

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

Members Present

Brenton Boyce
Kay Brandon, Chair
Tony Davies, Vice Chair
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Members Absent

Crystal Black

Staff Present

Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Council liaisons Marikay Abuzuaiter and Goldie Wells were in attendance.

Approval of minutes of May 24, 2022 meeting

The May minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates: Cart Rollback Fee Update

Chris Marriott discussed the public reaction to the city’s announcement of the Cart Rollback Fee, which led to postponing the start of the program and its rebranding. The new information about the program requires carts be at the curb no more than 48 hours. The program will take effect November 1, 2022.

Solid Waste Collection Employee Shortage

Field Operations and Water Resources held a Job Fair on October 4, which allowed us to make job offers and process paperwork quickly for 7 new employees. We also have a new temp services contract that increases pay for our supplemental employees, which has attracted more roster employees. They are helping with Solid Waste Collection as well as the Loose Leaf Collection Program.

MSW-Transfer Station Hauling RFP Process

City Council approved the MSW Transfer Station Hauling contract at their October meeting. Hilco was awarded the contract and it took effect October 14.

2022 Recycling Material Audit

The results of the 2022 Recycling Material Audit found a 3% decrease in contamination from the 2020 audit. Staff will continue to inspect recycling routes and leaving individual feedback for homeowners.

In person meeting discussion

The City Clerk's Office has recommend that Boards and Commissions return to in person meetings. The January 24 Solid Waste Management Commission meeting will be held at 401 Patton Avenue.

New Business

Uzo suggested the Commission invite expert speakers to the 2023 meetings. Chris stated that he could invite speakers if Commission members let him know what they're specifically interested in.

Kay brought up the fact that Field Operations Director Julio Delgado presented numerous ideas about future use of the White Street Landfill to City Council without bringing the ideas to the Commission first. Her concern was that many of the ideas would result in additional traffic on Nealtown Road. She would like a group of Commission members to meet with the Director to discuss the landfill and environmental justice issues, and to request input on future issues. Kay suggested that the Commission invite a speaker that can discuss uses of the landfill. Commission members agreed to invite the Director to their January meeting.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

Chris stated that the city has annexed a record number of acreage this year with the majority zoned for residential property. He would like to see 3, 5 and 10-year growth study plans to help prepare for collection and waste disposal services for these annexations.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 3 pm in the Training Room at 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair