



CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024

President Primmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present were Councilors McCarthy, Barron, Hardin, Duron, and Myers. Mayor Drotzmann and Councilors Linton and Peterson were excused. In attendance was City Staff to include: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Mark Morgan, City Attorney Rich Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Finance Director Ignacio Palacios, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

SB 582 Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act Update

ACM Mark Morgan gave updates from the previous meeting held December 12, 2022, and additional information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding SB 582 Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act. ACM Morgan stated curbside recycling State mandates must be implemented by 07/01/2025 in all cities with populations of 4,000 and larger. These mandates will impact how producers package and ship their products to be sold in Oregon and costs associated with these mandates from consumers to producers. The impacts to City residents are unknown at this time and is dependent on many factors including funding that is likely to be issued to the City for implementation services as the City is the largest community in Oregon that doesn't already have curbside recycling, as well as current City efforts being made to implement these State mandates.

Waste Connections/Sanitary Disposal District Manager Kevin Miracle stated additional trucks have been ordered to accommodate the State recycling mandates. Curbside recycling is expected to accommodate all recyclable materials with the exception of glass; however, other exceptions may be necessary. Although the costs associated to implement this mandate are unknown at this time, both for Waste Connections/Sanitary Disposal and City residents, Mr. Miracle believes there will not be extra charges on additional recycling that does not fit in the curbside containers that will be issued, unlike addition fees for garbage.

After answering additional questions from the Council, ACM Morgan stated the City will be making concerted efforts for recycling outreach and education.

City Council Rules Review

City Manager Byron Smith and City Attorney Rich Tovey reviewed the City Council Rules (attached) and proposed language updates from staff and the Council that were discussed and presented at the June 12, 2023 meeting in Sections I and II and stated additional Sections will continue to be presented and reviewed to complete the updates prior to year-end.

City Manager Smith answered questions from the Council regarding the addition of language to adjourn meetings in contentious situations and who can add items to the agenda, stating these items will be addressed in other sections of the Rules.

Adjournment

Council President Primmer adjourned the work session meeting at 6:45pm and stated the Council will take a short break and convene for their regular council meeting at 7:00pm.





Recycling Modernization Act

- Oregon Legislature: 2021 Legislative Session
- Curbside Recycling by 7/1/2025
- All Cities 4,000+ Population
 - Hermiston
 - Pendleton
 - Umatilla
 - Boardman




RMA Progress to Date

- Statewide List of Recyclable Materials
 - Special Materials Handling?
 - Recycling Markets (i.e. buyers)
 - Where are they?
 - How do you get there?



RMA Progress to Date

- PRO Selected (Circular Action Alliance)
 - Fall '23
 - Staffing - Up
 - Planning Business Model
 - Planning Work with Local Governments



RMA Progress to Date

- DEQ "Needs Assessment" (Spring '23)
 - What Communities Need to Implement RMA
 - Hermiston Example
 - 2+ New Recycling Trucks
 - 6,000+ New Recycling Carts
 - Regional Re-Load Facility?



RMA Current Stage

- CAA Detailed Needs Assessment (Summer '24)
 - Jumping off of DEQ's Needs Assessment





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Questions?

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