



**BOARD OF SOLID WASTE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM

101 N. HALAGUENO

CARLSBAD, NM 88220

JANUARY 16, 2019- 3:30PM

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JERRY STANLEY, CHAIRMAN- MEMBER AT LARGE

JIM GRANTNER, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 4

DAVID REDFORD, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

JJ CHAVEZ, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

RICK SALNESS, BOARD MEMBER- WARD 2

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

NONE

**CITY OF CARLSBAD STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Harvey- Wastewater Superintendent

Melissa Salcido- Grants & Projects Control Manager

Ron Myers- Director of Utilities

Lin Pickens-SW Superintendent

Raquel Leyva, SW Coordinator

Mary Garwood, SW Code Enforcement/KCB Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

David Wilson Rogers

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

**1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Jerry Stanley called the roll of the voting members, determining that five (5) of the five (5) appointed board members were in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. JJ Chavez made the motion, which was seconded by David Redford. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, Redford, & Salness. No-none. Abstain- none. The motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2018 MEETING:**

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to approve the December 16, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. David Redford made the motion, which was seconded by Rick Salness.

The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, Redford, & Salness. No-none. Abstain-none.  
The motion carried.

**4. REPORTS:**

**a. Financials:**

Melissa Salcido reviewed the November 2018 financials as presented in the BSWC packet. Revenues were \$3,077,122.00 and are now showing as favorable in the budget. She once again explained that fund transfers were made at the beginning of the year and any negatives will continue to work themselves out as the year continues.

**b. Solid Waste:**

Lin Pickens reported that new trucks are in operation and the SW Dept. is working on breaking them into operations. The truck count now is up to 18 units. He explained that the new trucks have a further arm reach than previous trucks to help fit in tighter spaces. He presented photos to the board for their review and answered operational questions. Mr. Pickens says the department is so far very pleased with the new trucks. One positive about them is the ability to hold much more waste than other trucks (an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 more lbs.); therefore decreasing the trips needed to drive out to the Sandpoint Landfill. Mr. Pickens also went on to say that the tonnage at the City of Carlsbad Convenience Station continues to increase, with the largest amount of that debris originating from Eddy County residents. He went on to report that the SW Dept. will be working on replacing residential roll-out lids as they have recently just received a shipment in to do so since their breaking are the biggest issue with the roll-out containers.

**5. DISCUSS AND MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS:**

Dave Rogers, Chairman of the "Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance" Sub-Committee, under the Beautification Committee, presented the draft ordinance that the sub-committee has compiled for the City of Carlsbad's review and input. Mr. Rogers explained that they are seeking involvement and input for the cause. He stated that the ordinance is now stated in such a way to encourage the use of paper bags with an environmental service fee of 10 cents. That 10 cent environmental service fee would be split up as 10% for the business, and 90% to the City of Carlsbad to fund a recycling program, an education and outreach program for beautification programs, and supply reusable bags for public use at public buildings. He explained that the plastic bags affect the aesthetics in a negative way in Carlsbad and adds to the litter problem. Mr. Rogers went on to say that one grocery store in town gives a 5 cent deduction on the final bill when customers bring in their reusable bags. The majority of businesses in Carlsbad are major chains that the subcommittee is finding to have corporate structure to handle a bag ban, should it be passed. He says that at this time, the support for the cause has outweighed the few naysayers. He explained that if Carlsbad were to pass this ordinance, that it would be following Silver City and Santa Fe in New Mexico. Jim Grantner questioned if the City of Carlsbad even has the authority to pass something like this to regulate a plastic bag ban and paper bag environmental service fee. Dave Rogers, the board and members in attendance agreed that yes, the City does have that authority. He stated that the City of Albuquerque is reviewing a similar ordinance at this time. Rick Salness questioned as to what chemicals in the plastic bag make the bags toxic to the environment. He stated that he feels the ordinance is aesthetic based as opposed to environmentally science based. Mr. Salness stated that since the plastic bags don't contain BPA, they are not

considered toxic and also that plastic isn't toxic since it isn't water soluble. Mr. Salness stated that the chemicals in the bags are not toxic. He also questioned the probability of cattle eating plastic bags and what animal would actually do that. Jim Grantner stated that bags found in landscapes around town are an environmental concern on their own. Rick Salness said that paper bags take more energy to make and won't decompose as rapidly as people think in our landfills. Jerry Stanley questioned the price difference in plastic bags vs. the paper bags. Mary Garwood stated that the average cost of a paper bag is 4 cents. With mass production costs, the cost would go down significantly. Rick Salness stated then that science has been conducted on the issue and presented the members with information from [www.allaboutbags.ca](http://www.allaboutbags.ca), a website compiled by the Canadian Plastics Industry Association, for review. Jim Grantner said that he agrees with the concept of the single-use plastic bag ban, but not necessarily including the environmental service fee. JJ Chavez questioned why restaurants weren't included in the ban and the discussion ensued about involving them as well. The general consensus seemed to be to include the restaurants as well to make everything fair. Dave Rogers explained that the sub-committee wanted to bring the ordinance to the Board of Solid Waste Commissioners to gain their input for the cause. Rick Salness stated to be sure to have any reference to environmental claims of toxicity to be referenced in the ordinance. Dave Rogers expressed once again that the main goal of the environmental service fee is to bring back a recycling program, and how much the sub-committee knows the public wants a recycling program to return. JJ Chavez stated he would like to see businesses not lose out because of the higher price of paper bag usage and would suggest a way to split the cost between the City and the retailer. Mary Garwood stated that from reviewing the current businesses that may be affected by implementing the single use plastic bag use, the sub-committee is finding that most are corporate owned and small businesses should not feel much of a sting. Dave Rogers stated that the presented draft ordinance is a work in progress and is open for edits. Discussion ensued about the penalties and enforcement measures among the board.

***Jerry Stanley called for a motion to support the proposed city ordinance regarding plastic shopping bags:*** David Redford made the motion to support the proposed city ordinance regarding plastic shopping bags. Seconded by: None. The vote was as follows: Yes- Redford. No- Grantner, Chavez, & Salness. Abstain- none. The motion fails.

Board members requested for the Single-Use Plastic Bag Sub-Committee to come back for another presentation and offered support letter as the ordinance details get worked out.

**6. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Jerry Stanley called for a motion to adjourn. JJ Chavez made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Salness. The vote was as follows: Yes- Grantner, Chavez, Redford, & Salness. No-none. Abstain-none. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39PM.

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Chairman