

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 2014**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Kay Brandon
Bob Davis
Bob Mays
Ray Trapp
Mary Louise Smith

Staff Present

Dale Wyrick
Chris Marriott
Jason Jernigan
Nancy Lindemeyer
Alex Arnett

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Council members Marikay Abuzuaiter and Jamal Fox attended the meeting. Tony Davies, Tom Phillips and Godfrey Uzochukwu were excused.

Chair Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests in attendance included Mary McClellan with ReCommunity, Stan Joseph with Waste Management of the Carolinas, and Tracy Nestor, Republic Services.

Chair Taylor asked that those in attendance introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes of June 10, 2014 meeting

Chair Taylor stated that the June minutes were approved by acclamation with the changes requested by Bob Davis. Nancy Lindemeyer stated that those changes would be made to the June minutes.

Staff Updates

Old Business

- i. **Commission discussion of staff recommendation for extensions of Solid Waste Hauling & Disposal contracts.**

Dale Wyrick stated that there has been some discussion regarding the opening of the landfill in Randolph County around the October 15th timeframe, which also coincides with the expiration dates of the initial term for both the hauling and disposal contracts. Staff feels it would be wise to go ahead and exercise at least one of the two remaining 1-year extensions on both the hauling and disposal contracts. Pending discussion and subsequent approval, he would then bring the recommendation to City Council. That gives them time to have a competitive bid process for both contracts during the 2015 calendar year.

Bob Mays asked if staff would also give an update on the other options. Dale Wyrick stated that he would reach out to the people in Randolph County to see if there are any changes regarding the timeframe. Once that is confirmed, he would let Council know about the process that is likely to happen. Bob Mays suggested that Council should also know that there has been dialogue with Winston-Salem and other alternatives.

Mr. Mays moved to recommend extension by one year the hauling contract with Hilco and the disposal contract with Republic Services to the City Council, seconded by Ms. Brandon. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ii. Commission discussion of relocation of old MSW landfill material to Phase 3 of the White Street Landfill

Dale Wyrick reported that there have been several public meetings held with the Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro and the CEEJ to discuss the Cone-Nealtown roadway extension project. At the request of Councilman Fox there will be an additional meeting on August 20th to allow another opportunity for residents to be heard. Approximately 350 postcards were mailed out to local area residents with notification of the meetings, 40 of which were returned as undeliverable. Councilman Fox pointed out that there are certainly people who are for it as well as some against it.

Chair Taylor pointed out that the benefits of the idea of moving the old waste to the White Street Landfill seemed straightforward - it is a short haul distance with minimal exposure and cost savings. He wanted to know what the primary drawbacks and concerns to the proposal were. Dale Wyrick stated that there is distrust for anything going into White Street. Some people have said that they do not trust the City on this. If they allow this to happen, there is the possibility that the City will re-open the White Street Landfill and there will again be MSW disposal at the site. Dale is trying to assure

the public that that is not the case and Jamal Fox has suggested drawing a “contract” that alleviates these concerns, stating that the White Street Landfill would not be used except in the case of an emergency situation. He wants to be very careful with any sort of “contract” and make sure it would convey the true nature of the issue.

Chair Taylor asked about the traffic issues and asked if that had been mentioned as a concern. Dale Wyrick stated that he has not gotten a sense that that was an issue. He did point out that the awkward piece of this is there are people from White Street that are in favor of it, but hesitate to speak up. Jamal Fox stated that they still have not heard from the people in Nealtown where the T-intersection is located.

Bob Davis stated that he felt the vote was fairly close at the CEEJ meeting and that positive emails were sent out afterwards.

Bob Davis stated that he feels it would help to take some pictures of the different types of trucks that would be using the roadway because in his conversations, they are not concerned about the regular-sized dump trucks; they are concerned about the double tractor trailers. Dale Wyrick stated they would be happy to do that and felt that was a good suggestion.

Dale Wyrick stated that staff also has not said anything about the number of borings that were done on the property and he feels that if the people knew about the precautionary borings that were done, they may feel more at ease.

Kay Brandon stated that she felt that the Health Report that came from the State is very misleading. At the time the report was done - around 2009 – Council had asked the Health Department to be part of a report on whether there was a higher incidence of cancer in the area around White Street. The final report was not done in a scientific manner and basically stated that there was no connection between the landfill and incidences of cancer. The report found a high incidence of pancreatic cancer and blamed that on the fact that African-Americans have a high incidence of pancreatic cancer. However, the results were higher with this group than with another group of African-Americans. The report was not very clear about the clinical studies done to make these conclusions.

Chair Taylor suggested that discussions continue on this issue after the August 20 meeting and it be deferred to next month’s meeting. He would prefer to have all 9

members present if there is to be a vote on a recommendation to Council regarding this matter.

Dale Wyrick stated that the next public hearing would be held at Peeler Recreation Center at 7:00 on Wednesday, August 20th, in case any of the Commission members wish to attend.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Work Group Reports

Work Group A

Bob Mays stated that they have had meetings to discuss the Cone-Nealtown roadway extension project waste relocation and he said the results of the meetings are the presentation that was previously given by Dale and Chris because that was what they reviewed. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet due to summer vacations. The Work Group plans to talk with Dale about HDR and any technical help they can provide regarding post-closure uses. More information will be available in the next few weeks about their schedule. Chair Taylor asked that he be kept informed of the meeting so that he and others might attend.

Work Group B1

Mark Taylor stated that there has been no activity since their last meeting. They met with MEMIOS and moved that forward to staff for further consideration. Dale Wyrick stated that he and Chris met with MEMIOS and asked them to submit a proposal that spells out what they need from the City. Staff was asked to provide the ancillary building footprint. No proposal has been received from them to date. As soon as staff receives a proposal or more information, Dale will bring it to the Commission members.

Work Group #3

No report today (Tom Phillips absent).

Work Group C2 – Recycling and Reduction Strategies

Bob Davis stated that there is no report today.

Other New Business

None.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair
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