

2/20/07

Regular Board Meeting

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Council Chambers, City Hall 50 Second Avenue Bridge Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Present: Justin Shields, Lu Barron, Linda Langston, Charlie Kress, Pat Ball, Tom Podzimek, Mark Jones, Kay Halloran

Staff: Karmin McShane, Darrin Gage, Floyde Pelkey, Patricia Myers

Others: Brian Harthun and Terry Tiedemann, Howard Green Company; Del Axtel and Rick Yoerger, Midwest Environmental; Ivan Webber, Ahlers Law Firm; Doug Elliott and Jennifer Ryan, ECICOG; Jan Heeren; Jim Huyser, Chamness Technology; Tom Newbanks.

Notes:

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM at which time the mission statement was recited. Langston moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on January 16, 2007, second by Ball. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Jim Huyser, Chamness Technology, spoke regarding the compost RFP and inquired about the status of the bids. Jan Heeren, Fairfax, spoke regarding wastewater and compost operation odors and anaerobic digestion. She presented information about solid waste and wastewater operations in Sweden.

Director's Report: McShane updated the board on projects at the sites. Langston moved to go into closed session pursuant to Section 21.5.c of the Code of Iowa, second by Kress. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried unanimously. (Shields left meeting). Brian Harthun, HR Green, gave a presentation on the Site #2 expansion project. Kress moved to place Site #2 development plans and specs on file and set public hearing for March 20, 2007, second by Podzimek. Motion carried unanimously. Del Axtel, Midwest Environmental, reviewed the Site #2 maintenance building. Langston moved to place Site #2 maintenance building plans and specs on file and set public hearing for March 20, 2007, second by Ball. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Hanson reported the Finance Committee will consider the Agency managing investments rather than paying the City fees for investing. The committee recommends approval of accounts payable in the amount of \$705,454.49. Podzimek moved to approve payables, second by Langston. Motion carried unanimously.

(Halloran joined meeting).

Operations Report: Jones reported the evaluation committee for the review of organics processing and marketing service proposals recommends all compost RFP's be rejected. Langston moved to reject all compost RFP's, second by Podzimek. Motion carried unanimously. The committee also recommends the following: 1) compost odors be evaluated; 2) extend access to C Street into the Compost facility; 3) seek to see how soon the City needs the property currently being used for compost operations; 4) clearly define long-term goals for organics processing. Langston moved to approve all 4 items, second by Podzimek. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Report: Gage gave a brief update on Site #1 closure. He also presented the Orientation Policy Manual to each board member for their review. Adoption is scheduled for March 20, 2007 meeting.

(Halloran left the meeting).

Board Member Report: Podzimek reported on opportunities to use recycled building materials. He also proposed a waste summit. He mentioned that perhaps part of the education budget could be designated helping with design of public building(s). Consensus was to consider these ideas at a later date. Kress said he might have secured a forgivable loan for \$25,000 for plasma research.

Doug Elliott reviewed a draft of the Strategic Plan. He asked board members to review the document and make comments at the March 20, 2007 meeting.

Chair Barron adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM for lack of further business.

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