

**PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
August 30, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM.

Members Present: Ms. Hale, Ms. Triem, Christine Woll, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, Paul Voelckers via Zoom. Mayor Beth Weldon and Assembly Member Loren Jones were also in attendance.

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, Denise Koch, Deputy City Clerk Di Cathcart, Greg Smith, Caleb Comas, Janet Sanbei, and Lori Sowa.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting

No objection, minutes passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

None.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Solid Waste Presentations

1. AKDEC – Zach Gianotti, Environmental Specialist and Doug Buteyn, Solid Waste Regional Manager

Ms. Koester turned the presentations over to staff from Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation and Waste Management.

Doug Buteyn explained the limits of regulation are for non-hazardous waste landfills. He stated the municipal landfills are classed based on the amount of waste they receive per day.

Zach Gianotti stated the Juneau landfill is a Class I landfill receiving more than 20 tons of waste per day. All landfills require a permit. Landfills are inspected annually to determine if they meet the requirements of their permit.

Doug Buteyn explained the need to close the landfill is based on the footprint of the landfill and the slope permitted. This will determine how tall the landfill can go. After closure of the landfill, the landfill operator is required to monitor the landfill for 30 years to be sure the landfill continues to meet the permit requirements, and does not leach any toxic waste into the environment. It is important for the

community to understand the landfill owner's responsibility does not stop at the closure of the landfill.

Discussion ensued.

2. Waste Management – Jim Denson, PNW/BC Environmental Protection Manager

Jim Denson gave a short presentation based on concerns the Committee has vocalized over the past few months. He introduced the new staff coming to the Juneau office. He spoke regarding good cover for the facility, and that they have improved the cover for the working space. He stated Waste Management feels odor is not OK. They strive to keep odors down to the best of their ability. The odor that occurred during this past winter was due to that fact that a compressor went down, and the flare was unable to flame. There are 2 different types of odors, gas odors and trash odors. Both of these were contributors this past winter. The landfill has added 3 gas collectors to help alleviate odors. Some equipment will be installed which will also help distribute the collected gas. Wet environments are more difficult environments to run a landfill in. They have added additional safety requirements when using the landfill. Mr. Denson feels the landfill should last more than 20 years. There is really no exact number of years, but the estimate is 20-24 years.

Discussion ensued.

B. New City Hall

Ms. Koester explained the revised timeline for presenting to the public and the Committee to build a new city hall or renovate an existing building for the new city hall. This is truly preliminary and "ground zero" in nature. A longer timeline does allow for public comment and other committee comment. The shorter timeline will not have a final design at the time of the vote, but investing in a detailed design may not be needed until this is approved by the voters. Existing maintenance needs for the current City Hall add up to \$6M in renovations. She stated in past history when businesses moved out of Marine View Building, those spaces were converted back into apartments. The current City Hall, it was assumed would be sold or demolished.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Triem moved forward to a body containing all 9 members a recommendation for October 2022.

Ms. Hughes-Skandjis objected to the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hale passed the Gavel to Ms. Woll.

Ms. Hale proposed an amendment recommending sending the request for the 2022 timeline, but contain information about the 2023 timeline that has been reviewed by the Public Works & Facilities Committee, and the pros and cons.

Ms. Triem - yes

Ms. Hughes-Skandjis - no

Ms. Woll - yes

Ms. Hale - yes

Motion passed as amended.

- C. Provide Direction on Format for "PWFC Solid Waste Plan Recommendations" for 9-20-21 COW

Ms. Koester stated the memo in the packet is to update the Committee and inform them she will be working with Ms. Hale on a presentation for the COW which will follow the items outlined in the packet.

VI. UPDATE on PWFC ACTION ITEMS to ADVANCE 2021 ASSEMBLY GOALS

- A. Goal Update Table

Ms. Koester updated the Committee on what the Engineering & Public Works Department has been working on since the last meeting.

VII. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

- A. August 4, 2021 to August 25, 2021

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. Next Regular Meeting will be September 20, 2021 – 12:00 Noon

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.