# MINUTES OF THE GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Members PresentStaff PresentMark Taylor, ChairDale WyrickKay BrandonChris MarriottTony DaviesJason JerniganBob DavisNancy Lindemeyer

Bob Mays Alex Arnett
Mary Louise Smith Sheldon Smith

Ray Trapp

Godfrey Uzochukwu

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Council members Marikay Abuzuaiter and Jamal Fox attended the meeting. Tom Phillips was excused.

Chair Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests in attendance included Mary McClellan with ReCommunity and Stan Joseph with Waste Management of the Carolinas.

Chair Taylor asked that those in attendance introduce themselves.

# Approval of minutes of August 12, 2014 meeting

Chair Taylor stated that the August minutes were approved by acclamation with changes requested by Bob Davis and Kay Brandon.

# Staff Updates

## **Old Business**

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

Dale Wyrick stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final public meeting on this topic was held August 20 at Peeler Recreation Center and more than 25 people attended. The majority of attendees were overwhelmingly in favor of relocating the old landfill material to White Street. Residents requested that GDOT make additional improvements to the area, including lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, and crosswalk. This work would be done separately from the MSW relocation. Dale also stated that he had met with the neighbor whose backyard meets up to Phase III at White Street and said the city will be closing an open well near his property.

Mark Taylor asked whether the Commission needed to weigh in on the project. Dale Wyrick stated that they should. Mark noted that, because the project is not fully vetted and costs are not finalized, the Committee needs to be very clear about what they are endorsing. He asked if October would be too late for the Committee to vote on the project since that would allow more information on the project to be finalized. Dale Wyrick stated it would not be too late.

Bob Mays suggested that project information be sent to Commission members to review prior to the October meeting.

Uzo requested specific information regarding the amount and type of MSW that needs to be relocated, if there were other options, and if the neighbors had been consulted. Dale Wyrick responded to the questions.

Kay Brandon agreed that the White Street Landfill seemed to be the best option. Dale Wyrick agreed to draft a resolution for Commission members to review prior to the October meeting. Bob Davis and Jamal Fox requested that the improvements the neighbors requested be spelled out in the resolution.

### ii. Final update on Landfill Gas Utilization Project

Dale Wyrick reported that City Council approved the contract with Petra Engineering at their September 2 meeting. The contract calls for Petra to put in a 1-generator facility and pay the City \$55,000 per year, and for Cone Denim to pay up to \$100,000 per year for landfill gas on a sliding scale. The contract will run for 15 years, but in year 6 or 7 the City of Greensboro will have the option to purchase the facility at fair market value.

#### **Other Old Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

#### **Work Group Reports**

## Work Group A

Bob Mays stated that the group has not met, but plan to in late September.

### Work Group B1

Mark Taylor stated that the group has not met and has no current topics to discuss. He did speak to Jeff Shell with MEMIOS who told him they are still very interested in working with the city and are drafting a response for Dale Wyrick.

# Work Group #3

No report today (Tom Phillips absent).

## Work Group C2 - Recycling and Reduction Strategies

Bob Davis stated that the group has not met. He mentioned that he had been approached by a company called Recycling Perks, which wants to make a presentation to the Commission. He advised them to contact Dale Wyrick.

#### **Other New Business**

Bob Mays mentioned that Tom Phillips had suggested quarterly meetings. Mark Taylor stated he agreed with that schedule except when there is a need to meet more frequently.

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

None

# **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Mark Taylor, Chair MT/jd