

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, April 23

Chairman Rod Becker called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Present: Balsley, Becker, Johnson, Lerner, Maguire, Schultz, Sprague.
Staff: Tom Farrell, Tania Levy. Members of the Public: None.

2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the March 26 Minutes: It was MSC Lerner/Sprague to approve the minutes with the correction that Commissioner Maguire (not Sprague) had abstained from approval of minutes of the February 26 meeting. The vote was 7/0/0

4. Neighborhood Bulky Clean up: Commissioners discussed the mailer and made suggestions and corrections. Changes to the program in response to the Sub-committee's recommendations include expansion to 9 units at discretion of building owners, reducing the acceptable amount to 3 yards, and emphasizing material that cannot be collected in regular trash service.

5. Fee Schedule: Staff described the fee changes and new services they are proposing to Council for FY 2002. These include an overall Cost-of-living increase of 3% to cover increased labor and landfill disposal costs, providing 20 gallon "mini-carts", reducing bin rental rates, and providing a 20% fee reduction for commercial collection of separated compostable material. It was MSC Lerner/Sprague to recommend to Council to accept the proposed revised rates. The vote was 7/0/0.

6. Customer Service Unit Changes: The move of Customer Service staff to the Finance Department location was postponed to 5/11/01 because the new phones have not been installed. Customers will not notice a difference because the same phone numbers will be used and the same people will be working. There are written procedures and flow charts to help customer service and operations staff communicate effectively. Commissioners requested an update in 6 weeks.

7. Commission Advocate Proposal: Commissioners reviewed the proposal and the City Manager's comments. It was MSC Sprague/Johnson that the Commission take no action. The vote was 7/0/0.

8. Electronics Recycling: Federal regulations ban televisions and monitors from the landfill, because their glass contains lead. The Household Hazardous Waste facilities do not accept them. At least two local companies recycle them. The SWMD is setting them aside at the transfer station and is temporarily delivering them to Davis Street Transfer Station for recycling, while staff researches other options. Commissioners discussed how businesses and institutions handle their computer discards.

9. Commission Business: The Chairman reminded members to turn in their conflict-of-interest forms.

10. Staff Updates: Posters and maps for the Citywide Garage Sale are at City libraries, recreation centers and senior centers, and on the web. The Ecology Center's biodiesel fuel is attracting positive press attention. The Earth Day booth was successful, and 68% of the trash generated was recycled or composted.

11. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Days: The next meeting will be May 21 because the fourth Monday is Memorial Day. Agenda items include the budget, electronics recycling, customer service status, and a tour of the transfer station at 7:00.

12. Adjourn: It was MSC Maguire/Balsley to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. The vote was 7/0/0.