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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008
5:15 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 20, 2008 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Outstanding Matters:

- a. Request for Approval of Bill No. 2008-____. An Ordinance Repealing Sections 14-8.13, 14-8.16 and 14-8.17 SFCC 1987 Regarding Annual Water Budget, Water Rights Transfer Requirements and Water Rights Banking; Creating a New Section 14-8.13 SFCC 1987 Regarding the City's Water Budget, Development Water Budget Requirements, the Water Rights Transfer Program, and the Retrofit Program; Making Such Other Related Changes as are Necessary. (Dale Lyons) (Councilor Wurzbarger and Councilor Ortiz)
Presented at 9/9/08 Water Conservation Committee and to be presented at 10/2/08 Planning Commission, 11/5/08 Public Utilities Committee, 12/1/08 Finance Committee, 12/10/08 City Council for Notice to Publish and 1/14/09 City Council for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Update on Current Water Supply Status. (Victor Archuleta)
8. Update on Solid Waste Division. (Bill De Grande)
9. Status of Recommended Ordinance Changes to Address a Revised Policy Concerning the Use of Septic Tanks by Homes Adjacent to Sewer Lines Within the City limits. (Costy Kasssieh, Marcos Martinez, Jeanne Price and Robert Gallegos).
10. Report on Water System Main Line Flushing Program. (Shannon Jones)

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11. Request for Approval of Water Rights Purchase Agreement for Approximately 14 Acre Feet of Pre-1907 Middle Rio Grande Water Rights. (Dale Lyons)
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13. Request for Approval of the Purchase of 840 Sixty-Five (65) Gallon Refuse Containers from Toter, Inc., Via National IPA Contract in the Amount of \$36,019.20. (William DeGrande)
14. Request for Approval of the Purchase of 7 Thirty (30) Yard Roll-Off Containers from Wastequip, Inc., off the HGAC Buy Contract in the Amount of \$33,694.00. (William DeGrande)
15. Request for Approval of RFP # 09/07/P for SunEdison Utility Solutions, LLC as the Selected Renewable Energy Developer. (Nicholas Schiavo)

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16. Request for Approval and Consent for the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency to Accept Waste From Los Alamos County and the North Central Solid Waste Authority. (Randall Kippenbrock and Bill DeGrande)
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18. Request for Approval of Bill No. 2008-_____. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 SFCC 1987 Exhibit B, Water Rate Schedule 1; Increasing the Monthly Volume Rates and Monthly Service Charge by 6.99 Percent Per Year for Seven Years for Residential, Multi-Family and Commercial Customers of the City's Water System. (Gary Martinez) (Councilor Wurzburger, Councilor Chavez and Councilor Romero) [**PUBLIC HEARING**]
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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair, at approximately 5:15 p.m., on September 17, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair
Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz
Councilor Rosemary Romero
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Christopher Calvert

OTHERS PRESENT:

Galen Buller, Public Utilities Director
Stephanie Lopez, Public Utilities
Marcus Martinez, Assistant City Attorney
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership present for conducting official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith to these minutes by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Public Utilities Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Wurzbarger said items #17 and #18, Public Hearings, will be postponed to the next meeting, because further work needs to be done on underlying assumptions which weren't clear. She said Items #22, #23 and #24 will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Romero, to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Ortiz].

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the following consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Ortiz].

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WATER RIGHTS PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 14 ACRE FEET OF PRE-1097 MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER RIGHTS. (DALE LYONS)**
- 12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 2,352 NINETY-SIX (96) GALLON REFUSE CONTAINERS FROM TOTER, INC., VIA NATIONAL IPA BUY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,445.92. (WILLIAM DeGRANDE)**
- 13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 840 SIXTY-FIVE (65) GALLON REFUSE CONTAINERS FROM TOTER, INC., VIA NATIONAL IPA CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,019.20. (WILLIAM DeGRANDE)**
- 14. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 7 THIRTY (30) YARD ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FROM WASTEQUIP, INC., OFF THE HGAC BUY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,694.00. (WILLIAM DeGRANDE)**
- 15. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RFP #09/07/P FOR SUNEDISON UTILITY SOLUTIONS, LLC AS THE SELECTED RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPER. (NICHOLAS SCHIAVO).**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 20, 2008, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2008, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Trujillo noted he didn't attend that meeting.

