

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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**Meeting Date:** September 11, 2012    **Start Time:** 1:05 p.m.    **Adjournment:** 1:54 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso and Pauline Medrano

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**Other Council Members Present:**

None

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager  
Forest Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction  
Peer Chacko, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction  
William (Bill) Finch, IT Director  
Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works  
Zaida Basora, Assistant Director, Public Works  
Kelly High, Interim Director, Sanitation Services  
Jody Puckett, Director, Dallas Water Utilities

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes for the August 28, 2012 Meeting**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 28, 2012 meeting, subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

**2. Overview of Environmental Testing at the McCommas Bluff Landfill**

Kelly High, Interim Director, Sanitation Services, provided the Committee with a briefing on Environmental Testing at the McCommas Bluff Landfill, which included ongoing coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) about environmental monitoring. Dr. Kenneth Tramm, Modern Geosciences, assisted in answering questions.

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. High introduced Dr. Kenneth Tramm, Environmental Consultant, Modern Geosciences, who is assisting in determining if the landfill gas and arsenic observations are related and representative of Site conditions. At the request of Ms. Koop, Mr. Tramm provided the Committee with additional background on his company and other evaluation techniques with environmental testing.

Mr. Kadane asked for confirmation on the quarterly testing outlined on slide 9. Mr. High confirmed the testing is done quarterly for the landfill gas and on a semi-annual and annual basis for the groundwater testing. However, the landfill gas is tested quarterly in the event of detection above a regulatory limit.

Dr. Tramm explained in detail the Groundwater Wells in Assessment Monitoring arsenic and with detections of methane, outlined on slide 15.

Ms. Koop requested an update on the Overview of Environmental testing at the McCommas Bluff Landfill on the outcome of the September and October 2012 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) meetings.

No action was taken on this item.

**3. Dallas Long Range Water Supply Plan (LRWSP) Study**

Jody Puckett, Director, Dallas Water Utilities, provided the Committee with briefing memo regarding Dallas Long Range Water Supply Plan Study

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:**

Mr. Kadane asked how many new water reservoirs does the City of Dallas have. Ms. Puckett stated the City has a few regional partnership proposals in the Sulphur River and Neches Basins Authority.

Ms. Koop asked for more details on the reuse of water into Downtown. Ms. Puckett stated Downtown Dallas uses quite a bit of water related to cooling towers. The City of Dallas has an opportunity to cost-share with the Bureau of Land Reclamation (Department of Interior Grant) to look at reuse to augment our water supply.

Ms. Koop also asked if the City of Dallas is required by any of the regulatory agencies to put a percentage back in to the Trinity System once the water is cleaned. Ms. Puckett stated that a 281 Permit is required by the State for direct reuse. However, the reuse permits have set aside water for the river.

Ms. Greyson requested a list of members of the Regency Water Board, and asked if the City of Dallas nominates or has a say in who is appointed to the Board. Ms. Puckett stated that she is the Vice-Chair of the Board and will provide the Committee with a list of members.

Ms. Greyson also asked who makes the decision if the Regency Water Board makes a recommendation to build a reservoir in Region D and Region D disputes the recommendation. Ms. Puckett stated the State Water Board will make the final decision.

Note: This item is scheduled for City Council on September 26, 2012

No action was taken on this item.

#### **4. Upcoming Agenda Item**

Agenda Item #28 on the September 12, 2012 Council Agenda: Authorize an amendment to the contract with Asset Works, Inc. for the citywide re-implementation of the M5 Fleet Focus System through the General Services Administration – Not to exceed \$839,182 – Financing: Municipal Lease Agreement Funds (\$709,136) and Current Funds (\$130,046) - Departments of Communication and Information Services, Equipment & Building Services, and Business Development & Procurement Services

Ms. Koop requested a set of efficiencies be provided to the Council. Ms. Koop also requested an update on the Fleet Part's Management within 6-9 Months.

Motion was made to forward Agenda # 28 to full council for consideration on September 12, 2012.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Medrano

Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop, Chair  
Transportation and Environment Committee