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MINUTES

APPROVED

Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee (BOSSWC) Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 1:00p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ryan Campbell; Supervisor David Goldemberg; Jim Garaventa, Sonora City Council; Monique Holcomb; At-Large Public Committee Member.

STAFF: Kim MacFarlane, Director of Public Works; Jim McHargue, Solid Waste Director; Cody Nesper; County Counsel; Diane Green, Solid Waste Specialist; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Technician; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Administrative Technician.

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Waste Management, John La Torre Jr., Melissa Eads, Sonora City Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ryan Campbell called the meeting of May 11, 2022 to order at 1:06 p.m. Supervisor Campbell suggested we introduce ourselves first then address Assembly Bill 361 Consideration of Adopting Resolution 2022-03 Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (modified Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency).

Supervisor Campbell asked if there was any public comment. None noted.

It was moved by Councilman Garaventa and seconded by Supervisor Goldemberg.

Supervisor Campbell Called for the vote: Ayes; 4 Noes; 0; Abstain 0.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 - 0

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any public comments at this time.

Amy Welch, Solid Waste Technician, mentioned two upcoming public events. On Saturday May 21, 2022 there will be a Household Hazardous Waste drop off event at the Cal Sierra Recycling Center located at 14959 Camage Ave in Sonora CA. Please call 1-800-811-2435 to schedule an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. On Saturday June 4, 2022 there will be a Mattress and Tire Collection at Greater Valley Conservation Corps located at 14993 Camage Ave in Sonora CA. No need to schedule an appointment, just stop by

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. You can drop off up to 8 mattresses and 9 car/passenger truck tires, no rims please.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting on April 13, 2022

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any public comments.

It was moved by Supervisor Goldemberg and seconded by Councilman Garaventa to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting.

Supervisor Campbell called for a vote: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Abstain 0.

Motion carried 4 – 0 – 0

B. Updates/ Reports

- Clean CA Coupon Event at the Home and Garden Show

Mr. McHargue thanked both Amy Welch and Monique Figueroa for their hard work and dedication to making the Home and Garden Show a success. Our booth was the most popular and drew a crowd as early as 9:00 a.m. We had a tremendous turn out which showed that this type of program is beneficial for our County and we may consider hosting a Clean CA Coupon events as an ongoing program. At this time, we have issued over 200 Coupons and within the first 10 days of the month 22 have been redeemed. Residents have the entire month of May to redeem the coupons. Mr. McHargue went on to state that we need to figure out how to target and reach those individuals who have the need and want a coupon. We may host pop up events in the future where we would announce our location and then give out coupons.

Both Supervisors Campbell and Goldemberg agreed that the Home and Garden Show was a huge success and that majority of the residents were excited at a chance to win a recycle bucket.

ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration of applications for at-large member of the general public to the Solid Waste Committee.

Mr. McHargue informed the Solid Waste Committee that we were required to consider the previous applications that were submitted the last time we had openings. Of the three applications only one applicant was still interested in joining the Solid Waste Committee. That application combined with a new one for John La Torre Jr. would be up for consideration at today's meeting.

Supervisor Goldemberg wanted to express his approval for Mr. La Torre stating that he has known John for a couple of years now and that he is experienced, environmentally conscious and will prove to be of value on the Solid Waste Committee. He is very supportive in the appointment of this applicant.

Councilman Garaventa stated that he fully supports Mr. La Torre to be appointed to the

Solid Waste Committee. He has had many years of experience working in Tuolumne County, and he asks all the right questions, and he is perfect for this position.

Mr. McHargue stated that both applicants are acceptable however we only have one applicant attending today's meeting. It is very important that whoever is selected be available to attend meetings so that we have our quorum.

Ms. Holcomb agreed that numbers are a huge concern for her, and she would want to make sure that the applicant selected would be able to attend the meetings so that we always have our quorum.

John La Torre, Solid Waste Committee applicant stated that he is not exactly aware of what the Solid Waste Committee does, but he was asked to apply by his Supervisor and considers that an honor and his duty to do so. Mr. La Torre states that if he is appointed, he will contribute and work hard.

