

## WORKING SESSION - JANUARY 25, 1993

The joint working session of the Ann Arbor City Council and the Solid Waste Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor pro tem Larry Hunter.

### ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Tobi Hanna-Davies, Kirk Dodge, Peter Fink, Robert Grady, Nelson Meade, Kurt Zimmer, Thais Anne Peterson, Robert Eckstein, Elizabeth S. Brater (entered after call-to-order), 10

Absent: Councilmember Peter Nicolas, 1

Members of Solid Waste Commission: Pat Brown, Citizen Representative; Mike Garfield, at-large member and staff person at the Ecology Center; Frank Gruber, at-large representing the Apartment Owners Association; Carolyn Haack, at-large; John Hochrein, representing MichCon; Charles Cremin, representing the Chamber of Commerce; James Marks, representing the University of Michigan; David Stead, at-large representing Environmental Groups; Russell Calvert, owner of Calvert's Roll-off Containers. Councilmembers Dodge and Peterson are Council representatives on the Commission.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Alfred Gatta, Assistant City Administrator Environmental Services Robert Bauman, Solid Waste Director John Newman, Resource Recovery Division Manager Bryan Weinert

### MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY/TRANSFER STATION REPORT AND PRESENTATION

The subject of the working session was the procurement of a publicly-owned materials recovery facility/waste transfer station and the development and review of proposals from private vendors to design, build and operate the facility.

Assistant City Administrator Environmental Services Robert Bauman introduced the staff and consultants who developed and reviewed the proposal. Bauman summarized the report. He said that four goals were focused on: (1) to obtain a quality vendor with strong marketing capabilities; (2) to stay within the budget for the project within the current fiscal-year spending for recycling, processing and waste disposal; (3) fair and open procurement process; and (4) provide maximum flexibility to handle commercial waste and recyclables. The City/University of Michigan partnership in the facility will benefit both the U of M and the City. City staff will encourage use of the facility by local municipalities and businesses.

### PRESENTATION BY VENDOR/RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS

Elizabeth Karter and Bill Leonidas, representing Resource Recovery Systems (RRS) of Essex, Ct., explained the operations of the materials recovery facilities and waste transfer stations that the company currently operates in other locations in the United States and at a location in Montreal, Canada. Karter informed Council that RRS is the oldest recycling

company - established in 1973, is a private, woman-owned business with a corporate objective to "recycle as much as possible, economically." As the City's preferred vendor and in anticipation of contractual approval by the Council, the company planned an economic development program to include local hires for ongoing operations, to give preference to employment of existing workers and the hiring of local contractors during construction, and participative employees practices such as health care, retirement packages and profit sharing.

### QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION/CONSENSUS

A question, answer and discussion period followed. It was a consensus of the Council and Solid Waste Commission that a resolution to award contracts to design, construct and operate a publicly-owned and privately operated recovery facility/waste transfer station be presented to Council for action during the month of February and to consider scheduling a public hearing prior to action.

### Items filed with the City Clerk:

(1) Proposed Resolution to Award Contracts to Design, Construct and Operate a Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station; (2) Approved Resolution to Procure a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for City of Ann Arbor (2-21-91); (3) Report to City Council Concerning the Procurement of a Materials Recovery Facility and Waste Transfer Station; (4) City of Ann Arbor MRF/Waste Transfer Station Vendor Recommendations - Questions and Answers; (5) Draft Construction Contract Documents for City of Ann Arbor Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station; and (6) Draft Operating and Management Contract Documents for City of Ann Arbor Materials Recovery Facility/Transfer Station.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Hunter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Linda J. Wise  
Acting Clerk of the Council  
Recording Secretary