

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
August 30, 2010 – SOLID WASTE WORKSHOP
Monday, August 30, 2010 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

8:43 AM SOLID WASTE WORKSHOP

Council Chair Richard Fralick called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. Council members present: Vice-Chair Lovel Pratt, Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr, Rich Peterson; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public were present.

8:44 AM PRESENTATION: Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Survey Results – Nina Rook, Market Resources; Elizabeth Anderson, Solid Waste Planner and Analyst; Steve Alexander, Solid Waste Manager

Ms. Anderson introduced Nina Rook of Market Resources and the survey entitled Public Input for Decision Making. Ms. Rook reviewed the responses, explained her methodology and analysis, and reported on the sampling. The Council asked questions of Ms. Rook, and public comment was received from Susan Corbin and Alan Rosenberg.

10:15 AM Break

10:47 AM RECONVENE WORKSHOP – FOCUS ON DECISIONS Agenda

Council continued discussion on the survey, pros and cons.

FOCUS ON DECISIONS AGENDA

I. Stop Gap Solutions

1. Update on systems status

Mr. Rose provided an introduction by re-stating the seriousness of balancing the budget, compliance issues, the need to stop deficit spending, repayment plans, deciding on levels of service, and then finding out how to fund it.

Jon Shannon, Director of Public Works, provided information about average tonnage estimates, operational costs, the dilemma of deferring capital investments, and choices. The Council continued discussion. Public comment was given by: Milene Henley, Jack Cory, Allen Rosenberg, and Patty Miller.

2. SWAC Report on August 23 Meeting

Sam Jacobson, Chair of SWAC, gave a report from their August 23, 2010 Meeting. SWAC members voted against all three options in the Draft Ordinance. The committee suggestions were: fees for recycling through a “pass” system, Town involvement for program success, and reduction of existing revenue requirement.

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Mr. Jacobson answered questions from the Council, and concluded by saying fundamental changes are needed to the system.

3. Discussion of Stop Gap Solutions to current operations and capital shortfalls

Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney answered questions from the Council regarding the draft Ordinance. Comments were made by: Jon Shannon, Sam Jacobson, Susan Corbin.

- a) Operations break even plan
- b) New fee collection options – Review of Draft Ordinance
- c) Impact on wait times at disposal facilities
- d) Capital deficit impacts (if any)
- e) Franchise haulers (Town, San Juan Sanitation)

Calvin Den Hartog offered comments from the San Juan Sanitation perspective, relating to long term solution. Mr. Den Hartog answered questions from the Council. Comments were made by Allen Rosenberg, King Fitch, Randy Gaylord, and Sam Jacobson.

- f) Property exchange
- g) Other

II. Long Range Solutions

The Council continued discussion on long range solutions including the survey material, mandatory curbside, number of transfer stations, contracts, privatization, other models, and other County models. Comments were made by Patty Miller, Jon Shannon, Calvin Den Hartog, Allen Rosenberg, King Fitch, Randy Gaylord.

12:00 PM LUNCH RECESS

12:30 PM RECONVENE WORKSHOP – FOCUS ON DECISIONS

Continued discussion on solid waste issues.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on September 14, 2010. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.