Responding to the Chair, Ms. Helberg said she has been told by different City Attorneys that part of the Committee's duties are to approve the minutes, and that anyone who didn't attend couldn't make the motion for approval, but could second or vote on a motion for approval.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Ortiz].

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

- a. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2008- _____. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 14-8.13, 14-8.16 AND 14-8.17 SFCC 1987, REGARDING ANNUAL WATER BUDGET, WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND WATER RIGHTS BANKING; CREATING A NEW SECTION 14-8.13 SFCC 1987, REGARDING THE CITY'S WATER BUDGET, DEVELOPMENT WATER BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, THE WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER PROGRAM, AND THE RETROFIT PROGRAM; MAKING SUCH OTHER RELATED CHANGES AS ARE NECESSARY (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER AND COUNCILOR ORTIZ). (DALE LYONS) Presented at 9/9/08 Water Conservation Committee and to be presented at 10/2/08 Planning Commission, 11/5/08 Public Utilities Committee, 12/1/08 Finance Committee, 12/10/08 City Council for Notice to Publish and 1/14/09 City Council for approval.**

Chair Wurzburger said she would like to note that she would like to have a special meeting with the Water Conservation Committee on this issue. She has been speaking with some members of that Committee who have concerns and questions. She asked to be notified of the next meeting and asked the Chair, Councilor Calvert, to put this on that Committee agenda with an opportunity for her to appear before that Committee and listen to their concerns. She invited members of this Committee to attend that meeting as well.

Councilor Ortiz arrived at the meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS. (VICTOR ARCHULETA)

A copy of the Weekly Water Report for the week ending , 2008, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Victor Archuleta presented the information contained in Exhibit "1." Please see Exhibit "1" for specifics of this presentation.

Responding to Councilor Trujillo, Mr. Archuleta said there are 28 more days left to release water, and if there is no more rain, we will be at 84% capacity at that time.

8. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DIVISION. (BILL DeGRANDE)

Bill DeGrande presented information from Memorandum of September 17, 2008, which is in the Committee packet.

Chair Wurzburger said she has asked Mr. DeGrande to bring back a more detailed report on the recycling in the schools for discussion by this Committee and then to take it forward to the Council.

Councilor Trujillo said some of the State Agencies don't have the green receptacles, and are asking if an agency or division could get one of those and then take it to be recycled.

Mr. DeGrande said currently we are in about 15 of the State buildings, and by end of this month or the middle of next month, the City will be in almost all of the State buildings. He said that is a per change service, but he said the City can put recycling at your facility.

9. STATUS OF RECOMMENDED ORDINANCE CHANGES TO ADDRESS A REVISED POLICY CONCERNING THE USE OF SEPTIC TANKS BY HOMES ADJACENT TO SEWER LINES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. (COSTY KASSISIEH, MARCOS MARTINEZ, JEANNE PRICE AND ROBERT GALLEGOS)

Robert Gallegos presented information from the Memorandum of September 8, 2008, which is in the Committee packet, noting they have sampled 24 sites and are looking for another 15-20 sites to add to this study, and they have not found any E. coli in any of the samples. He said 12 samples indicated general bacteria they test for using the standard plate count method. He said he is waiting for the analysis of the data from the laboratory and additional samples that he wants to collect.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Gallegos said the report for the current data should be available by the end of October and December for all samples.

Councilor Romero asked if LANL is working with staff on the testing.

Mr. Gallegos said not yet, but they will. He wants to get some background nitrate data first to find where there are nitrates in groundwater and use their laboratory to do the isotope study.

Councilor Romero said as we look at annexation in the future, and some of the issues of people with wells, she would suggest that we do a water fair and let people know they can come and get their water tested. She said there is a whole list of items for which to test. She wants to maximize this opportunity to educate people about the annexation and water contamination issues and such. She realizes this is in the future, but this is something we can do easily.

10. REPORT ON WATER SYSTEM MAIN LINE FLUSHING PROGRAM. (SHANNON JONES)

Shannon Jones presented information from his Memorandum of September 2, 2008, which is in the Committee packet.

Chair Wurzburger said when the flushing is done, sometimes the water turns colors.

