

OSCAR LEESER
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EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
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CORTNEY CARLISLE NILAND, DISTRICT 8

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW MEETING OF THE WHOLE/WORK SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
12:30 P.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Cortney Carlisle Niland., Larry Romero, Emma Acosta, Carl Robinson, Michiel R. Noe, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Lilia Limón, and Ann Morgan Lilly.
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AGENDA

1. Briefing on background of solid waste operations and finances.
[Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]

Representative Emma Acosta commented

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services
2. Mr. David Almonte, Deputy City Manager

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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2. Discussion and action on the City's Solid Waste Landfill Options.
[Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]

Ms. Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk's office).

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Acosta, Niland, Robinson, and Noe commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Ms. Laura Gordon, Deputy City Attorney, gave legal advice.

1st MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Noe, and unanimously carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager to explore the acquisition of the land next to the Greater El Paso Land Fill and bring it to City Council for consideration.

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2nd MOTION

Motion by Representative Robinson, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried **NOT** to take any action to re-open the McCombs Landfill.

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3. Discussion and action on a request to postpone the implementation of solid waste flow control.
[Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]

Representatives Acosta, Noe, and Niland commented

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services
2. Ms. Laura Gordon, Deputy City Attorney, gave legal advice.

The following citizens commented:

1. Mr. Ronald Smith
2. Mr. Gilbert Garcia
3. Mr. George Wayne, Waste Connections

Motion made by Representative Acosta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, and carried to **RESCIND** the provision for solid waste flow control in the Ordinance.

AYES: Representatives Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, Limón and Niland.

NAYS: Representative Lilly

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4. Discussion and action on solid waste franchise fees.
[Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Lilly, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, Holguin, Limón and Niland commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Laura Gordon, Deputy City Attorney, gave legal advice.
2. Ms. Ellen Smyth, Director of Environmental Services
3. Mr. Karl Rimkus, Senior Scientist of Environmental Services

The following citizens commented:

1. Mr. Ronald Smith, letter read into record by Richarda Momsen, Municipal Clerk
2. Mr. Gilbert Garcia
3. Mr. Chuck Heist, Heist Disposal
4. Ms. Bea Heist, Heist Disposal
5. Mr. George Wayne, Waste Connections

1st MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Acosta, and unanimously carried to **DENY** the implementation of a solid waste franchise fee.

2nd MOTION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Acosta, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager to develop an RFP to determine the cost savings of outsourcing residential solid waste collection services, using incremental phase in transition periods.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Romero, Acosta, Robinson, Noe, and Niland

NAYS: Representatives Holguin and Limón

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The following items were not considered and no action was taken.

- 5. Discussion and action on proposed updates to Title 9.04 related to outside storage of tires, permitted haulers, and approved containers. [Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]
- 6. Discussion and action on the City's scrap tire management plan.
[Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]
- 7. Briefing on the City's solid waste enforcement and beautification programs related to illegal dumping and demolition material. [Environmental Services, Ellen Smyth, (915) 621-6719]

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Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Niland, seconded by Representative Robinson, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** this meeting at 4:33 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk