

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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

November 3, 2021

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Vice-Chairwoman Hambrick (SWMA Member; arrived at 10:05 a.m.), Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member), Councilwoman Mary-Ann Carp (SWMA Member) and Captain Sean Macdonald (SWMA Member).

Also present were Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Chief Operating Officer Detrick Stanford, Chief Staff Attorney Charles Reed (Legal Department), Courtney Rushin (Clerk), Tina Howard (District 2 Constituent Aide) and three citizens.

ABSENT: Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member) and Edie Young (SWMA Member).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. ADOPTION OF JUNE 3, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Turner entertained a motion to adopt the June 3, 2021, Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Tax Commissioner Baskin, second by Captain Macdonald to approve the June 3, 2021, Meeting Minutes. Vote unanimous.

III. LAND TRANSFER REQUEST FROM CITY OF LOVEJOY

Mr. Mark Whitley and Jeff Metarko spoke about the landfill, including the second emergency entrance which is gate controlled; a 50-foot strip that runs adjacent and outside of a 200-foot buffer, which can also be used as a primary road for entrance.

The extra solid waste property could be used to fulfill request. We cannot predict any issues from EPD about why we need this 50-foot strip of land. This is a viable option for right of way for future road usage. Recommendation is to proceed but trying to consolidate.

Chairman Turner outlined the two proposals:

- 1) SR-3 Roadway: backside and gate
- 2) Lovejoy East Road and buffer between road and landfill is at 200 feet.

Mr. Metarko clarified that in reference to the public roadway usage and access to the 400 homes, the primary purpose is why it would be in Lovejoy. If we do not entertain, the developer would probably work with Lovejoy to still open access.

Attorney Reed stated for guidance to approve the transfer of property to the City of Lovejoy and authorize the Chairman and CFO (if any closing fees) to sign any documents needed to accommodate.

Motion made by Terry Baskin, second by Mary Ann Carp to approve the transfer of property with amended language to include any fees paid by Lovejoy. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Chairman Turner stated the discussion by stating that this is just a proposal based on the discussions with Jacobs Engineering. This can be tweaked by the Board of Commissioners if they feel the need to. The Solid Waste Management Authority Board was tasked with providing a plan and that is this plan. We are open for discussion.

Director Metarko specified that provided to the SWMA board this is a written summary document of the presentation given by Jacobs Engineering from the previous meeting and work session. The Zencity, Inc. public input surveys were at infancy phase so now, some have advanced to a union step.

Captain Macdonald asked about another option for unpaid citations on services and possibly working with the Tax Commissioners Office. Terry Baskin replied we are scheduled to work with this, and we can go over the logistics soon.

There was more discussion between the board members on this matter, including any fine amounts, possible working with the courts system to handle any cases, customer service options, overview of public survey results and the Quality-of-Life Court being added to Magistrate Court to expedite any processes.

Chairman Turner stated there were concerns about the survey, but most citizens voted yes. Citizens also pointed out that there is an issue with IP addresses which could result in a citizen having the chance to vote more than once. Mr. Baskin stated that this collection being divided into 4 districts and the plan would be taking the choice away from the homeowners. We may need to reconsider.

The board had more discussion on possible alternatives and concluded by deciding that there may need to be further reconsideration on this matter. After discussion, Chairman Turner announced

that the SWMA Board is complete with the assignment and this matter has now been passed on to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Motion made by Terry Baskin, second by Chairman Turner to accept the trash pick-up service for Clayton County. Motion passed unanimously.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Mickey Garber of Unincorporated Rex, Clayton County, Georgia spoke about dumping and littering problems in the county. He thanked the board and workers of the county but still does not support the mandatory trash pick up service even though everyone has valid concerns. It starts in the home.
2. Dr. Barbara Pulliam of Clayton County, Georgia stated that she learned a lot during this meeting. She is a member of the Economic Development Committee and Women of Clayton County organization. The citizens want this county to be economically viable with strong values, good quality of life and clean neighborhoods. Dr. Pulliam also asked what is going to help keep our communities clean. She thanked the board and stated the trash pick up service will be beneficial to the county.
3. Mrs. Virginia Hall of Clayton County, Georgia thanked the board for their conversation and consideration. We just want to move forward with the direction for the county. Riverdale has similar new initiatives. A clean community will attract opportunities and new direction for the citizens of Clayton County.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, motion made Mr. Baskin, second by Councilwoman Carp, to adjourn the Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting of November 3, 2021, at 10:45 a.m. Vote unanimous.