Mr. Jones said it is a possibility that the areas to be flushed could experience a discoloration of the water. He said they try to minimize the impact by limiting the flushing to one section, so if an impact occurs they should have the system flushed, cleaned up and cleared within one hour. He said they do notification to the public giving steps they can take. Responding to the Chair, Mr. Jones said it is recommended that the customer wait several minutes to give them time to get out of the area, and then flush their cold water system and it should clear within several minutes. If it doesn't clear, there is a contact number on the notification and he will send a crew to assist them in clearing the water.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

16. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND CONSENT FOR THE SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ACCEPT WASTE FROM LOS ALAMOS COUNTY AND THE NORTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY. (RANDALL KIPPENBROCK AND BILL DeGRANDE)

A copy of "Los Alamos County Solid Waste Overview," dated September 17, 2008, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Randall Kippenbrock, Director, SWMA, introduced Los Alamos County Councilor Ken Milder, Regina Wheeler, Solid Waste Facility Manager, Los Alamos and Joe Lewandoski, Director of the North Central Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. Kippenbrock presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum of August 25, 2008, which is in the Committee packet.

Councilor Wurzburger said she doesn't recall the reason the City refused to do this in 2003, and asked staff to speak to this.

Mr. DeGrande said when the JPA was put together, as the result of a Citizens Advisory Committee, the Board at the time promised that County that it would not accept out of County waste, and this was the same issue in 2003.

Councilor Ortiz said he recalls, from the hearings on the permit, representations were made to the NMED by the City and County officials that it would not accept regional waste, and he believes this representation is still in place.

Mr. Kippenbrock said that is in place in the Landfill Permit, however it would take only a moderate modification to the NMED to change that.

Chair Wurzbarger said we have just gone through a lot with the BDD with regard to the issue of the water flow and what is coming from LANL that could impact the Buckman Diversion Project. She said she is concerned as to how we know the communities would deliver waste to us in a non-hazardous form, and what are the mechanism for testing that. She asked if it isn't too late once it's dumped. She is sure we will be hearing from our citizens on these and other related issues.

Mr. Kippenbrock asked Regina Wheeler to speak to this issue.

Ms. Regina Wheeler said, "There are extensive controls on the waste that comes from Los Alamos National Laboratory. As Randall said, it is approximately 2,100 tons per year that we get from them, and about half of that we actually sort and recycle, so it's mostly brush and concrete. The remaining waste is cafeteria waste that comes in a separate dumpster. And, there is a packer that comes in with dumpster waste from office trash, and you can see a picture of that in the handout [Exhibit "2"].

Ms. Wheeler continued, "Los Alamos National Laboratory, inside its boundaries, has extensive controls. There are hundreds of people whose job it is to manage the waste. Any truck that comes to us with Los Alamos National Laboratory waste actually has a path from their MRF. Their Material Recycling Facility, has reviewed that all procedures have been followed before it even comes to our landfill, and it certifies, by one of their solid waste specialists, that the material is suitable for municipal waste disposal."

Ms. Wheeler continued, "We also have radiation detectors at our facility, so that every single vehicle that comes in goes through radiation detectors. As a facility regulated by the New Mexico Environment Department, we have waste screening requirements. So, at the gate, we look inside every vehicle to see what's there, we characterize the material. We also, when it's tipped at the face, we look at the material. You can see, it's really quite visible, that photo of the pile there, I took that yesterday from a packer truck. It's a pretty small operation we have, and so you can see that that load sits by itself. Our compactor truck runs over it, he's looking at the waste the whole time, and then a resident comes right behind them and sort of drives up right next to the load as they dispose of it. So, we do have quite a few procedures as well as targeted waste screening. So, not only do we look at every load that's disposed, but we actually pull over certain loads as required by the Environment Department and scrape through it with rakes to ensure that nothing that's not allowed is in the waste. I've been there five years managing the program, we have never run into anything from Los Alamos National Laboratory."

Ms. Wheeler continued, "We have detected, however, as I think Santa Fe has had the same problem, waste from our hospital and we've had to work very closely with the hospital to get that cleaned up, but the waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory has a lot of steps it has to go through before it gets to us."

Councilor Wurzbarger asked Mr. Kippenbrock if he has radiation detection devices at SWMA and if we do our own screening.

