

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE **CARLSBAD BOARD OF SOLID WASTE COMMISSIONERS** OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD AT CITY HALL IN THE PLANNING ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

Voting Members Present: Jerry Stanley, Chairman – Member at large
Lisa Flores, Board – Ward 1
John Beasley, Board – Ward 3
Jim Grantner, Board – Ward 4

Voting Members Absent: Alvin Doporto, Board – Ward 2

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Mayor Dale Janway
Steve McCutcheon, City Administrator

Board Secretary Present: Luis Camero, Director of Engineering

Staff Present: Stephanie Shumsky, Assistant City Administrator
Wendy Hammett, Finance Director
Ruben Ramirez, Solid Waste Superintendent
Terra Dougan, Solid Waste Coordinator
Raquel Leyva, Solid Waste Trainee

Others Present: Scott Goodale, Resident of Carlsbad

Jerry Stanley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Jerry Stanley called the roll of voting members, determining that three of the five appointed board members were in attendance, which constitutes a quorum. John Beasley walked in at 3:33 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Grantner made the motion, which was seconded by Lisa Flores. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores and Grantner. No – none. Abstain – none. Absent – Beasley and Doporto. The motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING**

Jim Grantner made the motion to approve the October 6, 2016 minutes as presented. Lisa Flores seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Beasley and Grantner. No–none. Abstain–none. Absent–Doporto. The motion carried.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

Lisa Flores made the motion to approve the September 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Jim Grantner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Beasley and Grantner. No – none. Abstain – none. Absent – Doporto. The motion carried.

5. **DISCUSS QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

There were no questions or concerns to discuss at this meeting

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

- a. Financials – Wendy Hammett stated that the year to date numbers were at 1,017,530 which is 1% higher than the estimated target of 17% on revenues. Hammett added that costs were down 3% but that it was still early in the year.
- b. Solid Waste – Ruben Ramirez stated that the tonnage and trips to the landfill were pretty much the same as they were last month. Ramirez added that the tub grinder is dead lined but that he is getting quotes for a rental so the Solid Waste department could mulch the limbs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Wendy Hammett asked Ruben Ramirez how much the repair would cost. Ramirez replied that the repair would be close to \$28,000 dollars. John Beasley asked Ruben Ramirez how much it would cost to buy a new tub grinder. Luis Camero replied that it would be approximately \$300,000.00 dollars. Ruben Ramirez added that he did not receive any information from Rainbow Recycling in regards to the tonnage collected and the convenience station tonnage has increased. Lisa Flores asked Ruben Ramirez how the grapplers were running and if the 311 requests were being picked up within the time limit set. Ruben Ramirez stated the grappler is picking up the 311s accordingly but that the number is growing every day. Stephanie Shumsky asked Ramirez if there was still only 1 grappler running. Ramirez replied there are 3 grappler trucks running right now but it changes on a daily basis. Lisa Flores asked Ramirez if he thought a public statement needed to be sent stating that more time would be needed for grappler pickup. Jim Grantner mentioned that the statement would need to be a general statement due to the mechanical break downs with the grapplers and how frequently the number of running trucks fluctuates. Ruben Ramirez added that when there are break downs with trucks or if routes are down Kyle Marksteiner is notified and then he, Kyle Marksteiner, posts the statement on the Facebook page. Luis Camero advised the board that the 48 hour commitment was implemented by the Mayor and if Solid Waste wanted to extend the time frame beyond 48 hours then the Solid Waste staff should ask the Mayor. Camero added that the Solid Waste staff sent the Solid Waste Coordinator, Terra Dougan, out in the field after an alley was clean and if there was trash found in the same alley then she would make contact with the home owner and educate them on 311 services. John Beasley asked Terra Dougan how the outreach was going. She explained that she has an informational flyer and promotional items that she gives to each resident as she makes contact with them. Terra Dougan added that the residents are receptive to the education and that there have only been four repeat offenders that she has emailed to Code Enforcement. Dougan also stated that Code Enforcement has also helped with the education process; during their weed blitz Dougan gave Code Enforcement magnets, with the grappler information, that they could insert in the flyer they were distributing.
- c. Public Outreach Campaign – Stephanie Shumsky mentioned that Kyle Marksteiner wanted to let the board know that the Girl Scouts would be making an appearance at the City Council meeting and speaking about the concerns to end recycling. Jerry Stanley wants Kyle Marksteiner to send the recycling letter to the troop leader explaining the recycling situation. Luis Camero asked if the board or City Council has had complaints about ending the recycling program. Scott Goodale stated there weren't complaints but residents are talking about it. Stephanie Shumsky presented the letter that would be sent to all the residents that have recycling containers and it has been approved by the Mayor and Jerry Stanley.

