

SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PLASTICS RECYCLING TASK FORCE OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

December 19, 1988

Room 240

Members Present: Corky Kirkpatrick, Scott Ashcom and Bruce Holser

Members Absent: Jerry Herrmann and Lissa Wienholt

Also Present: Ray Barker

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members present discussed Lissa Wienholt's memorandum "Reclaimed Plastic Product Tax Credit" dated November 16, 1988. Attached to the memorandum was proposed legislative language, "Reclaimed Plastic Product Tax Credit." Those present discussed the four issues mandated within the tax credit: 1) Capital investment; 2) Qualifying business; 3) Reclaimed plastic; and 4) Reclaimed plastic product. Councilor Kirkpatrick said conclusions reached at this meeting would be presented at the January 3 Plastics Recycling Task Force meeting.

The group agreed the definition of capital investment should include recyclers and transporters. Bruce Holser said collectors were perceived as recyclers and that collection, processing and reproducing were equally important. Scott Ashcom said the definition of plastic should be changed in Senate Bill 405. The group agreed the definitions post-industrial consumer, post-commercial consumer, and post-consumer consumer would further clarify who could be considered eligible for capital investment. Councilor Kirkpatrick specified capital or property investment would mean the amount of money used to construct necessary equipment to collect, transport or process or manufacture. The group discussed tax credits in reference to non-profit institutions.

The group discussed No. 3, Reclaimed plastic, which specified plastic had to originate within Oregon. Mr. Holser said legislation could re-manufacture because plastic could originate anywhere.

Members present discussed No. 1 further. Councilor Kirkpatrick said a definition could be added, "Capital or property investment means the amount of money used to construct equipment necessary to collect, transport or process or manufacture." Members present agreed to add the word "re-manufacture" to No. 2 to include reproducers of plastic. It was decided to eliminate "Oregon" from No. 2 so that non-Oregon businesses would not receive a tax credit. This led to the question what would happen if plastic originated in Oregon left the state to be recycled. Members present agreed the tax credit legislation would encourage potential businesses to settle in Oregon.

Members present discussed at length No. 4 Reclaimed plastic product. It was decided to leave No. 4 as it was because it encouraged

recycling.

The group then discussed when the proposed legislation would sunset after being resubmitted with new language. Ray Barker, Council Analyst, asked if the legislation was yet tested. Councilor Kirkpatrick said the bill could sunset July 1995 and there would be time for sufficient testing. The group agreed to wait till the Task Force reconvened to discuss a plastic definition. Councilor Kirkpatrick asked copies of Senate Bill 405 be distributed at the next Task Force meeting. Mr. Ashcom said at that meeting, Task Force members should be appraised of what the Oregon Recycling Council was doing with these issues.

Mr. Holser noted in the Plastic Recycling Task Force minutes of November 28, 1988, some statements were incorrectly attributed to the wrong Task Force members. The corrections were duly noted and the minutes were collected for the record.

Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Clerk
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