Supervisor Campbell mentioned that if you contribute, and you are engaged in the topics you are helping your community to thrive and that is what it takes to be on a committee.

Supervisor Campbell asked if there was any public comment. None noted

It was moved by Councilman Garaventa and seconded by Supervisor Goldemberg.

Supervisor Campbell called for the vote: Ayes 4; Noes 0; Abstain; 0

Motion carried 4 – 0 – 0

- Consideration of the Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. franchise agreements (collection and transfer station) and amendments for term extensions. This meeting will focus on the Collection Agreement and the Transfer Station Agreement will be considered at a later Solid Waste Committee Meeting.

Mr. McHargue stated that today we would be focusing on just the collection agreement portion for Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. Mr. McHargue stated that the current franchise collection agreement became effective on November 1, 2009 and has a term of 13 years, expiring on October 31, 2022. Mr. McHargue then explained that on September 14, 2021 the Board of Supervisors staff directed to begin negotiations with Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. on the ten-year extension to their franchise collection agreement. Since negotiations began there have been three major issues of priority that both the County and Cal Sierra/ Waste Management have been focusing on. Some of those issues include the collection of recycling material with solid waste for landfill disposal, winter weather interruptions to service, and customer service for Tuolumne County customers.

Vanessa Barberis, Cal Sierra/Waste Management stated that her company was focusing on customer service issues and a recent survey they conducted showed improvement from a rating of 5 to a rating of 8. Since hiring a new District Manager at the end of 2020 there have been significant changes and she assures us that Cal Sierra/Waste Management is committed to doing better and being better.

Ms. Barberis states that Cal Sierra/Waste Management will be requesting a 3.9% increase

to cover the costs of additional services in the collection agreement extension.

Ms. Barberis asks if there are any questions.

Ms. Holcomb inquires about curbside collection for yard waste. Ms. Holcomb stated she feels very strongly in representing the people of her community and she sees a problem where the County is requiring residents to properly dispose of their yard waste debris but not providing a way for them to do so.

Mr. McHargue mentioned that we must look at the distinction between organics waste and yard waste. Tuolumne County currently has locations where yard waste debris can be brought for disposal.

Supervisor Campbell questioned Ms. Barberis on where the 3.9% increase proposal came from.

Ms. Barberis explains that for Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. to comply with the proposed agreement extension, they will need to cover their costs which have resulted in a 3.9% increase.

Supervisor Goldemberg expressed he was grateful for the proposed changes in the Cal Sierra/Waste Management extension, and he values the relationship and willingness both the County and Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. have expressed. However, he felt these changes would and should occur with no additional charge.

Ms. Holcomb asked if we were voting on this 3.9% increase today.

Mr. McHargue mentioned that he would like to seek approval from the committee today so the agreement can be sent to the Board of Supervisors or refer to negotiations with Cal Sierra/Waste Management.

Ms. Holcomb wanted to know if we had more time to discuss the 3.9% today and if we could see the numbers that Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc. used to come up with that percentage.

At this time everyone agreed it would be helpful to see those numbers before voting.

Ms. Barberis stated that she did not have that information at this time but that this was a necessary step to go further with the agreement.

Mr. McHargue stated that the 3.9% was not mentioned in the previous meetings with Cal Sierra/Waste Management Inc.

Ms. Barberis says it is typical at the beginning of a new contract and that Cal/Sierra/Waste Management is willing to continue negotiations and come to some agreement where they can meet in the middle.

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had any further comments. None noted.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Garaventa mentioned the issue with carts/bins being blocked for commercial accounts downtown Sonora on their service day. Currently the City Administrator is looking at new options and will keep us informed.

NEXT MEETING

There may be a special meeting on 5/25 at 1:00 pm. Mr. McHargue will keep us posted.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Campbell asked if anyone had anything further to comment.

Seeing none, Supervisor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be June 8, 2022.