

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

June 20, 1985

Committee Members Present: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner,
Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen and
Hansen (alternate)

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Cooper

Staff Present: Don Carlson, Jennifer Sims, Dan Durig,
Norm Wietting, Dennis Mulvihill, Steve
McCusker, Ed Stuhr, Ray Barker

Chairman Van Bergen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved the minutes of May 16 and
May 23, 1985, be approved. Councilor Gardner seconded
the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner and Van Bergen

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Hansen

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 85-578, for the Purpose of
Amending the Bylaws of the Solid Waste Policy Alternatives
Committee (SWPAC)

Ray Barker reviewed the Management Committee's role in the proposed reorganization of SWPAC. He reported the following proposed amendments to the bylaws had been reviewed by SWPAC and were incorporated into the proposed Resolution: 1) changing the name of the Committee to the Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee; 2) increasing the number of citizens on the Committee from four to eight; decreasing the number of solid waste industry representatives from six to four; 3) revising the Committee purpose to more clearly reflect the Council's desire to have more citizen participation and greater communication regarding solid waste issues; and 4) removing references to the obsolete Regional Services Committee.

Councilor Gardner added the major goal in reorganizing the Committee was to increase the opportunity for a citizen voice and the proposed

changes in the bylaws would provide a representative balance among industry, elected officials and citizens. At the same time, he said, it was important not to increase the size of the Committee and, therefore, the number of industry representatives were proposed to be reduced. Councilor Gardner saw the Committee taking a more active role in the Solid Waste Management Plan review process and in communicating Metro's solid waste programs to the region.

Councilor Gardner reported he had considered the idea of merging the Rate Review Committee (RRC) with SWPAC. However, of specific requirements for RRC membership, he thought this would severely limit membership possibilities for SWPAC citizen members. He also questioned whether the unique tasks of RRC would pose a conflict of interest when rate matters were reviewed by SWPAC. In conclusion, Councilor Gardner said he did not think it feasible to merge the two committees.

Jack Deines of Deines Bros., P. O. Box 68508, Portland, Oregon, addressed the Management Committee regarding the proposed reduction of industry representatives on SWPAC. He said the garbage industry paid out about \$3 million a year to support Metro. He questioned the wisdom of reorganizing SWPAC because it would mean educating a new body about solid waste issues at the expense of the public. He said haulers paid approximately \$4 per to Metro to finance past mistakes, to keep staff on line and to support general government. The product of this expense was the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center and an expanded St. Johns Landfill. Mr. Deines did not think the product was a good return on the dollars contributed.

Mr. Deines urged industry representation on SWPAC not be reduced because the industry was Metro's best customer and because all of Metro's solid waste decisions affected the industry. He questioned whether more citizen involvement would be effective in light that few citizens had attended past SWPAC meetings. He did not think adding more citizens to the Committee would contribute to educating the public about solid waste. Also, Mr. Deines explained Metro had asked for cooperation from haulers in the past when support for policy decisions was needed. Haulers would be more likely to lend support if they were fairly represented on SWPAC, he said.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked Mr. Deines how he would restructure SWPAC to make it more effective. Mr. Deines said he would change what he perceived to be an adversary relationship between staff and SWPAC into one of cooperation. He emphasized that staff needed to seek the advice of SWPAC members during the initial planning stages - not after policy decisions were made.

Councilor Van Bergen reviewed the options before the Management Committee: 1) Resolution No. 85-578 could appear on the Council's June 27 Consent Agenda and citizens could address the Council on the matter; 2) the Resolution could appear on the regular agenda, the Council would discuss the issues and citizens could speak before the Council; or 3) the Management Committee could delay consideration of the Resolution in order to gather more information. He asked the Committee which option it would prefer.

Councilor Gardner explained he and staff had already sought input from the hauling industry and other parties on the issue. He agreed the industry was Metro's direct customer but he also thought citizens were indirect customers. As such, citizens had a voice on SWPAC. He explained perhaps some Councilors didn't place enough weight on SWPAC's recommendations because it was perceived SWPAC expressed only the industry's point of view. If SWPAC were reorganized, he hoped it would be given more credibility by the Council.

Mr. Deines again asserted that SWPAC would be given more credibility only when the staff-committee relationship improved.

Councilor DeJardin agreed the staff-committee relationship was a problem and this Resolution would help to resolve that problem. He saw the reorganization as a means to involve informed citizens who would have expertise and could contribute innovative solutions to solid waste disposal problems. This, he said, would strengthen and enhance the industry's contribution.

