

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 01/10/2013

The meeting was called to order @ 5:30 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2013, in the North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair
Melissa Musser
Dan Caldwell

Guests

Kevin Kiernan, Asst Director
King County Solid Waste Division
Diane Yates, Intergovernmental & Legislative
Liaison, King County Solid Waste Division

City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager
Lorri Erickson, Asst City Manager
Dan Brewer, Acting PW Director
Denise Lathrop, Acting Com Dev Director
Loren Reinhold, Environment/Utilities
Engineer
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst
Laura Techico, Planner

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of August 9, 2012
2. ILA Regarding King County Landfills
3. SWM Rate Structure Study Update

MEETING:

Dave Kaplan was elected chair for the Environmental Committee to take over for Bob Sheckler, who resigned from the Committee in August 2012.

2013 Environmental Committee Work Program was handed out for review only as this will be put on the agenda for the February 14th Committee meeting as an item for discussion.

1. Minutes of August 9, 2012, were unanimously approved.
2. ILA Regarding King County Landfills: Laura handed out copies of the Amended and Restated Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement between King County and Cities. She introduced Kevin Kiernan, Assistant Director King County Solid Waste Division, who went over a power point presentation that gave the background/history of the agreement; talked about environmental liability; covered the key improvements over the current ILA; the transfer system and outlined the benefits of the new ILA. He wound up the presentation with the next steps in the process and discussed an interim timeline of January 31, 2013 for the cities to sign a Non-Binding Statement of Intent to signing the ILA and also gave the committee a suggested time line of April 30, 2013 to act upon the ILA to allow sufficient time to develop financial policies that will affect the next rate study. Tony suggested that the ILA be brought forward to the Council for approval on January 24th –

substantially in the form as submitted. The Committee members concurred with the understanding that if there are any substantial changes it would be brought back to the Council for further discussion.

3. SWM Rate Structure Study Update: Loren updated the committee on the status of the Rate Structure Study. He stated the consultant (FCS Group) has completed their review of the City's rate ordinances and is presently reviewing the billing system for inconsistencies. They have also prepared three issue papers that will be available for committee review at the February 14, 2013 committee meeting. The issue papers concern the rate structure, private streets, and stormwater rate credits. After some discussion, the committee directed staff to add fourth and fifth issue papers addressing multifamily properties and SWM rates as they apply to public institutions.

Per the schedule discussed, the Committee will review the issue papers at the February 14th meeting. Comments from that meeting will be incorporated and the papers would be distributed to the rest of the Council. The rate report and final draft issue papers along with a draft ordinance is scheduled for review at the April Committee meeting. Pending the outcome of the April meeting, the rate study and an ordinance would go to Council in May or June to allow sufficient time for King County to alter the billing system for next year.

Adjourned @ 6:24 PM

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Administrative Assistant