

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Joint Meeting of the Dillingham City Council and Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Solid Waste Management Plan.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby was present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Doug Holt, Seat A
Paul Liedberg, Seat B
Bob Himschoot, Seat C
Keggie Tubbs, Seat D
Tracy Hightower, Seat E
Tim Sands, Seat F (*left at 6:24 p.m.*)

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Terry Hoefflerle, Seat A
Paul Liedberg, Chair, Seat B
Rachel Muir, Seat D (*arrived around 5:40 p.m.*)
Andy Anderson, Seat E
Izetta Chambers, Seat G (*arrived around 5:40 p.m.*)

Bill Rodawalt, Seat C, absent
Petla Noden, Seat F, absent

Staff in attendance:

Dan Forster, City Manager
Carter Cole, Public Works Director
Jody Seitz, Planning Director
Janice Williams, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Akelkok, BBAHC
Anthony Jett, BBAHC, project Engineer
John Muir
Todd Radenbaugh, Bristol Bay Campus
Tom Whinahan, Peter Pan Seafoods
Bill Wilcox, BBAHC, Chief Information Officer

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Paul Liedberg seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Discuss Solid Waste Management Plan

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to enter into the Committee of the Whole to discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Council and Commission entered into the Committee of the Whole at 5:35 p.m.

Public Works Director Carter Cole and Planning Director Jody Seitz presented a power point presentation, Dillingham Municipal Landfill, Options for Consideration followed by a discussion contributed from those in attendance.

MOTION: Terry Hoefflerle moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to exit the Committee of the Whole around 8:05 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Council and Commission exited the Committee of the Whole.

(Clerk Note: Attached to these minutes are notes taken by Mayor Ruby on some of the issues/questions that were raised during the discussion.)

V. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There was no citizen's discussion.

VI. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

MOTION: Terry Hoefflerle moved and Tracy Hightower seconded the motion to explore the feasibility of all options available to the City including case studies and other examples, including option 4.

A recommendation was made to research what other communities were doing, including Nome and Kotzebue.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Bob Himschoot:

- commented the City move forward to have the firm of Smart Tower Energy onsite to field their questions.

Izetta Chambers:

- reported she had applied for a grant for a small composting project, with hopes to start moving on it in the fall.

Terry Hoefflerle:

- concurred with Rachel's earlier comment to try and lure the State into sitting in on this process and work with the Staff.

Mayor Ruby:

- remarked that a study from Smart Tower Energy would provide information they wouldn't otherwise have.

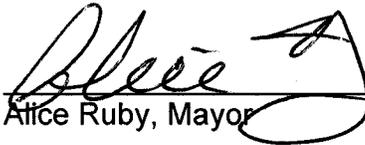
Doug Holt:

- agreed with having an onsite presentation from Smart Tower Energy.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

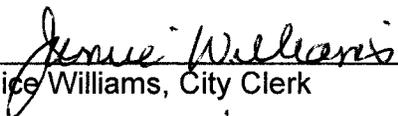
Mayor Ruby thanked everyone for attending the meeting, noting she would like to see more joint meetings with the Planning Commission.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice Williams, City Clerk

Approved: 5/21/2012



SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – MAY 2, 2012

Issues/questions that were raised – recorded by Mayor Alice Ruby

- Confirm incentive for utility company involvement
- Refuse must be blended to meet specifications so on-site storage is needed?
- What are hidden costs?
- Value of LOI is research?
- Is there impact from the removal of fish waste from the Bay? EPA regulations may impact?
- CH2M Hill study provides useful information?
- Evaluate incineration without generating energy
- Efficient disposal process becomes a disincentive to reduce waste?
- “pay as you throw” - are we charging enough at the landfill?
- Not a current assessment of our waste stream?
- What is the city’s ultimate liability for the waste to energy operation?
- Saltenstal-Kennedy grant source (NOAA) might provide a source of funding for studying the impact of decrease or removal of fish waste from the Bay
- Current situation with medical waste? Currently shipping hazardous items out of the region. Current quantity is probably pounds and not tons per year.
- Should question why Dillingham is a suitable site for the company?
- Are there case studies that can be shared?
- Are there communities comparable to Dillingham in the state? What are they doing? What options did they evaluate?
- Will NEPA requirements have to be met?
- Urge that we approach this with baby steps
- If incineration is evaluated as an option, what about a biomass boiler?
- Recommend including other agencies in evaluating and monitoring the option and the final decision. Could provide a critical eye for things that we do not have the resources to monitor or enforce.
- Look carefully at the feasibility
- In reality, we have 37 years on the current landfill operations if the simple revisions in operation are implemented. The evaluation for the waste to energy option may not give you all the info you need but should go forward so we have the information.
- Have we evaluated MARPOL requirements for the City in relation to the newly annexed area? We may have some requirements that we didn’t before. Would there be new sources of income based on the new area or requirements?
- Recommend that you lure the state into sitting in on this process