

City of Florence
Environmental Management Advisory Committee
March 14, 2012 ~ Regular Session and Public Hearing ~ 2:15 pm

The proceedings of the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee were recorded on tape and on file at Florence City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Forsythe called the meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) to order at 2:21 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson (CP) Robert Forsythe, Vice Chairperson (VP) Bonnie MacDuffee, Committee Members: (CM) Sandra Davidson, Robin Sullivan, and Sharon McLeod. Also present Community Development Director (CDD) Sandra Belson, County Transfer Recycling (CTR) Dan Webb, Central Coast Disposal (CCD) David Twombly, Senior Planner (SP) Wendy Farley-Campbell and minute recorder Barbara Miller

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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VP MacDuffee referred to Page 4 of the minutes and the last sentence which should state, "proper disposal."

VP MacDuffee moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by CM Davidson, by voice all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

*This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the EMAC's, any items **NOT** otherwise listed on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to with a maximum time of 10 minutes for all.*

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing

5. Public Hearing – Residential & Commercial Solid Waste Rate Review—A

recommendation to increase solid waste rates as proposed by Bell & Associates. (Attached)

Open Hearing

Chairman Forsythe stated the public hearing was on the residential and commercial solid waste review and opened the hearing at 2:35 p.m.

Staff Report

SP Farley-Campbell distributed a memo dated, March 14, 2012, which outlined the consultant's recommendations and the additional recommendations by staff.

- 1. Set fixed collection rates for the costs plus a margin of 9%.**
- 2. Phase in the rate increase over a three year period with 50% of the proposed increases in July 2012 (or earlier) and 25% of the proposed rate increase plus CPI adjustment in 2013 and 2014.**

SP Farley-Campbell then handed out a document from the Bureau of Labor Statistics which included an example of the CPI. She said if the committee decided to go with the increase dictated by the CPI; this is the type of report they would review.

There was a discussion about fuel being removed from the CPI and it was noted that there was a provision in the city code which allows the haulers to request an increase if the fuel rates were raised dramatically. The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to use the Portland CPI.

- 3. Any increases in disposal fees charged by Lane County would be passed through the rates when incurred.**

The committee agreed with this recommendation as the rate review was only applicable for three years. The haulers would report to the committee and their customers 30 days before raising the rates. It was also noted that Lane County's rates had only changed twice since 1990.

SP Farley-Campbell said it would be staff's intent to put a section in the resolution that if Lane County disposal rates were increased, the charge would be passed through as a percentage. She then asked CCD Twombly if he thought CTR would agree (CTR Dan Webb was not present at the meeting at this time) and CDD Twombly said he felt comfortable saying, yes, as this had come up in previous discussions.

- 4. Although the changes to the rates would be automatic over the next three years, the city would still require the licensed haulers to submit an annual report.**
- 5. Replace the current report format submitted by the licensed haulers with the city of Eugene's revised format.**
 - a. The rate report would be submitted on November 1 and covering the fiscal year ending August 31st.**
 - b. Utilizing the Eugene revised report would provide a uniform reporting format within Lane County and will reduce staff time because of the imbedded features of the new report.**
 - c. Because the city has the annual reports, the implementation of any waste management programs will be augmented with current system data.**

SP Farley-Campbell said the city of Eugene's format was not extremely dissimilar, but it would require education and training of both staff and the committee. Training was discussed and it was agreed that staff would contact the consultant and/or the city of Eugene so see what training opportunities were available and if there would be a need to budget for that. It was noted that even though the rates were good for 3 years, the haulers would begin to submit their financials in

the new format.

6. Complete a full rate review in 2015 with the haulers reported results from the calendar year 2014. Recalibrate the rates as necessary.

After discussion the committee agreed to change this sentence to the following:

“Complete a full rate review in 2015 with the haulers reported results from the ~~calendar~~ **reportable** year 2014. Recalibrate the rates as necessary, **and also consideration of the profit margin of 2015.**”

SP Farley-Campbell then distributed a document of the proposed code changes.

