

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AUGUST 11, 2015**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Chris Marriott
Sheldon Smith
Alex Arnett
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Mary Louise Smith was excused. City Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter and Tracy Nestor with Republic Services attended the meeting.

Approval of minutes of July 14, 2015 meeting

Bob Davis requested that the July minutes note that his absence from the meeting was excused. Kay Brandon asked whether Chair Taylor's conflict of interest statement should be included in the minutes.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott stated that the resurfacing of the Transfer Station's concrete floor will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. The company hired for the project had scheduling issues that kept them from starting sooner.

Chris Marriott distributed a memo regarding Operation Clearglass, an improvement plan for decreasing contamination in the ABC recycling containers. Council member Abuzuaiter wanted to know if the City Attorney and the NC ABC board had reviewed the plan. Chris stated that NC DENR approved it and he would request a review by City legal office.

Uzo asked whether the purpose of recycling was to make money or to benefit the environment. Chris responded that the cost of recycling cannot be fully recouped by any rebate, but it does help to offset landfill costs and has environmental value.

Mark Taylor asked about the City Council's response to the White Street Landfill solar project. Council member Abuzuaiter responded that the project was on the Consent Agenda at their July 21 meeting and passed unanimously.

Chris Marriott distributed a draft document for hiring a firm to perform an Automated Cart Expansion Impact Study. He stated that, once the document is final, it will be sent to various firms and posted on SWANA's RFP page. Mark Taylor stated that the Commission would steer the schedule for the Study. He asked Commission members to review the document and provide direction to staff by the September meeting. Chris Marriott asked the Commission to email any changes or suggestions via email, in order to keep the process moving forward.

Uzo asked whether the city should keep the brown carts for recycling and use blue carts for yard waste. Mark Taylor explained that blue is the standard cart color for recycling. Bob Davis noted that, in the Recycling Program Assessment, the potential benefits of moving to the blue carts are listed. Alex Arnett noted that the study can provide independent verification of staff's findings of benefits.

Mark Taylor asked about staff preparing a report of potential uses of White Street Landfill areas. Chris Marriott stated that he would like Commission input on this issue and said staff can help steer a collaborative effort. Mark suggested a work session with staff to characterize the potential of landfill property.

Bob Davis asked about the reasoning behind use of the borrow pit site. Chris said this was done at the request of the developer because it met their need for 20 contiguous acres, buffers, shade zones and infrastructure needs.

b. Other Old Business

Tony Davies asked about the status of getting more Commission members. Kay Brandon stated she talked to the Mayor about the vacancies and they were in part due to the potential redistricting issue. Council member Abuzuaiter said that she had talked to

Council and they are considering a Boards & Commissions committee that will work to fill vacancies.

New Business

a. Meeting Schedule

Mark Taylor asked the Commission to discuss their meeting schedule. Tony Davies requested keeping the monthly meeting schedule. Bob Davis agreed and expressed concerns with a quarterly schedule. He proposed keeping the current monthly schedule through December 2014, then revisit the issue. Mark asked about the best ways to use the next four meetings. The September meeting will be a work session around the potential uses of the White Street Landfill.

Kay Brandon asked if the Commission could get the results of the White Street Landfill study before the next meeting, but Chris Marriott said that wasn't feasible. Mark Taylor asked Commission members to plan to focus on potential uses of the White Street Landfill at the September meeting. He asked Chris Marriott to include Jason Jernigan at the meeting to help them understand background uses of the property.

b. Other New Business

Kay Brandon asked about the Landfill solar project. Council person Abuzuaiter asked the Commission to provide City Council with an update on the solar project.

Council member Abuzuaiter requested an annual report of Commission activities with bullet points and highlights, so that she can share the information. Mark Taylor noted that the 2014 Annual Report and 2015 Work Plan had some of that data. Kay Brandon asked if it would be helpful for the Commission to make a City Council presentation regarding their work. Council member Abuzuaiter stated it would as long as it was before November 1, so it took place before the election. She will email potential dates to Mark Taylor.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 8 at 3 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair