

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 OCTOBER 6, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

Voting Members Present: Jerry Stanley, Chairman – Member at large
Lisa Flores, Board – Ward 1
Alvin Doporto, Board – Ward 2
John Beasley, Board – Ward 3
Jim Grantner, Board – Ward 4

Voting Members Absent:

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

Board Secretary Present: Luis Camero, Director of Engineering

Staff Present: Stephanie Shumsky, Deputy City Administrator
Mike Hernandez, Director of Utilities
Wendy Hammett, Director of Finance
Ruben Ramirez, Solid Waste Superintendent
Terra Dougan, Solid Waste Coordinator
Mary Garwood, Beautification Coordinator
Robin Beauchamp, 311 Operator

Others Present: Jason Shirley, City Councilman – Ward 3

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 four of the five appointed board members were in attendance, which constitutes a quorum. Alvin Doporto arrived at 3:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. DISCUSS FUTURE OF RECYCLING

Jerry Stanley stated that he met with Mr. McCutcheon on Friday, September 30, 2016 and discussed an article regarding Waste Management in Houston, TX. Stanley added that Waste Management is the largest garbage and recycling business in the country with around 130 -140 recycling facilities. Stanley went on to say that the article stated that Waste Management had shut down 26 of their recycling facilities due to the marketplace and profit is only being made on corrugated cardboard not any other recyclables. Stanley added that Mr. McCutcheon read him a letter sent from Mark Schinnerer, the CEO of CARC, Inc., stating that not only was CARC losing money but the main reason for the closure was the major malfunction with the machinery. Stanley also informed the board that the recycling machine belt and belt drive would have to be replaced since the machine was bought used

and did not come with a warranty; the estimated cost for repairs, according to Mark Schinnerer, was around \$50,000.00 dollars and CARC is in no position to repair it. Stanley suggested to Mr. McCutcheon that the blue recycling roll-outs that are already out in the community be serviced one more time and picked up immediately. Stanley mentioned that Mr. McCutcheon was informed by Mark Schinnerer that there is a gentleman in Hobbs, NM that does recycle cardboard and Stanley wanted staff to make contact with him and see what his capabilities are and if he would be interested in taking the cardboard that is recycled in Carlsbad, NM. Stanley also informed the board that CARC would have two balers for sale if the city was interested in recycling just the cardboard. Wendy Hammet asked the Solid Waste staff if there was an opportunity to partner with surrounding cities. Jerry Stanley replied that Artesia brings their recycling to Carlsbad and the Hobbs recycling center is very small. Mike Hernandez added that he had reached out to Roswell about accepting our recyclables and/or just the corrugated cardboard and Roswell responded that they are not interested in accepting any of our recyclables. Hernandez added that he talked to a representative from Friedman and they are ready to help in any way they can. Some of the initial proposals Friedman made was providing the blue recycling roll-outs to the entire city and the city would pay Friedman \$5600.00 dollars in rental fees a month or the city could buy the blue recycling roll-outs totaling \$662,000.00 dollars. Jim Grantner asked the SW staff if Rainbow Recycling would be interested in taking the cardboard only. Jerry Stanley replied that Mark Schinnerer gave the impression that they would probably just vacate the building since the machinery is broken. Jim Grantner stated that the only way he sees recycling working for the future is to start charging for the service. Jason Shirley asked the Solid Waste board if any savings have been seen since we started the conversion. Both Jim Grantner and Mike Hernandez stated that it was still too early to tell. Mary Garwood informed the board that when researching recycling and garbage waste disposal in other cities Carlsbad is the only town that had the 3 pickups a week. Garwood added that once a week pickup for trash and recycling has been tested in the Elks only. Garwood ended with saying that there should be mandatory recycling with once a week pickup for the garbage and for the recycling. Jim Grantner does not want to go that route just yet but he would like to see the city charge for recycling. Jason Shirley stated that the residents that have contacted him would not mind paying for recycling but added that the city told the residents that transitioning to the garbage roll-outs would save money but then an increase on their bill would prove differently. Lisa Flores asked the Solid Waste staff how far away the city is from having to make a new cell in the landfill. Mike Hernandez replied that the last time he heard it was going to be a couple of years. Jason Shirley asked the Solid Waste staff how many years were saved from building a new cell due to recycling. Mike Hernandez replied that Mr. Lewandowsky with Operational Consultants performed the Solid Waste audit and said that the amount of trash that is diverted away from the landfill by recycling is minimal compared to the amount of trash that does go out there. Jason Shirley asked how long a cell at the landfill last the city. Jerry Stanley replied that a cell can last the city eight to ten years. Jason Shirley then asked what percent of the city recycles at this time. Mike Hernandez replied that not even 10% of the City of Carlsbad recycles. Jerry Stanley asked the Solid Waste staff how to eliminate residential recycling in a smooth fashion and also how we keep our commercial recycling program afloat by transporting the corrugated cardboard to Hobbs. Mary Garwood stated that she knew of the gentleman in Hobbs and he collected cardboard from businesses as a side job for money and that he does not have the capability to process the amount of cardboard the City of Carlsbad brings in. Garwood also stated that she talked with the City of Hobbs and they have no interest in the recycling that the city collects. Jerry Stanley told Solid Waste staff that the blue recycling roll-outs for

residential customers need to be serviced by route or neighborhood whichever is easier and then a truck and trailer need to be right behind picking up the blue roll-outs. Jim Grantner asked if it was necessary to pick up the blue recycling roll-outs or if it would be easier to tell the residents that recycling is not being picked up at this time so do not use the blue recycling roll-out. Jerry Stanley replied that the residents would still use the blue bins as garbage containers if they were left in the residents' possession. Jim Grantner asked what would happen with the recycling sites around the city. Jerry Stanley replied that the city recycling sites would have to be closed as well but the blue commercial recycling containers should not be pulled and the businesses can use them for trash since the same truck will be picking it up. Jim Grantner stated that all accounts should be treated the same whether they are commercial or residential. Mike Hernandez stated that the commercial blue recycling could stay in the field, be painted brown for garbage and the rates could be changed or the pickups could be increased if the business does not want another brown garbage container. Jerry Stanley wants the Solid Waste staff to come to the regular meeting with the best approach on what to do with all the recycling containers around town. Stephanie Shumsky wants the board to vote at the regular meeting on what recycling containers get brought in or if they all need to be brought in. Lisa Flores asked the staff to look into the equipment at Rainbow Recycling and see if the equipment has in fact been sold. John Beasley asked the staff what is going to be done with glass recycling. Mike Hernandez stated that the city has its own machine and glass recycling will continue. Stephanie Shumsky asked that the staff meet next week before the regular BSWC meeting and discuss possible solutions and plans on recycling.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Grantner made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Flores. The vote was as follows: Yes – Flores, Doporto, Grantner and Beasley. No – none. Abstain – none. Absent – none. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.


JERRY STANLEY, Chair