

MINUTES

ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MARCH 21, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamson, Avera, Mathy, McCormack, McNelly, Mitchell, Roberts, Twineham

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Senior Planner Allen, and Clerical Support Norton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/17/07 Approved as written.
2/21/07 Approved with one correction, 1st page under approval of minutes the word effect should be changed to effective in dissolving grease.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. A review of SOCO District Trash Enclosure/Wash Rack Proposal City Council Action

Acting Senior Planner Allen said that at the last meeting, the Committee recommended that the trash enclosure be designed to eliminate the wash rack and that the trash enclosure that remained have the appropriate Best Management Practices for that type of use. That recommendation, along with a letter from Engineering, was forwarded to the City Council. The City Council supported eliminating the wash rack. However, the item was continued by the Council in order to further explore the cost of the trash enclosure.

Committee Member Mathy inquired whether there had been any word on the restaurants. According to Acting Senior Planner Allen, the Fire Department is responsible for enforcing the City's Fats, Oils and Grease Program and will make more of a concerted effort to work with the restaurants to comply with the ordinance.

Chairman McNelly asked Staff to find out who in the Engineering Department attends the Flood Control meetings and if the Fire Department's spokesperson for the Fats, Oils and Greases Program could speak to the Committee at a future meeting. Chairman McNelly went on to say that if all the businesses have access to the trash enclosure the containers might need to be

emptied more often, or provide a bigger enclosure. He wondered if this is the only area that an enclosure is needed. Staff said the trash is already being picked up every day.

Committee Member Twineham asked what the City does with their food waste. Staff said the City does not have a separate food waste disposal program. Chairman McNelly mentioned that years ago the City of Los Angeles had a separate wet garbage collection that was sent to a hog farm. Committee Member Adamson noted an interesting article in Fortune Magazine about food waste processing. The article talks about cities that are targeting 100% waste disposal. Prior to the meeting today, Committee Member Adamson e-mailed staff and committee member's information and photos about Norcal's Food Waste Processing Center in northern California.

Staff said she asked MG Disposal to inquire what other cities are doing with their food waste, and if it is feasible for Fullerton to start a program. Committee Member Adamson said that the Sanitation Department has been discussing disposing of their sludge with a composting program of some kind. He wondered if food waste could be combined with that program. Chairman McNelly said that the sludge bio-solids disposal issue has become so complicated and expensive. The Sanitation Department is investing in a company that will heat the material and turn it into a fuel. He wondered if the County Waste Management Commission is looking at such a program. Fullerton is a good place to talk about a pilot program. Staff was asked to check with Orange County Integrated Management to see whether there is any long-term projection for a food waste program.

b. Review of Commission/Committee City Council Action

At the last City Council meeting, the Council discussed the number of members where it exceeded five on a committee. The Council felt that public input was important and any way that can be accomplished is important. Any committee that has more than five members will have five direct appointments and the rest will be at large.

Regarding the ERMC, Staff reported that there is one more member that needs to be interviewed. The Council will appoint a person or persons to the committee at an upcoming meeting.

c. 2006 Year in Review & 2007 Goals

Committee Member Mitchell noted two corrections, the numbering and last paragraph, second sentence the word will be changed to with. Chairman McNelly said the state has implemented a Waste Discharge Requirements Sewer System Management Program. The City falls under that order and is under a plan to comply with the states WDR. A briefing on the status should be included in the 2007 goals.

MOTION by Committee Member Roberts, SECONDED by Committee Member Twineham and CARRIED by all present to accept and forward the corrected 2006 ERMC Activity Report to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- d. Compost Giveaway (April 28) and Awareness Week (May 6-12)

Chairman McNelly noticed that some people are still bagging their material and some are using barrels. Not everyone is using containers and participating where they could. Committee Member Adamson said some people do not want to have five trash containers. A solution might be to come up with a bag bursting program for MG Disposal and/or a way to identify what type of waste is in the bags, (stickers or colored tags). Chairman McNelly said some cities have compostable bags. Committee Member Mathy stated that the Redevelopment Committee looks at green building concepts and whether or not we want to include green building standards in future City projects.

Chairman McNelly said that he accepted a proclamation from the City Council last year and asked if this year's proclamation could coincide with the Compost Giveaway date. Staff thought it would be possible.

MOTION made by Committee Member Mitchell, SECONDED by Committee Member Roberts and CARRIED by all present to request that the City Council agendize a proclamation for Compost Awareness Week May 6-12 for the second meeting in April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

Chairman McNelly complimented staff's review of yearly goals. He said it would be appropriate to monitor the items on the Activity Report to keep abreast of what is happening. In particular, the Water Resources Program; the development and completion of the Hillcrest Reservoir; and the status of the water main replacement. Committee Member Mitchell would like more emphasis placed on Green Waste, she is concerned with the percentage drop. Staff said the next step is to remind residents of the appropriate bagging procedures.

MWD and Orange County Water District is going to close their filtration plant for maintenance -- could Staff look into whether this temporary closing would affect our residents.

Committee Member Twineham advised that the Household Hazardous Waste Center has a weight limit of 15 gals. and/or up to 125 lbs. If you exceed this limit and are traveling on the highway you may receive a fine of \$5,000 for caring hazardous waste. He would like to see more drop-off centers within the City.

Committee Member Roberts stated he would not be able to attend the May and June meetings.

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Next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 18, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 8:25 a.m.

Beverly Norton, Clerical Support