

**MINUTES OF THE  
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

**Members Present**

Mark Taylor, Chair  
Tony Davies  
Bob Davis  
Bob Mays  
Tom Phillips  
Mary Louise Smith

**Staff Present**

Dale Wyrick  
Chris Marriott  
Nancy Lindemeyer  
Sheldon Smith  
Alex Arnett

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Kay Brandon and Godfrey Uzochukwu were excused.

Chair Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests in attendance included Mary McClellan with ReCommunity and Tracy Nestor with Republic.

**Approval of minutes of November 18, 2014 meeting**

The September minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Old Business**

- i. Commission discussion of relocation of old MSW landfill material to Phase III of the White Street Landfill.**

Dale Wyrick summarized the Resolution supporting relocation of a portion of the unnamed landfill. He stated that, after holding 3 community meetings, staff recommends relocating the old MSW landfill material to Phase III of the White Street Landfill.

Mark Taylor noted that this is not the E.H. Glass landfill. Tom Phillips stated that he cannot support the Resolution due to the addition of enhancements to Nealtown Road. He thinks the enhancements are a valid issue, but not one that belongs within the bounds of the SWMC. He believes it is a GDOT issue.

Mark Taylor stated that he thinks that the enhancements are not uncommon in solid waste negotiations so he supports them. Bob Davis moved the resolution and Bob Mays seconded. The Resolution passed with 4 yes votes and 1 yes vote by proxy for Kay Brandon. Tom Phillips voted no. Bob Mays asked about the roadway construction start date and Dale Wyrick stated that, due to some land purchasing issues, the fall letting date has been postponed.

### **Other Old Business**

Tom Phillips asked about the status of the MEMIOS waste-to-energy project at the Transfer Station. Dale Wyrick stated that the city is waiting on MEMIOS to provide a proposal for the project.

Dale Wyrick advised the SWMC members that the City Council was informed of staff's recommendation to exercise 1-year extensions for the disposal and hauling of solid waste with Republic and Hilco for October 16, 2015 to October 15, 2016. Dale will email the information to the SWMC.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Recycle Rebrand Materials**

Alex Arnett presented the new recycling education materials. The materials feature the slogan "Recycle First. It Matters." and simplifies the types of recycling materials with a Paper, Plastic, Metal, Glass color-coded motif. He stated that the new materials are being mailed to residents, inserted in water bills, made into posters and guides, put on the city's website, made into a video and ad, along with billboards and recycling truck signs. The campaign also features a new recycling app that people can use to type in items to see if they are recyclable or not.

Bob Mays suggested that the materials be presented at a Council briefing or in a news conference.

## **b. Work Group Reports**

### ***Recycling and Reduction Strategies Work Group***

Bob Davis provided an update from this group. The update stated that the group supports the findings of the Recycling Program assessment. Specifically, he noted that the work group supports increased code enforcement and technology and detailed the reasons why they did not support the WasteZero proposal.

Mark Taylor suggested that staff draft a resolution in support of the assessment recommendations.

### ***White Street Landfill Utilization Work Group***

Bob Mays stated that this group did not meet, however they want to hold a public meeting to get feedback for ideas to explore next year and look at potential landfill uses.

### ***MSW Disposal Strategies – Regional Collaboration***

Tom Phillips stated that staff and HDR created a report on regional collaboration between the City and the Forsyth County Utilities Commission. He reviewed a summary from the report that included there may be an opportunity for cooperation between Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Forsyth County regarding Household Hazardous Waste and yard waste disposal. Staff will send a copy of the report to the Commission.

### ***MSW Disposal Strategies – MSW Alternative Facilities Development***

Mark Taylor stated much of this work group's efforts were spent evaluating the MEMIOS concept for a proposed scalable waste-to-energy facility at the City's transfer station. To date, staff has not yet received a requested proposal from MEMIOS on this project.

## **Other New Business**

Mark Taylor stated that the Commission will need to submit an Annual Report and 2015 Work Plan to City Council in December. He suggested that the Commission use its December 9 meeting to brainstorm the Work Plan. The four work groups can work together to develop the plan at that time.

There was no other new business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Taylor, Chair  
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