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ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Members Adamson, Lucero, McNelly, Mitchell,

Petrella

MEMBERS ABSENT: Avera, Brassett, McCormack, Roberts, Twineham

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark McGee and Dave Ault, MG Disposal

Donald Kinda

STAFF PRESENT: Senior Planner Allen, Secretary Pasillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 15, 2007 were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NON-AGENDIZED ITEM:

Old Business:

The Committee discussed, at a prior meeting, forming a Water Sub-Committee. (see June 20, 2007 minutes). Committee Member McCormack thought at least one group discussion should take place before a sub-committee was formed. However, the Committee formed a sub-committee (see August 15, 2007 minutes) that will meet with Water Systems Manager Schickling to discuss their recommendations. A date for that meeting has not yet been determined.

New Business

a. Universal Waste Update

Dave Ault, MG Disposal, provided the Committee with an update on the City's E-Waste and Universal Waste disposal programs. Currently there were facilities run by Orange County available to residents. MG has been working with the City to design a program that would

provide curbside pick-up of e-waste. Information was provided on a new, similar program in Brea. Also, MG and the City were designing a program to put battery disposal containers in four to five public locations throughout the City.

Mark McGee, MG Disposal, explained that as the waste stream changed MG and the City needed to adapt their programs in response. If the disposal solutions were convenient people would use them.

Mr. Ault described several programs being implemented at the State level, to deal with items such as fluorescent tubes and "sharps" (needles).

Chairman McNelly asked what typical PR program would take place to inform the public of the new programs. Mr. Ault responded that the rollout program would include flyers, the local cable channel, the annual newsletter, and putting information in with the water bills. The e-waste hauling program would be available to single family homes only.

Committee Member Petrella asked what the anticipated timeframe was for implementing the program. Mr. Ault responded that information would start to be sent out at the beginning of the year, and the full program should be implemented sometime in during the second quarter of 2008.

Committee Member Petrella believed that having separate containers for green waste, recyclables, and regular trash would make people more conscious of recycling. Mr. Ault stated separation of waste materials, and the City's program were currently under review.

Mr. McGee gave a brief history of the current City of Fullerton recycling program, and explained that as the City's recycling and waste requirements changed, the program was modified. He also discussed the hazardous waste disposal contract they had with the County of Orange, the locations where such waste could be dropped off, and the regulations that limited them from offering curbside pickup of hazardous waste.

Committee Member Petrella commented that she believed any promotional material, along with the Recycle Fullerton newsletter, should be translated into Korean, along with the English and Spanish currently provided. Mr. Ault explained that when Korean translation was discussed in Garden Grove, the majority of the Korean population they had spoken with did not want a Korean translation.

Mr. Ault and Mr. McGee explained some of the new State requirements. The trash haulers were required to replace their current trucks with alternative fuel vehicles over the next several years; therefore they would be replaced with automatic trucks. There was also an Assembly Bill in process that would require a 75% diversion, up 25% from the current rate. Fullerton was currently at approximately 57% diversion.

Committee Member Petrella asked if there would be an increase in the waste disposal fee, and Mr. Ault responded that none was anticipated.

Mr. McGee stated that during previous discussions of using automatic equipment people

had expressed concern with the size and weight of the containers, and how the elderly population would be able to handle those containers. He explained that smaller, ergonomic containers were available. He also stated that the number one call received by their customer service was citizens asking why the trash system did not use automatic trucks.

Mr. Ault requested to be added to the October ERMC Agenda so that he could provide additional details and an update on the proposal.

b. Solid Waste Ordinance Update (Chapter 5.14)

Acting Senior Planner Allen explained the draft revision to the Solid Waste Ordinance that had been provided to the Committee Members, and explained some of the changes. Additional language had been added to address large venue events.

Committee Member Petrella requested a synopsis of what the changes were prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Ault explained the large venue / large event requirements. Legislation was passed several years ago which required cities to identify any event with over 3,000 people attending, and then to have a waste disposal plan in place for that event. Because Fullerton's ordinance was outdated in other areas as well, it had been decided to update the entire ordinance at this time.

Chairman McNelly recommended the Integrated Waste Management website as a good resource for background information, as well as current and proposed legislation.

Mr. Ault explained that the ordinance was a law between the City and its citizens. MG Disposal had a contract with the City to provide service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donald Kinda gave a brief presentation on the California Solar Initiative that had been signed into law, and the requirement for cities to get 20% of their power from renewable sources by the year 2017. He suggested that the ERMC look at ways to provide encouragement to businesses and developers to install renewable energy sources. He also discussed several Federal and State incentives.

Committee Member Mitchell believed this was a timely topic.

Mr. Kinda recommended gosolarca.gov as a resource for additional information on the initiative.

COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

Chairman McNelly information the Committee that Member Brassett had been hospitalized, and a get well card was passed around for the other Members to sign. He explained that the ground water replenishing project was getting close to complete and was currently online for testing. He reminded the other Members of the October 20, 2007 Metropolitan Water District tour.

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Committee Member Petrella asked what would happen to items brought up at the meeting, such as the solar initiative and prior items on sustainable initiatives. Acting Senior Planner Allen explained that the General Plan update process was the place where policy change would start, and any changes to policy that would be under the purview of the ERMC would be brought before the Committee for their comments. Chairman McNelly added that Members or citizens could add items to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 9:00 a.m.