Mr. Deines explained the industry continued to pay all of Metro's bills and he did not see revenue coming from other sources. Therefore, Metro would be well served to seek the industry's advice. Regarding innovative solutions, Mr. Deines advised Metro to do everything possible to keep disposal costs down. He did not think most forms of alternative technology would achieve this goal.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved to recommend the approval of Resolution No. 85-578. Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Councilor Kirkpatrick explained she made the motion to strengthen the effectiveness of SWPAC. She did not think industry representation would suffer as a result of SWPAC's reorganization and industry representatives would continue to address SWPAC and the Council regarding their concerns and ideas.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick and Hansen

Nay: Councilor Van Bergen

Absent: Councilor Cooper

The motion carried.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked if staff thought the Rate Review Committee (RRC) was helpful. Mr. Durig said that because of the quality of the people serving on RRC, their help was very beneficial. He thought the committee's value would increase as the Council engaged in more discussions about solid waste rate issues.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved the Rate Review Committee continue as a separate committee from SWPAC and two SWPAC citizen members be appointed to serve on the RRC as liaisons between the two committees. Councilor DeJardin seconded the motion.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen's question, Councilor Kirkpatrick said it might be appropriate to consider this as a separate resolution to be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting.

Councilor Gardner agreed the SWPAC/RRC relationship was a separate issue but said Councilor Kirkpatrick's motion could be implemented by a simple change in the SWPAC bylaws.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if it were possible to amend the bylaws and include Councilor Kirkpatrick's suggested amendments in Resolution No. 85-578 for Council consideration on June 27. After discussion, it was agreed staff would amend the bylaws to include Councilor Kirkpatrick's suggestion if her motion was approved.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen and Hansen

Absent: Councilor Cooper

The motion carried. Resolution No. 85,578 and the SWPAC bylaws would be amended for Council Consideration on June 27.

3. Consideration of an Amendment to the Contract with Ward Rugh, Inc. to Provide Timothy Hay to the Zoo

Steve McCusker requested the contract extension and explained the Zoo had been very satisfied with the quality of product Ward Rugh had been providing.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved the contract amendment be approved. Councilor DeJardin seconded the motion.

In response to Councilor Gardner's question, Mr. McCusker said the supplier delivered about 20 to 22 tons of hay every 6 to 7 weeks.

Because the total amended contract sum would exceed \$50,000, Councilor Kirkpatrick asked why the amendment was not be approved by the Council. Mr. Stuhr answered the Management Committee could approve contract amendments of any size as long as the original contract sum did not exceed \$50,000.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen and Hansen

Absent: Councilor Cooper

The motion carried and the contract amendment was approved.

4. Consideration of Contracts for Workers' Compensation and Employee Health Benefits

Jennifer Sims reported staff was recommending that current contractual arrangements with S.A.I.F., Kaiser and Great West Insurance be continued. Comparisons were made with other coverages offered.

She recommended continuation of the retrospective plan for workers' compensation coverage which provided for determining premiums based on actual losses. This provided an incentive to implement safety programs and had resulted in considerable savings to Metro, she said.

In response to Councilor Kirkpatrick's question, Ms. Sims said the amount of savings realized from the workers' compensation fund were too small to be carried over as a fund balance line item in the budget.

Regarding health insurance benefits, Ms. Sims reported Great-West had not increased the amount of its plan over last year. Kaiser, however, had increased its costs 5.9 percent over last year but the total costs remained much below that of Great-West's.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved the employee benefit contracts be approved and Councilor DeJardin seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen
and Hansen

Absent: Councilor Cooper

The motion carried and the three contracts were approved.

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 85-579, for the Purpose of
Amending the Metro Pay and Classification Plans (Facilities
Supervisor and Senior Gatehouse Attendant)

Mr. Durig reported as a result of emphasis on operations of disposal facilities and because of the large volume of cash processed at these facilities, it was being recommended that supervisory positions in these areas be upgraded.

Responding to Councilor Kirkpatrick's question, Ms. Sims said when considering reclassifications, the positions were compared with similar jobs, particularly at the Zoo, and were rated according to specific criteria. Mr. Durig said he was confident the proposed reclassifications were appropriate.

Councilor Hansen requested staff provide information about proposed salary ranges along with job descriptions for the June 27 Council meeting.

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved to Adopt Resolution No. 85-579 and to amend the first paragraph of the Resolution as follows: "WHEREAS, Metro operates (is or will be involved in the operation of various) solid waste facilities. . ." Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Councilor Van Bergen questioned whether the scope of responsibilities for the proposed Facilities Manager position were too great. Mr. Durig said staff had initially expressed similar concerns but it was determined to try the new arrangement and make adjustments later if needed.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen
and Hansen

Absent: Councilor Cooper

The motion carried and the Resoliton was approved as amended.

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There being no further business, Chairman Van Bergen adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Marie Nelson".

A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council

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