

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 9:05 a.m.

Kona Council Office, 75-5706 Hanama Place, Suite 109, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

COMMISSIONERS Arnold Okamura **ALSO** Jon Olson
PRESENT: Suzanne Mayhew **PRESENT:** Bob Ward
Diana Miller
Steve Okoji
Bill Sanborn
Sam Sumner

EXCUSED: Stan Boren **STAFF:** Nelson Ho, Deputy Director
Paulette Pavao Sharron Henry, Secretary
Michael Dworsky, SWD Chief
Keith Harris, W HI Abandoned Vehicle Coord.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Okamura called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and introduced Steve Okoji, new commission member from District 8.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2008 MEETING:**
Commissioner Sumner moved to approve the January 23, 2008 minutes as written. Commissioner Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** None
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:**
 - Jon Olson reported that the Puna Community Development Plan would be available on the County website the week of March 25th. It includes enhancements to Pahoehoe Village and Town Center, and additional reuse and recycling efforts. It also addresses a different access to the Keaau Transfer Station and a 2-lane County Road out of Hawaiian Paradise Park.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**
Abandoned Vehicle Program Report (attached to original minutes)
 - Keith Harris, West Hawai'i Abandoned Vehicle Coordinator, stated the goal of the Program is to move more vehicles off the roads.
 - The staff continues to work with subdivisions to remove their abandoned vehicles.
 - The new Amnesty Program flyer was distributed (attached to original minutes).
 - It was noted that there are a number of private haulers now offering free vehicle removal from private properties.

Technical Services Section Report (Taken out of order) (Attached to original minutes)

- **LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOL (LCC) REPLACEMENT PROJECTS:** Nelson Ho gave updates on the Naalehu/Pahala, Queen Liliuokalani, Honokaa and Komohana Heights LCC projects.

Wastewater Division Report (Taken out of order) (attached to original minutes)

- **KEALAKEHE SEWAGE PUMP STATION ODOR CONTROL:** Ho indicated that this was not a priority project. **At the January meeting, the Commission asked when this project would begin so Henry will follow up with Saito and transmit his reply to the Commissioners.**
- **SEWER RATE INCREASE:** R. W. Beck has been selected to do a rate study. Work is ongoing.

- Ho discussed the CIP vs. Operating/Maintenance funds.

Director's Report (Taken out of order) (attached to original minutes)

- **WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**: The proposal was discussed and Ho reported that the \$125M cost was a high figure.
- The Council will be holding public hearings around the island.
- Sanborn said that the hearing presentation should include a comparison of bale and barge, trucking, landfill and waste-to-energy costs.

Solid Waste Division Report (Taken out of order) (attached to original minutes)

- **ISSUES/PRIORITIES OF THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION**:
 - Increase education budget – more education done via radio/media
 - New signage
 - Training security guards to be educators.
 - Changing DOH Convenience Center permits to Transfer Station permits to allow commercial businesses to use recycle areas.
- **SORT STATION**: Discussed how sorting would occur at the new facility.
- **TIRE BAN** will be effective June 7, 2008. Unitek will take tires from businesses.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND DECISION MAKING: RESCHEDULING 2008 COMMISSION MEETINGS TO COINCIDE WITH SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETINGS:

- The SWAC is appointed by the Mayor. Until the appointments are made and the committee is formed, this discussion will be deferred.
- The next commission meeting will be May 28, 2008 at the Liquor Control Conference Room, Hilo Lagoon Center, in Hilo.

DISCUSSION: UPDATE TO THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- **Chair Okamura advised that all action/votes taken last meeting regarding the SWAC make-up are null and void because the SWAC is appointed by the Mayor each time an update to the plan begins and old members are not automatically appointed to the new committee.**
- Anyone interested in becoming a member of the SWAC will complete a Boards and Commission application and submit to the Lincoln Ashida, Corporation Counsel, for review/decision making by the Mayor.
- Dworsky mailed out applications and invitations to a distribution list of stakeholders.
- Island-wide emphasis will be placed on the make-up of the SWAC.
- The consultants prefer to have the SWAC meetings the day before County Council meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION: FY 08-09 BUDGET:

- A question was raised regarding how delinquent accounts are handled. It will be put on next meeting's agenda for further clarification and discussion.

DISCUSSION: PROVIDING INPUT TO COUNTY COUNCIL ON WASTE TO ENERGY PROPOSAL:

- The commission members were requested to attend the upcoming public hearings.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Delinquent Solid Waste and Wastewater Accounts

9. **FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

- May 28, 2008, Liquor Control Conference Room, Hilo Lagoon Center, 101 Aupuni Street, 2nd Floor, Hilo, HI 96720
- July 2008, TBD
- September 2008, TBD
- November 2008, TBD

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayhew moved to adjourn. Sumner seconded and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

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