7. RECYCLING – ENDORSE SOLID WASTES PLAN TO DISCONTINUE RECYCLING

- a. Residential – Jerry Stanley stated that according to the recycling letter residential recycling is done. Stanley added the recycling containers need to be serviced and picked up one last time and that the containers should not be kept by the residents. Stephanie Shumsky advised the board that there is a company out of Albuquerque that might be interested in taking our recyclables and that the company would send a list of information that they needed. Jim Grantner asked Stephanie Shumsky if the city was still interested in taking over recycling and asked if the Rainbow Recycling equipment was still for sale. Scott Goodale replied that as of Friday, October 14, 2016 the equipment at Rainbow Recycling was still for sale. Lisa Flores asked Stephanie Shumsky if the city was still interested in sending recycling to Mexico. Stephanie Shumsky replied that Mike Hernandez had the information but was not at the meeting to elaborate on the topic. Scott Goodale asked staff if the city was still interested in maintaining the contract or a similar contract to an individual or group of individuals who would be willing to take on the recycling program or if the contract was just exclusively for CARC. Jim Grantner replied that the contract was not exclusively for CARC. Scott Goodale informed the board that there are businesses around town, fortune 500 companies and WIPP who said they would be willing to help continue the recycling program. The board informed Scott Goodale that the contract would still be on the table for another vendor to take on the recycling program. Jerry Stanley asked Scott Goodale if he could have a definite answer in a month about taking on the recycling program. Scott Goodale replied that he or another member of his group would be at the next meeting with an answer on taking over the recycling program. Scott Goodale added that if he and his contacts take over the recycling program then there would be no residential curbside recycling service due to biohazardous contamination.

Jim Grantner made the motion to support Solid Waste's plan to temporarily suspend the recycling services until further notice. John Beasley seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Beasley and Grantner. No–none. Abstain–none. Absent–Doporto. The motion carried.

- b. Commercial – Jerry Stanley asked the Solid Waste staff what happens when the blue containers are pulled and the businesses start accumulating more trash. Stephanie Shumsky stated that the plan was for the Solid Waste staff to contact the businesses and ask if they would like another container or additional pickups but both would be an additional charge. Shumsky added that Mike Hernandez was not there to discuss the plan and that it would be better to discuss this topic at the next meeting so Mike Hernandez could attend. Jerry Stanley made the recommendation that the commercial recycling be tabled until next meeting and at that meeting Solid Waste needs to have a plan on how they are going to discontinue and remove the containers for recycling.

John Beasley made the motion to table commercial recycling. Lisa Flores seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Beasley and Grantner. No–none. Abstain–none. Absent–Doporto. The motion carried.

8. DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS ON FINAL CITY ORDINANCE

Jerry Stanley asked the Solid Waste staff if the ordinance was given and approved by the City Attorney. Luis Camero stated that the ordinance has not been approved by the City Attorney. Camero added that the highlighted area of the ordinance is material that he gave to the City Attorney to add. Camero added that on page three of the ordinance there are two

commercial collection definitions and he is recommending that the board keep the second suggested definition. Camero went on to say that the second definition lets the residents know what the City of Carlsbad considers a commercial account. Jerry Stanley asked Luis Camero, under the definition he is recommending, how a motel would be charged. Camero stated that the motel would be charged by number of containers and frequency of pickups. Jerry Stanley asked Luis Camero if the same criteria would apply to mobile home parks. Camero said that it would but also added that there are some mobile home parks that are set up and charged by individual rollouts. Lisa Flores asked Luis Camero if apartment complexes would be charged under the same definition. Camero replied that they would. Jerry Stanley asked if the rates presented were based on the annual cost of living and if there was an increase. Luis Camero replied that there was an increase of 1.25%. Jerry Stanley wants the staff to meet and come to the next meeting with plans on rates.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to adjourn. Lisa Flores made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John Beasley. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Beasley and Grantner. No – none. Abstain – none. Absent – Doporto. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:07p.m.



JERRY STANLEY, Chair