



CITY OF CHARLESTON WEST VIRGINIA



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Environment and Recycling Committee, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee

TO: Environment and Recycling Committee
FROM: John Kennedy Bailey, Chair
RE: Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Council Committee on Environment and Recycling will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor of City Hall.

Agenda

PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. June 3, 2019

DISCUSSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR RECYCLING EDUCATION

1. Resolution No. 210-19

DISCUSSION OF USE OF ALTERNATE CONTAINERS FOR RECYCLING

DISCUSSION OF SALE OF GARBAGE & RECYCLING BAGS IN LOCAL STORES & WHAT TO DO WITH SURPLUS BAGS

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MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 P.M. JUNE 3, 2019
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members Present: John Kennedy Baily, Chair - Bruce King, Vice Chair
Bobby Haas – Pat Jones – Deanna McKinney
Sam Minardi – Robert Sheets

Others Present: David H. Armstrong, Kanawha Co Deputy Fire Coordinator
Sam Strickland-Brent Webster-Alex Gallo- Linda Frame

The Chairman called the meeting to order and moved for a motion to approve the previous minutes. Bruce King moved to approve-Pat Jones seconded. Previous minutes approved.

The Chairman began by revisiting the discussion at last meeting relating to the possibility of approving alternative containers, other than bags for recycling. He then introduced David Armstrong to the committee who began by telling the Committee that he holds on of two Kanawha County Commission board seats on the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority (KCSWA) He went on to say that since the resignation of the Executive Director in April of 2017, he was asked to help run the day-to-day operations at the Slack Street facility. He told the committee that when he took over there was approximately \$20,000.00 in the KCSWA bank account. He said that AEP offered them some funds to rent a portion of the property in order to upgrade some transmission lines, bringing the balance at that time to \$35,000.00. He said he made a proposal to the KCSWA board to try to acquire a small building in order to attempt to get back to baling material. He advised that he had found a building on Sissonville Drive paying them \$1,500.00 per month. He went on to say that the immediate need would be a horizontal baler which can cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000 low end up to \$300,000 to \$400,000. He said that he applied for and received a REAP grant of \$122,000 to purchase a horizontal baler. He said that ultimately the company that won the bid and was paid the up-front start costs is filing bankruptcy and that money was lost to them, which obviously left a huge deficit. He advised that they do have some grant money set aside for fuel, maintenance, etc. but can only be used for those specific items. He ultimately said that the most pressing need now is a building to use for recycling. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of using other city-owned land as a recycling center but due to environmental and cost concerns would prohibit it. Additionally, the same issues would be a major in the possibility of restoring the Slack Street facility back to a fully functioning recycling center.

Alex Gallo shared with the Committee an overview of she and Brent Webster's visit to the Parkersburg and Beckley facilities as well as conversations they have had with the

City of Huntington. The Chairman mentioned that he had been to the Beckley facility as well. Alex Gallo explained that the Parkersburg facility operates much like the Beckley facility. She advised that the program there is sustained by the City's refuse fees which covers the cost of operation. Alex also explained that the facility itself was built with grant funding. Alex also expressed that the educational component at the Beckley facility is stellar and along with possible partnerships is something for the city to Consider. The Chairman agrees first the City needs to decide on a path as to what we are recycling, push education, and ultimately in some capacity our own building.

Deanna McKinney expressed concern over the lack of pedestrian traffic garbage cans on the west side similar to ones located in downtown Charleston. The Chairman agreed that it was a valid concern and that he would be happy to meet with her and perhaps John Shannon in hopes possibly figuring out some sort of solution.

The Chairman next discussed the following possible alternatives to the current recycling bag issue.

1. Pick up using the current bins already issued, providing it is kept dry
2. Pick up using a regular, Rubbermaid type trash can with lid
3. Pick up using a wheeled, rolling type can with lid that resident would purchase

The concern for the possible weight of some of the cans might be of concern for the workforce, which all agreed will need to be taken into consideration. Sam Minardi asked about the remaining bag inventory, and according to Alex Gallo & Brent Webster there is approximately 7,000. Sam Minardi asked if the excess bags could and should be distributed to those residents who most greatly needed them. He went on to say that the City would have records of whose residents who have discounted rates in order to determine who those residents were. The Chairman and every member agreed that it was an avenue we can explore.

The Chairman then stated that he would like the Committee to consider making a motion to ask Brent Webster for a proposal to allow other alternatives for recycling pickup and /or asking the City Attorney to help draft an ordinance if that is required. He expressed that he would like to have it accomplished at the next meeting. Robert Sheets reiterated his suggestion on the possibility of having ads or company logos on the bags as a possible source of revenue to possibly defer some of the cost. The Chairman said that he has also had some conversations as it relates to that and will have something typed and try circulate to the Committee before the next meeting. In conclusion the Chairman said for the next meeting he would like the committee to talk and/or vote on the use of alternative recycling containers, possible distribution of excess bags, discuss possible solutions to the lack of pedestrian garbage cans on the West Side and continue discussion about the future path to a city owned recycling building.

Sam Minardi and Deanna McKinney brought up the issue of overlapping City Committee meetings, which is something that will need to be worked on. With that the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Bobby Haas moved to adjourn. Sam Minardi seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Resolution No. 210-19

Introduced in Council

Passed by Council

June 17, 2019

Introduced by
Joseph Jenkins

Referred from
Finance Committee

1 Resolution No. 210-19 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant
2 application to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection through
3 the agency's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) program in the
4 amount of \$150,000, where any awarded funds will be used to educate City
5 residents about recycling and to conduct a study on recycling practices in the City
6 of Charleston. Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to receive and administer
7 any grant award.

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9 Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

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12 Virginia Department of Environmental Protection through the agency's
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14 \$150,000, where any awarded funds will be used to educate City residents about
15 recycling and to conduct a study on recycling practices in the City of Charleston.
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