Mr. Kippenbrock said we do not have a any radiation detection system at the Caja del Rio Landfill. However, like any other regulated facility by the NMED, he does have a random waste screening program in place. He said 1% of all vehicles that enter the landfill are screened by our staff at the landfill.

Chair Wurzbarger said then if a mistake were to be made in Los Alamos, there is no way for us to detected it at our end.

Mr. Kippenbrock said this is correct at this time.

Councilor Ortiz said his concern now is the same he had in 2003, which relates to two different levels. The first is this representation, the condition we have on our permit. He said he was a lawyer with Santa Fe County when the Waste Disposal Permit was done. He said, with regard to the administrative change which Mr. Kippenbrock thinks is routine, there was a week of administrative hearings where public testimony was heard by the Environment Department on the initial permit. He suspects, if we were to decide to accept waste from Los Alamos which includes the National Lab waste, we would get that same kind of outcry from the public. He said he doesn't share Mr. Kippenbrock's confidence that it is just an administrative matter and wouldn't be a big deal, and believes it would be a huge deal to get that permit change.

Councilor Ortiz said his second area of concern is a matter of finances. He said Los Alamos is having an issue with its space. As mentioned in the presentation, if our cells are filling faster, we will have to expand our cells. We have to go to the State and ask for an expansion of cells – going up as well as going across or expanding. He said this is a problem we have to undertake, and if we undertake it and we are only charging them our costs, \$33 per ton, essentially we are providing a bit of a free ride for Los Alamos County and for the North Central people. He said implicit in that cost is just the cost of operation, and there is no capital cost in the pricing structure. He said \$25 in 1997 equates to \$34 per ton today, and yet under the proposed contract, we are only charging \$33 per ton, so we're not even able to capture in the proposed pricing structure, any kind of capitalization or recovery of capital costs. This seems to him, on a financial level, a sweetheart deal for them. He said we will still have these capital costs and an expedited capital schedule. If we accept this waste that we weren't going to put into this landfill before, it means it will fill faster which means we'll be building our cells faster. Those are capital costs which the taxpayers of the City and County of Santa Fe have to pay with really no contribution from the taxpayers in Los Alamos, nor from the lab which is the federal government, nor from the taxpayers of the Northern region.

Councilor Ortiz said he equates this more like the Northern Regional Transit System which we set up. With that system, we had the involvement and buy-in from everyone to come up with a regional program. He doesn't think that's working. There was regional cooperation and buy-in on the capital and operation from all of the participating members. In this case, he thinks the City and County are acting as the source of capital for the construction and maintenance of the cells at SWMA, but all we are doing is charging these other entities. He doesn't believe this is right. He said there have been problem with the North Central people in finding space and sites which would be amenable to coming up with their own regional waste disposal systems. He said this is a problem which is happening for a number of reasons, and he doesn't believe we should be in the position of giving that ready, easy , simple solution – just truck

all your trash down here to Santa Fe. He didn't think so in 2003, nor now, even after the presentation and all the good work done by SWMA and all the efforts we have made to transform a lot of the waste into recyclable materials. He still doesn't think this is the right idea and he is not in support of this particular proposal at this time. He said if SWMA is able to go back and negotiate better terms, he might be able to consider it, but he is unwilling to support this proposal now.

Chair Wurzbarger departed the meeting at this time and Councilor Ortiz assumed the duties of the Chair

Councilor Romero asked Mr. Lewandoski where did North Central leave its negotiations with BLM and with the State, and does North Central truck all of its materials to the Rio Rancho facility or if they are still trying to negotiate something else on State or federal lands.

Mr. Lewandoski said the North Central operating authority took effect in October 2004, but it has been around for ten years. He said when he came on board in 2004, the first step he took was to eliminate any landfill search in terms of building their own landfill. He said the goal is to work regionally with its neighbors. He said he has four contracts currently with other landfills within the region where he can go. He said the Santa Fe Landfill would be ideal, but the other rates and things he's negotiated are equal when you add transportation costs. He has been going to Rio Rancho for four years for less than it would cost to build a landfill. He said over \$1 million annually has been going to Rio Rancho. He has no intention of building a landfill, and that hasn't been discussed. He said their goal is "that and recycling." He said in November they will be doing house-to-house recycling.

Councilor Romero said she recalls that the waste from LANL was less problematic than the day to day and that is closely monitored.

Mr. Lewandoski said he has been doing this for 28 years and has dealt with waste from Sandia Labs, Holloman and White Sands. He said the way they deal with it, it is safer and cleaner than the garbage coming from the facilities here in town. He said there is always a possibility something might happen, and if so, you would have action toward Los Alamos. He said they will "flip the bill," and will be the ones taking on the bill to make it happen. He said he hasn't seen this yet, and he has been doing this for 28 years.

Councilor Romero has been working with the Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and one of the worst problems is dump and contamination of the Pecos River, which predominately is inhabited by Santa Feans. She said it is a huge worry, noting this is more people contamination than mineral contamination. She asked where San Miguel County is taking its solid waste currently.

Mr. Lewandoski said the other percentage of the San Miguel waste does go to the Wagon Mound Landfill.

Councilor Romero said she completely understands the brunt of what we say we will be taking on. However, there is also the issue that if it isn't addressed in a way that makes sense for all of us, people will dump in inappropriate areas. She said we have had a challenging relationship with the RTD and trying to

figure out the regional issues. She said this is a regional issue, and it is also looking at making a facility viable, noting Mr. Kippenbrock has SWMA in the black and wants to keep it that way in the long term. She asked Mr. Lewandoski to speak to some of the state of the art recycling that's starting to happen for the future which compacts and uses materials in a different way.

Mr. Lewandoski said there are always new things coming out, but it's getting easier, cheaper and more cost effective. As long as landfills continue to get more expensive, it will be more cost effective. He said currently they already are one of SWMA's customers and partners, noting that all of their recycles do come to SWMA. He said all of the scrap metal goes to Capital Scrap Metal, and so forth, and they will continue to expand this. He reiterated that in November 2008, North Central will start house to house recycling, and will continue to work with SWMA as partners in recycling which he says doesn't add any day-to-day cost to the operation. He said if we had gone with North Central in 2004, SWMA would already have seen \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually into its recycling operations and not just in the landfill. He said, other than the long term cost of future cells and such, the day-to-day operations changes virtually nothing – no additional personnel, virtually no more cells – and it has a minimal impact on the day-to-day operation.

Councilor Trujillo when this was discussed at SWMA, our biggest concern was dealing with the contamination, and ensuring that anything which comes out of Los Alamos does not have radioactive material. He asked if there are portable devices we could purchase, paid for by Los Alamos, to check the waste for radioactive material coming to Santa Fe. He knows it is screened in Los Alamos, but he wants to screen it here as well.

Ms. Wheeler said this is a good idea, and they have two sets of systems at their gate. There are the installed giant monitors as well as portable monitors for backup. She said the only time they trigger is on residential waste because of the radioactive materials used for health care. She said the current procedure is to ask the driver if he has had a medical procedurally lately, and invariably, the answer is yes, and it's in the person's body who has just driven through the gate. She said they have had to rip through residential loads and find it in the feces of an animal that has been treated with radioactive materials for health care. She said it is an overhead to have this, noting their facility is smaller and more targeted. She said, "So, if we did have them, there might be a procedure where it was only really monitored for Los Alamos loads."

Councilor Trujillo said he is only looking at Los Alamos loads.

Ms. Wheeler said there would still be a problem with residential waste if anyone had radioactive treatment, so it is a tradeoff.

Councilor Trujillo asked what happens when they find that kind of trash.

Ms. Wheeler said it is acceptable disposable material if it's just feces from medical procedures on animals, but the radiation detectors are extremely sensitive. She said they could do waste screening, and they could do the level of screening which would make the City comfortable. She said they are closing

their landfill and opening a transfer station, which means every bit of waste is dropped on a big concrete floor, so there will be more visibility of material. They will have extensive waste screening capability there and could see anything with a "red thing" on it or any kind of container, noting their people are trained in what to look for, in terms of what might be unacceptable materials or containers. She said they recycle 45% of the material which goes through their gates. She said they are very careful to protect their workers and residents as well.

Councilor Trujillo asked what would be the increase to the landfill with the additional waste.

Mr. Kippenbrock said it would be 25%, with 200,000 to 250,000 tons per year.

Responding to Councilor Trujillo, Mr. Kippenbrock said it take about 11 years from the 100 years for Caja del Rio.

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Ortiz understands this has to go through the Committee process, and asked when it goes to the County Commission.

Mr. Kippenbrock said the Board of County Commissioner meets on September 30, 2008. He understands it will be at the City Finance Committee on September 29, 2008, and it will be heard by the City Council on October 6, 2008.

Councilor Trujillo asked about the time it would take to change the permitting, and asked Mr. Kippenbrock to look into that.

Mr. Kippenbrock said he has already done that. He spoke with a person from the Permit Section of the NMED Solid Waste Bureau, who said it is an administrative change in the procedure, and is something that is done internally. Responding to Councilor Ortiz, Mr. Kippenbrock said Harry Nelson at NMED gave him this information.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote, with Councilors Romero and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Ortiz voting against. [absent: Chair Wurzbarger].

17. PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2008- _____. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 SFCC 1987, REGARDING SOLID WASTE REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CHARGES FOR SUCH SERVICES AS ADDITIONAL CONTAINER AND BAG DISPOSAL, DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS, AND RECYCLABLE/NON-RECYCLABLE LOADS (COUNCILOR TRUJILLO, COUNCILOR CALVERT, COUNCILOR BUSHEE AND COUNCILOR ROMERO). (BILL DeGRANDE)

This item was postponed to the next meeting on October 1, 2008.

18. PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2008- _____. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 SFCC 1987, EXHIBIT B, WATER RATE SCHEDULE 1; INCREASING THE MONTHLY VOLUME RATES AND MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE BY 6.99 PERCENT PER YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS FOR RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER, COUNCILOR CHAVEZ AND COUNCILOR ROMERO. (GARY MARTINEZ)

This item was postponed to the next meeting on October 1, 2008.

19. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SANTA FE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (MAYOR COSS). (JOYCE PURLEY)

Responding to the Chair, Joyce Purley said she has been with the City for six months, and is on loan to the City from the County.

Ms. Purley presented information from her Memorandum and the materials in the Committee packet.

Councilor Ortiz asked if this is a federal requirement.

Ms. Purley said yes.

MOTION Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Romero, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Wurzburger].

20. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GOAL OF REACHING A 33% RECYCLING RATE BY THE YEAR 2012 AND TAKING SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO REACH THIS GOAL (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER). (BILL DeGRANDE)

Councilors Ortiz, Romero and Trujillo asked to be added as cosponsors of this Resolution.

Mr. DeGrande introduced Sarah Pierpont from the New Mexico Recycling Center.

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Wurzbarger].

21. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2008- _____. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 22-6.2 AND 25-1.11 SFCC 1987, REGARDING CITY WASTEWATER AND WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER). (STAN HOLLAND)

Chair Ortiz said this Ordinance amendment is to clarify the Ordinance regarding water and wastewater service outside the City limits in light of the Settlement Agreement with the County and Los Soleras.

Stan Holland, Engineer, Wastewater Management Division, presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum of September 3, 2008, which is in the Committee packet.

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Romero, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Wurzbarger].

22. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2008- _____. AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 14-6.2(F) SFCC 1987, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ELECTRIC FACILITIES AND MAKING SUCH OTHER CHANGES AS ARE NECESSARY(COUNCILOR CHAVEZ). (NICK SCHIAVO)

This item was postponed to the next meeting on October 1, 2008.

23. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ELECTRIC FACILITIES PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE GENERAL PLAN (COUNCILOR CHAVEZ). (NICK SCHIAVO)

This item was postponed to the next meeting on October 1, 2008.

24. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES (COUNCILOR CHAVEZ). (NICK SCHIAVO)

This item was postponed to the next meeting on October 1, 2008.

25. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE PLAN. (KATHERINE MORTIMER)

Councilor Ortiz said this has been the best Sustainable Santa Fe Commission he's seen during his eight years on the Council, and he likes the draft plan as it is sent forward.

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

There were no matters from the City Attorney.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

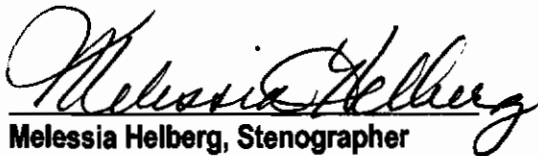
There were no matters from the Committee

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer