

**MINUTES OF THE  
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

**Members Present**

Mark Taylor, Chair  
Kay Brandon  
Bob Mays  
Mary Louise Smith  
Godfrey Uzochukwu

**Staff Present**

Dale Wyrick  
Chris Marriott  
Nancy Lindemeyer  
Alex Arnett  
Sheldon Smith

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Council members Marikay Abuzuaiter and Jamal Fox attended the meeting. Tony Davies and Bob Davis were excused. Mary McClellan with ReCommunity was a guest at the meeting.

Chair Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Tom Phillips has resigned from the Commission effective immediately. Chair Taylor will draft a thank you to send to Tom and Council member Matheny will appoint a replacement.

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

Chair Taylor stated that the November minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Old Business**

**a. Staff Updates**

Chair Taylor asked Dale Wyrick to draft a resolution for the Commission in support of the recommendations of the Recycling Program Assessment (see SWMC Resolution Draft attachment).

Chair Taylor also requested an update on MEMIOS. Dale stated that he met with MEMIOS and they informed him that their cost-analysis figures were not as profitable as they had planned. They are looking for potential partnering opportunities and/or grants to help fund the project, however, not much progress has been made.

## **b. 2014 Annual Report based on Work Group Annual Reports**

Chair Taylor stated that he had received the Annual Report from the Recycling Work Group and requested that other work groups get their reports to him by December 15. He will compile a draft annual report and send it to the Commission for review and comment.

### **Other Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Work Group Discussion and Outline of 2015 Work Plan**

Chair Taylor suggested the Commission members brainstorm met and unmet goals for 2015. Members discussed and agreed to the following:

- A. White Street Landfill Utilization & Post-closure Strategies (Bob Mays)
  - 1. Research options for the alternative utilization of the White Street Landfill.
  
- B. MSW Disposal Strategies (Mark Taylor)
  - 1. Continue study of a MSW facility owned and operated by the City of Greensboro alone or in part that will process MSW or select municipal waste stream constituents or byproducts for land disposal reduction and other benefits (renewable fuels, waste-to-energy feed stocks, soil amendments, etc.).
  - 2. Monitor advancements and/or alternative strategies and technologies in MSW disposal being utilized by other governments.
  - 3. Participate with staff on the development of a request for proposals for municipal solid waste hauling and disposal contracts, which expire in October, 2016. RFP issuance to occur in early 2016.
  
- C. MSW Recycling & Reduction Strategies (Mary Louise Smith)

1. Continue study of enhancement of the City's recycling programs
2. Assess opportunities for reduction and reuse of waste requiring disposal including non-traditional waste streams (fluorescent light bulbs, organic -food waste - diversion, etc.)
3. Explore, in greater detail, the recommendations of the 2014 Recycling Program Assessment.

### **Other New Business**

None

### **Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives**

Uzo thanked Sheldon Smith for making a presentation at NCA&T SU.

Chair Taylor suggested that the Commission use the January 13, 2015 meeting to adopt their 2015 Work Plan and send it to Council.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Taylor, Chair