

City of Lawrence
Solid Waste Task Force
June 15, 2011 (6:00 PM) Meeting Minutes
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Aron Cromwell, Billy Beeson, Suzi Cammon, Joe Harkins, Sam Porritt, Daniel Poull, Ralph Reed, Charlie Sedlock, Jeff Severin, Dan Wethington
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Christine Tomlin
STAFF PRESENT:	Tammy Bennett, Michael Eglinski, Eileen Horn, Craig Pruett, Kathy Richardson, Chuck Soules
GUESTS PRESENT:	
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Tom Coffman, Paul Davis, Dorothy Hoyt-Reed, Jimmy James

Public Comment:

Jimmy James, Lawrence citizen, stated that he has lived in a lot of communities in the US and so far Lawrence has by far the best solid waste services. He shared his experiences in other cities: privatization of solid waste service issues, recycling difficulties, and frustrations with Household Hazardous Waste programs.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Mayor Aron Cromwell

GUEST SPEAKER: Johnson County, Kansas

Julie Coon, Johnson County Environmental Department Solid Waste Specialist, gave an overview of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management Plan. Her [presentation](#) covered the process of developing and implementing recommendations for the solid waste code as well as challenges and lessons learned in the process. She stressed that the key to implementing changes is education.

The task force asked Julie Coon a few questions:

Is there concern about increased illegal dumping once a volume based pricing system for solid waste is implemented? Johnson County staff learned from other communities in the US that there is a spike in illegal dumping at the beginning of implementation but it tapers off.

Is Johnson County planning to license haulers? Yes and the fee they pay will be based on a sliding scale depending on the size of the business. Haulers will submit proof of insurance and beginning in 2012 they will need to submit an operations plan. Haulers will also be asked to submit estimates on trash and recycling volumes, but not yard waste volumes.

What motivated Johnson County to move towards more aggressive waste reduction goals and make changes to the solid waste code? The Solid Waste Management (SMW) committee was in support of waste reduction goals in the SWM Plan and they hired a consultant to develop the plan. Also landfill capacity was a motivator since it was scheduled to close in 2027. The land use permit was recently extended, with a new close date in 2043.

GUEST SPEAKER: Olathe, Kansas

Kent Seyfried, City of Olathe Solid Waste Manager, gave an overview of the Solid Waste operations in Olathe. His [presentation](#) covered the process of developing and implementing higher automation in fleet, mandatory containers for set out, and curbside recycling and yard collections. Factors that helped the City of Olathe move to mandatory carts and higher automation of fleet vehicles are: 1. worker comp costs were very high and 2. there was a change in management. The implementation of the mandatory carts and automated vehicles created efficiency in their trash routes and allowed Olathe to start a residential curbside recycling service.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion and second to approve the [May 4, 2011 meeting minutes](#) (Porritt/Poull).
Vote was passed unanimously.

Motion and second to approve the [June 8, 2011 public input session notes](#) (Wethington/Reed).
Vote was passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION FOR TASK FORCE AND PLANNING FUTURE MEETINGS

Glass Recycling. A couple task force members asked about glass recycling because they had read an article in the Lawrence Journal World. Mayor Cromwell explained that glass recycling is something he is encouraging the City to explore. The idea would be for the City to work in partnership with Ripple Glass to set out glass recycling bins at four locations in Lawrence. The start up costs for such a program would be approximately \$30,000 and the Mayor has asked the City Manager to include it in the budget.

Landfill Presentation and Tour. Task force members are interested in an overview of the Hamm Landfill and a tour. Both the presentation and tour will be scheduled in July.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Date	Topics
June 30, 2011	Citizen Survey Results – information regarding solid waste services Open discussion
June 14, 2011	Hamm's Overview (pre-tour explanation) Open discussion
July (TBD), 2011	Hamm Landfill tour
	Future meeting topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MRF tour• Input from stakeholders (Deffenbaugh, other recyclers, etc.)• Second public listening session

Note – monthly scheduling for summer due to vacation plans for members.