councilor Kirkpatrick's statements and said if staff were to spend Contingency Funds, staff should spend the extra funds to catch up on projects.

Chair Gardner said the LAN system made sense and recommended buying some of the computers with existing funds and purchasing the remaining computers at the end of the fiscal year.

Councilors also expressed concern at the diversity of bids offered, noting there was a gap of some \$10,000 between the low and high bids, and that staff wished to take the higher bid.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved to conditionally approve the LAN subject to sufficient justification by the staff of staff's recommended vendor; that the recommended cost of new equipment be funded out of existing appropriation for computer purchases and should additional computer equipment be needed, staff would return to the Council. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion.

Vote: All five Councilors voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Resolution No. 87-820 for the Purpose of
Complying with the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center (CTRC)
Conditional Use Permit

Chair Gardner reviewed the written report. He said the issue had been discussed September 29, 1987, and the Committee's decision had been to present it to Council recommending Metro comply with all of the conditions of its conditional use permit with Oregon City for CTRC. Several options to deal with the issue were included in the agenda package. Chair Gardner said there had been discussions with Oregon City to resolve the dispute; he hoped there would be a way to resolve the issue without going to court. Metro's General Counsel, Dan Cooper, suggested not taking any action on the resolution pending negotiations with Oregon City.

Mr. David Phillips said the issue had been discussed by the Clackamas County Solid Waste Commission the previous week. He expressed concerns about the 700 ton per day weight limit. Mr. Phillips said this limit was placed on Metro for failing to site


a facility in Washington County. He also thought that litter around CTRC was the most visible problem. Mr. Phillips presented copies of a memorandum to Chair Gardner from John Hill, Chairman of the Clackamas Solid Waste Commission. The memo asked Metro to file an appeal with the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals to have the limit overturned if negotiations did not reach a satisfactory settlement; to make no decisions on diversion of waste from CTRC until all legal remedies are exhausted; and if all legal remedies failed, that Metro pursue options for diversion that would cause the least impact on citizens and haulers of Clackamas County.

Discussion followed between the Solid Waste Committee and members of the public. Chair Gardner explained why he initially supported the recommendation that Metro comply with the limit. He said he did not support the limit because he thought it was reasonable, but that he wanted to cooperate with the "host community." Chair Gardner further said he wanted Metro to have a record of complying with conditions that had been previously agreed upon. Mr. Owings said Chair Gardner's point about credibility was admirable, but urged negotiation. Mr. Phillips added the 700 ton limit was not a condition Metro had an opportunity to negotiate; it was a condition imposed on Metro.

Chair Gardner noted Councilors Kirkpatrick, Kelley, and Hansen had left the meeting and there was no quorum present. The decision was made, pending further discussions in the next week, to set over consideration of the Resolution to an unspecified date.

Chair Gardner then adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paulette Allen", followed by a horizontal flourish line.

Paulette Allen, Clerk