

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 22, 2019**

Members Present

Kay Brandon, Vice Chair
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover
Carlos Townsend

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Chris Marriott
Dale Wyrick
Larry Davis, COG Budget Director

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, January 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Brenton Boyce was excused from the meeting. City Council liaison Mary Kay Abuzuaiter was in attendance.

Vice Chair Kay Brandon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of August 28, 2018 meeting

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Recycling Contract Update

Dale Wyrick will make a presentation at the February 5 City Council Work Session to update them on the current state of Greensboro's recycling program. He gave a draft of the presentation to Commission members and requested their feedback and suggestions. He invited Commission members to attend the work session in the Melvin Municipal Office Building Plaza Level Conference Room.

b. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott stated that NewGen Strategies & Solutions has prepared preliminary numbers for the Yard Waste Automated Cart Expansion Impact Study. He will provide more details at the February meeting.

Chris also announced that Sheldon Smith, Field Operations Solid Waste Collection Manager, will take early retirement in February. Kay Brandon will send him a card on behalf of the Commission.

New Business

a. Renewable Energy Discussion

Nelson Stover provided a letter regarding the Solar Now Coalition, which is working to encourage the city to move toward 100% renewable energy by 2035. He also provided a Proposed Resolution Adopting a Goal of 100% Clean Energy by 2035 and Creating a Task Force of Community Stakeholders. He requested that the Solid Waste Management Commission support this effort by:

- agreeing to work with the city to help achieve the resolution's objectives
- hosting a public dedication ceremony of the solar panels and gas-powered electric generation system at the White Street Landfill
- asking the City Manager to shift the budget for solid waste collection to a per household amount rather than an annual allocation

Mr. Stover requested that the Commission advise City Council that if they want to support the resolution, the Commission agrees to as well. Mary Kay Abuzuaiter stated that the Sustainability Council can set up a Clean Energy Task Force and City Council doesn't need to approve it.

Mr. Stover also suggested preparing a news release for the White Street Landfill's solar and methane projects and the possibility of having the March Commission meeting at the landfill to highlight these efforts.

Commission members should review the presentation and be prepared to vote on whether to approve it at the February 26 meeting.

Tony Davies asked if the permits for the methane project had been approved by Duke Energy yet. Chris Marriott confirmed that they had been approved, tests had been conducted, and the City was just waiting on an official startup date and event.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room, 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair