

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

October 20, 1988

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Gary Hansen (Chair), Jim Gardner (V. Chair), Corky Kirkpatrick and Sharron Kelley

Committee Member Absent: Mike Ragsdale

Also Present: Executive Officer Rena Cusma and General Counsel Dan Cooper

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

1. Introduction by Committee Chair

Chair Hansen said the purpose of this meeting was to review Metro legislative bills to be introduced at the Oregon State Legislature.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-1002, for the Purpose of Supporting Proposed Solid Waste Bills and Concepts for 1989 Legislative Session

Chair Hansen opened the public hearing.

Estle Harlan, said she represented the Tri-County Council of the five solid waste associations in Portland.

Ms. Harlan supported proposed legislation to stop payment to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for reimbursement to site Bacona Road. She noted DEQ would stop collection of the funds June 30, 1989, and said funds should be used for a reduction in rates or otherwise properly administered.

Ms. Harlan said the industry did not care for mitigation fees, but understood fees were necessary. She said it was good Metro would regulate how and from whom mitigation fees would be collected. She said it was not appropriate for DEQ to administer mitigation fees.

On the final bill, Ms. Harlan said the Tri-County Council supported the need to identify the need for limited purpose landfill capacity and provide a definition in state statutes. She said after the Killingsworth Landfill closed, there would be no other limited purpose landfills available.

No one else appeared to testify and Chair Hansen closed the public hearing.

Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, said Ms. Harlan summarized the issues well.

Councilor Gardner said the bill was not clear whether Metro would be the agency to disburse funds. He said it was clear Metro would collect them and for what purpose. He said it should be clarified Metro would make decisions on fees.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, said an earlier draft of the bill said "shall be collected and disbursed by the District" on the third line of Section 4. He said the words could be reinstated.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to include the language stated above in the bill to be introduced at the Oregon State Legislature on externally imposed tipping fee surcharges.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Kelley and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Kirkpatrick and Ragsdale were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Gardner asked if it would be appropriate to seek an independent audit to verify if funds were spent properly. Mr. McMurdo said a resolution could be drafted for that purpose.

Chair Hansen asked Bob Martin, Acting Director of Solid Waste, how much funds up to this date had been spent for Bacon Road. Mr. Martin said it would be possible to submit the exact costs up to this date.

Mr. McMurdo said Ms. Harlan's suggestion that a date certain be stipulated for limited purpose landfill standards was a good one. Mr. Martin said the Killingsworth landfill would close next spring and endorsed that suggestion as well. Councilor Kelley asked if it would be possible to site any other limited purpose landfills.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to insert a date certain in Section 3 to specify, "The Commission shall adopt rules specifying standards for limited purpose landfills not later than July 1, 1990.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Kelley and Hansen voted aye. Councilors Kirkpatrick and Ragsdale were absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Chair Hansen asked about legislation on plastics recycling. Mr. McMurdo said there were two bills. He said the bill prepared by Metro was superior, but that Senator Cease would introduce a similar bill. He said the introduction of a bill at the State Legislature was expensive, so the Metro bill had been withdrawn, in view of the similarities between the two.

Chair Hansen discussed a repeal of DEQ's recycling review authority. He said their recycling review authority wasted both DEQ's and Metro's resources.

Mr. Martin did not think DEQ's recycling review authority could be repealed. Councilor Kelley noted if Senator Otto's legislation to give Metro its own charter passed, Metro would not be dependent on any other jurisdictions. Mr. McMurdo said the proposed charter would be voted upon statewide, but would only affect residents within the District, and so would be unlikely to succeed.

Chair Hansen said a central solid waste authority should be established. He said with various jurisdictions exercising their authority, there was duplication and confusion. He said there should be a move towards streamlining the authority, even it did not necessarily remain in Metro's hands.

Mr. McMurdo said Metro could establish an interim committee to look into such a possibility. He said Metro would have to fund the research into such an option.

Main Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend the full Council adopt Resolution No. 88-1002.

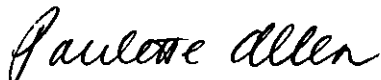
Vote on Main Motion: Councilors Gardner, Kelley, Kirkpatrick and Hansen voted aye. Councilor Ragsdale was absent. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked what other projects staff had in addition to the legislation covered by Resolution No. 88-1001. Mr. McMurdo referred to the memorandum he distributed at the October 4, 1988, meeting.

Chair Hansen said he discussed with Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Manager, a special meeting with plastics recyclers present to discuss short-term programs to be included in next year's budget and possible legislation.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk
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