

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Health & Human Services

*John Palmiere, Chair; Patrick Catena, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Bob Macey
and Sue Means, Members*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager, or designee(s)
Dr. Karen Hacker, Director, Allegheny County Health Department

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Kelly, Mr. Moskorisin, and Mr. Parker were present from the Health Department.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - Paul Klein and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 2 - Patrick Catena and Cindy Kirk

Members Phone: 3 - Nick Futules, Bob Macey and Sue Means

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

11001-19

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving the 2019 Revision to the Allegheny County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain provided a brief overview, noting that the County's solid waste management plan must be revised at least once every 10 years, per applicable Commonwealth law, and summarizing some of the general themes of the plan. Mr. McKain indicated that the next step after Council's approval would be review and approval by DEP.

Mr. Moskorisin summarized the Department's landfill inspection program, noting that it actually goes beyond the solid waste management plan and the applicable statutory requirements.

In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. Moskorisin noted that the County's program and capacity have been more than adequate for the past 20 years. Mr. Parker indicated that he is comfortable with the revision as submitted from a legal standpoint.

In response to a question from Mr. Klein, Mr. Parker summarized the municipal notice and comment period, noting that no comments were received from the municipalities or the general public. Mr. Moskorisin and Mr. McKain described the individuals who participated in the advisory committee.

In response to a question from Mr. Klein, Mr. Moskorisin noted that the biggest changes are that agreements with landfills to accept waste from the County are now in the form of executed contracts, and that the new revision incorporates provisions for attempts to collect household hazardous waste and e-waste. Mr. Kelly noted a slight increase in the fees under the new plan.

In response to questions from Mr. Macey, Mr. Moskorisin noted that one of the primary purposes of the plan is to ensure that the County has adequate capacity to dispose of its waste for the next ten years, and indicated that, while the bulk of the County's waste goes to facilities inside Allegheny County, haulers operating in the County can take the waste that they collect to any of the facilities that have contractual relationships with the County under the plan.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain and Mr. Parker noted that a redlined version of the revised plan does not exist because the revision was done as a wholly new document. Mr. McKain offered to provide information regarding the changes in a separate document, and Ms. Means expressed appreciation. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Moskorisin explained the fee structure, noting that the increase from \$0.25 to \$0.35 halfway through the current plan is to a fee paid by the landfill facilities to the County under their contracts. Mr. Parker noted that the revision entails no change to the Department's regulations, and explained the DEP review and approval process. Mr. McKain offered to provide a document delineating the identities and titles of the advisory committee members.

Ms. Means requested that the bill be held in committee pending her ability to see the changes due to the revision. Mr. McKain noted that he would be able to provide the requested information within the next 24 hours.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Members Yes: 2 - Klein and Palmiere

Members Absent: 2 - Catena and Kirk

Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Macey

Members No Phone: 1 - Means

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18.