

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Monday, January 22, 2001
Solid Waste Management Center, 1201 Second Street

Chairperson Kristine Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call:
Present: Balsley, Becker, Johnson, Maguire, Schild, Sprague,
Absent: Lerner.
Members of the Public: Garth Schultz, Joe Smith, Dave Williamson
Staff: Tom Farrell, Tania Levy
2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 20, 2000 Meeting.
It was MSC Sprague/Schild to approve the minutes of the November 20 meeting. The vote was 6/0/0.
4. Cash for Trash Contest
Dave Williamson, Operations Manager of the Ecology Center Recycling Program described the Cash for Trash Contest. The contest was covered by 14 major newspapers and API and CNN wire services. Commissioners reviewed the bilingual brochure that will be sent to all residents of 1-9 units.
5. Budget
The Budget process is in early stages, and the Public Works Administration has received but not yet reviewed Division proposals. Changes in activity under consideration were discussed. Results of the Departmental review will be presented at the February meeting of the Commission.
6. EPA ISO14000 Policy
The Division needs an Environmental Policy Statement as part of the ISO14000 project. The Division's draft policy was included in the Commission Agenda packet. In addition to adopting Division policy, Commissioners invited other City commissions to review and co-sponsor before recommending it as citywide policy. It was M/S/C Balsley/Maguire that staff prepare a letter for the Commission Chair's signature to the Public Works, Environmental and Energy commissions, asking them to endorse or make recommendations for improvement of the policy, and to return it to the Commission by March 6th. The vote was 6/0/0. It was further M/S/C Becker/Schild that the Solid Waste Management Commission endorse the Environmental Policy, as presented. The vote was 6/0/0
7. Neighborhood Cleanup Services
The Commission discussed fundamental aspects of the Neighborhood Cleanup, including plant debris collection, limiting collection to bulky items, and multi family buildings. Staff distributed charts showing the amount of material collected in each of the ten areas and the amount per parcel in each area. Rod Becker distributed information on bulky pickup programs in cities around the country. Clear limits, strict enforcement, and more

education of residents are needed about this program and about year-round disposal options. Commissioners formed a sub-committee to propose an improved bulky-cleanup format.

8. Excess Trash Collection Policy

Commissioners discussed the key components of a draft Excess Trash Collection policy distributed by staff. The policy provides clear and consistent rules for the collection crew and for customers. Staff will present the finished policy at the February meeting.

9. Public Education Plan

Staff distributed a chart showing public education actions planned for 2001, 2002 and 2003, and the costs of each. The program includes updating brochures, adding refuse collection brochures, packets for new residents and businesses, and publishing 3 newsletters per year.

10. Staff Updates

The Recycling Program Manager position will be advertised in early February. A Commissioner will be on the interview panel. Commissioners are invited to the Budget workshop to be held January 30 and the Commissioner workshop on March 6. The Public Works Department was awarded accreditation by the American Public Works Association. with commendation on the Recycling, Composting and Load checking programs. Commission agendas, minutes and meeting schedules are posted on the City's web site.

11. Election of Officers

The election was re-scheduled to the February meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items, and meeting days for 2001

Future agenda items include the Environmental Management Policy (March), Subcommittee on Neighborhood Cleanup, Excess Trash Policy, Budget Update, and status of the 50% waste reduction goal. A list of meeting days was distributed.

13. Adjournment

It was MSC Balsley/Sprague to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.