

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AUGUST 28, 2013**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Vic Nussbaum, Vice Chair
Tony Davies
Bob Mays
Tom Phillips
Bob Davis
Godfrey Uzochukwu
Raymond Trapp

Staff Present

Gail Hay
Jason Jernigan
Sheldon Smith
Dale Wyrick
Nancy Lindemeyer

Kay Brandon was excused from the meeting. Council members Nancy Vaughan and Jim Kee were not in attendance.

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room.

Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves as there were some new members at this meeting.

Approval of minutes of July 24, 2013 meeting

Mr. Phillips moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Board acclaimed the minutes approved.

Robert's Rules of Order

Chair Taylor presented a copy of Robert's Rules of Order for the members to review and for reference materials at future meetings. After a short discussion, the Commission agreed to operate under Robert's Rules of Order.

Election of Vice Chair

Mr. Phillips nominated Vic Nussbaum to serve as Vice Chair to the Commission, seconded by Mr. Mays. The nomination was unanimously upheld.

White Street Landfill Industrial Development Update

Bob Mays stated that there is an 80-page report that has been created to address prime industrial development for the future in and around the landfill. This project began in March and should be ready for submittal at the next meeting. The study identifies large tracts of property near the landfill. There are more than 100 acres owned by one or two individuals. There is currently a 1,500 acre tract available around the landfill and there are a couple hundred acres that have not been used for active landfilling that may be useful. This property is being used for borrow dirt and that is in addition to the 1,500 acres that are adjacent to the landfill. A planner has been brought in from Durham and suggested that this land be looked at as someone would look at it driving on the new Outer Loop coming into the City.

Bob Mays proposed that a subcommittee look at the opportunities of the White Street area including development, technology, the notion of a pilot project and the possibilities presented by having access to this property to add value and generate income. The study is nearing completion and should be completed within the next two weeks and will be presented to City Council's Economic Development Committee.

Methane Gas Update

Chair Taylor asked for an update on methane gas. Dale Wyrick stated that the City received three proposals, none of which were extremely lucrative or exciting to the City. Staff is now asking clarifying questions of the companies that sent proposals, to obtain further information. Staff is also looking at potential end-users currently using the methane at the White Oak denim plant and the Osborne Wastewater Treatment plant.

Tony Davies stated that he feels a subcommittee would be very helpful in this effort. Chair Taylor echoed Mr. Davies suggestion and asked that members consider serving on the subcommittees. Bob Davis stated that since he and Kay Brandon live around the White Street Landfill area, they would like to be included on a subcommittee.

Draft Policy for Vendor Presentations

Dale Wyrick provided a draft policy for vendor presentations to Commission members for their review, discussion and suggestions.

Chair Taylor asked that Commission members review the draft and bring any further thoughts on it to the next meeting. Bob Davis suggested that there be a time limit on the presentations for each proposed vendor. He also suggested that preliminary information be made available to Commission members before the meeting to give them an opportunity to review prior to the meeting.

Review of the Final Report Recommendations from the 2012 WM&R Task Force

Chair Taylor stated that in an effort to save time, this item be addressed at the September meeting to allow members to bring that information with them.

Comments or New Business from Commissioners

Dr. Uzo stated that he would like to see the public educated about our global climate and would welcome an expert attending the meetings in the future and bringing forward pertinent information and study results.

Old Business

Tom Phillips asked about the possibility of City of Greensboro e-mail addresses for Commission members. Dale Wyrick stated that there will not be an opportunity for members to have an e-mail address through the City’s internet base. He suggested that each member establish “gmail” or other accounts that would be used specifically for business by the Commission. Commissioners are asked to let Nancy Lindemeyer know when an account has been established for this use.

Dale Wyrick announced that Jason Jernigan has been chosen as the Waste Management Manager. He offered his congratulations.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the 401 Patton Avenue Training Conference Room location.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mark Taylor, Chair
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