

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.

November 15, 2018

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member), Mary-Ann Carp (SWMA Member), Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member), Lt. Sean MacDonald (SWMA Member) and Flora Marie Myers (SWMA Member). Also present were Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Steffany Lewis (Finance Department), Nathan Parrott (Landfill Manager), Chief Operating Officer Detrick Stanford, Josh Lawson with Jacobs Engineering, County Attorney Jack Hancock (Legal Department) and Sandra T. Davis (Clerk).

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Michael Edmondson (SWMA Member).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

II. ADOPTION OF MAY 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Turner entertained a motion to adopt the May 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Tax Commissioner Baskin, second by Ms. Carp to approve the May 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Vote unanimous by the six members present with Ms. Myers abstaining due to her not being a member.

III. DISCUSS DRAFT RFI SCOPE FOR TRANSFER STATION

Transportation and Development Director Jeff Metarko recalled the last meeting where the authority wanted to review a draft scope of work to solicit information from the industry on what could be suggested for a transfer station. He maintained that this is the technical scope of what would be included in the RFI (Request For Information).

Mr. Josh Lawson expounded further by reiterating this would be a Request For Information and would be a non-binding request. Transportation and Development Director Metarko explained the process in that the responses received would be forwarded to the authority members to determine if the authority wanted to move forward with the transfer station. The next step would be a RFP (Request For Proposal); this would be a binding, negotiable interest for private entities as it relates

to a transfer station. He spoke of the decision that would have to be made with regards to the funding of the land and the location of the property for the transfer station.

The authority members were asked to review the questions that are being recommended for the RFI, as well as, offer any suggestions to add more questions.

At this time, County Clerk Davis introduced Ms. Flora Marie Myers as a new member to the authority. Chairman Turner then welcomed the new member and suggested that the other members formally introduce themselves.

Chairman Turner provided some history for the benefit of the new member on the issues that the authority has been addressing with the litter problem. He then asked when this RFI would be provided to Central Services, at which time, Transportation and Development Director Metarko advised that his goal is to submit it on next week. Chairman Turner suggested Wednesday, November 21, 2018 submittal date; therefore, if any authority member wants to add anything, submit it by Monday, November 19, 2018. He then asked Transportation and Development Director Metarko to send out any additions to the entire authority before its final submittal to Central Services.

Transportation and Development Director Metarko then estimated a time frame of release to the public in January and due by some time in February. With that, he suggested scheduling a meeting in March of 2019 for further discussion.

IV. CLEAN CLAYTON INITIATIVE

Transportation and Development Director Metarko spoke of an initiative that is occurring in Commissioner Gregory's district. He presented a sign with the concept to keep Clayton Beautiful as a proactive outreach. He explained that twenty of the signs were placed within District One. Chairman Turner maintained this should be county-wide. Transportation and Development Director Metarko suggested that he could have that conversation with Chief Operating Officer Detrick Stanford. Lt. MacDonald pointed out that Refuse Control is already conducting a cleanup program now for all commission districts. Transportation and Development Director Metarko explained that this concept seems to be heading towards an "Adopt a Road" initiative. He recalled that the COO wanted this to be a pilot program.

Chairman Turner then passed around the table several documents that were provided to him by Mr. Leatherwood. Chairman Turner expressed his intent to put funding for the Keep Clayton Clean initiative in the upcoming budget. He recalled that the funding was removed from the FY19 budget. In addition to the funding for personnel, if approved, there would need to be money for educational awareness, signage, etc. At this time, Mr. Leatherwood made comments in reference to each document that was passed around the table. He also shared a conversation that he had with

Commissioner Hambrick, who had asked that the Keep Clayton Clean funding be removed from the FY19 budget. He conveyed her concerns with regards to what happened to the previous Keep Clayton initiative, the suggested \$60,000 salary for the director's position and wanted to know what other counties are doing that are of comparable size to Clayton County. He then addressed each concern with the authority members. Mr. Baskin recalled that the previous program was not a failure, but there were no directives given and it was not managed to the point that it could be beneficial to the community and the board. Mr. Leatherwood mentioned the counties that he has spoken to and the information that he received from each of the discussions as it relates to the funding, clean initiative, etc. He pointed out that he has provided this information to Commissioner Hambrick but has not heard back from her.

Mr. Leatherwood continued by explaining the next document as it relates to the executive director that he received from Keep Georgia Beautiful. He pointed out that he received job descriptions and the requirements for three positions; executive director, public relations coordinator and an assistant coordinator. With regards to the salary for the executive director, Chairman Turner maintained that he would review the data provided by Human Resources.

The next document refers to the transfer station. Mr. Leatherwood provided images of the cost difference as it relates to disposing of his garbage at the Fayetteville Station versus Lovejoy. He maintained that he paid more to dump at Lovejoy. This is why he believes that a transfer station would offer a lower cost option to the residents. Lt. MacDonald made a comparison with Refuse Control pick up for \$20.00 versus a citizen taking it to the landfill for \$40.00. He also pointed out that Refuse Control does not pick up household garbage, but do specialized pickups such as; tires, yard debris, appliances, etc.

For the final item, Mr. Leatherwood shared that someone randomly put fourteen trash cans on the side of the road at Walker and King Road with most being trash cans from the City of Atlanta.

Ms. Carp then described an area where there is a transfer station that she had attempted to visit on the outskirts of Hampton. Lt. MacDonald suggested that it may be the ADM Transfer Station near Hastings Bridge. Transportation and Development Director Metarko indicated that it may be a private transfer station, but they would look into it.

As a final note, Mr. Leatherwood advised that the City of Riverdale is affiliated with Keep Georgia Beautiful and just put a billboard that has language to keep the city clean. He pointed out that the City of Riverdale is tackling this issue and is planning a big recycling event. He then suggested after speaking to some of the affiliates that one of the counties shared that the individual cities actually contribute their budget to the county-wide budget. He said that he did not know if that would be an option for us. Chairman Turner said that it would have to be a buy-in from the cities and a willingness to offer up enough money to offset the salaries. First, we would need to get our ends take care of; then, as part of that director's initiative, it would be to collaborate or possibly consolidate with the other city officials.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

Tax Commissioner Baskin referred to the previous discussion with regards to the executive director's salary. He caution not to go the cheap way, because if we are going to do it, let's do it right.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Mr. Mickey Garber, Rex, Georgia came forward to ask to have a separate discussion with the new member, Ms. Myers. He then agreed with the suggested salary for the executive director. He spoke of the need for education and enforcement for the litter problem.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Mr. Baskin, second by Mr. Leatherwood, to adjourn the Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting of November 15, 2018 at 10:57 a.m. Vote unanimous by the six members present.