Staff referred to item C, and the committee discussed removing the word, “minimum”, if the recommendation was to go with the flat rate.

CTR Dan Webb came into the meeting at this time, 3:05 p.m.

CDD Belson recommended changing the code with direction from the council rather than take an ordinance to the council at this meeting. She suggested that staff could draft a resolution amending the hauler’s rates.

SP Farley-Campbell agreed, and said staff would take the resolution to the city council on Monday the 19th for a public hearing, and possible adoption. She went on to say that staff recommends going with the consultant’s recommendation.

Public Testimony

There was no public testimony

Committee Q & A for Staff

CM Sullivan referred to recommendation 5, considering the use of the city of Eugene’s, format. SP Farley-Campbell said because she was not sure when the city of Eugene’s format would be available; staff did not want to make that recommendation at this time.

Close Hearing

CM McLeod moved to close the public hearing at 3:20 p.m.; second by VP MacDuffee, by voice all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Recommendation to Council

CM McLeod moved to accept all the additions and subtractions to the staff report, second by CM Sullivan, by voice all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

VP MacDuffee left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

6. EMAC 2012 GOALS

Discussion on the 2012 Goals:

- Implementing the curb side Yard Debris Program

Staff said that council had this item as one of their goals and they had set a timeline of three years to implement the goal.

CTR Webb asked about Lane County's grant for the yard debris and said in a discussion with PWD Miller, CTR had said they would support the city's request for the grant. He went on to say that CTR was not prepared to purchase carts for the yard debris pick-up program for another three years.

CDD Belson recommended linking the committee's goal to the city council's goal. The committee agreed to focus on the current yard debris drop-off program and continue the development and implementation of the curbside yard debris program.

- Upgrading the city hall recycling city's kiosk
 - possibly getting volunteers from the Master Recycler's class to assist with education
 - assist with hauling the recycling to Eugene
 - general waste reduction education
- Greener Florence Awards
 - more awareness
 - doubling the number of business that apply
- EMAC to become more involved in Chamber and other organizations with presentations and education
 - Presentations
 - Educations
 - Chamber breakfast – presentation
 - Lighted reader board – how to use it – where to put it and what type of information to put in it. It was decided to put this item on a future agenda.
- Recycling education for businesses which is much different than residential recycling education
 - Educating staff of businesses
 - Lane County offers a recycling directory
 - Educating businesses on what items are acceptable to recycle.
 - Work in coordination with Bring
 - Waste reduction, and recycling education
- Coordination with Lane County
 - Improve communication with the county.
 - Environmental waste management
 - Invite a county representative to EMAC meetings for example, Sarah Graham with Lane County Solid Waste department

- Community Event
 - Host a community diversion event
- Reuse education of available resources
- Education
 - Education on contamination of yard waste
 - Promoting construction waste recycling
 - Bear prevention, cup of ammonia with soapy water in trash can keep bears away.
 - Education on where to recycle foam blocks
- Public Service Announcements on radio and paper
- Web page
 - Continue work on City of Florence recycling web page
- Multi-Family recycling – apartments – as it is in the code
 - Develop a plan on how to educate the public
 - Public education piece

SP Farley-Campbell reported that Bring Recycling was going to start business recognition in Florence.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

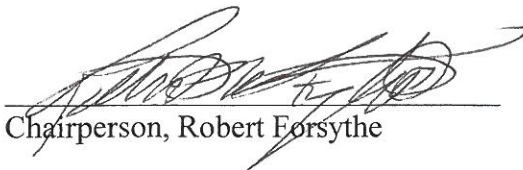
None.

8. ADJOURN

- **Special Meeting April 5th to review the Greener Florence Award applicants**
- **Next Regular Meeting April 19th**
- **Next Yard Debris Drop-Off Schedule – March 17th**

CM McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting; second by CM Davidson, by voice all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE EMAC ON THE 19th DAY OF April, 2012.


Chairperson, Robert Forsythe

6/21/12
Date

ATTEST:

Senior Planner, Wendy Farley

Date