

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian River County (IRC) Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4th, 2008, in Conference Room "B1-501", County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were; Chairman Andrew Allocco, District 2 Appointee; William Johnson, District 3 Appointee; Carlton Miller and John Tschinkel, Members-at-Large; Robert Pickett, District 4 Appointee; and Dr. Stephen Faherty, District 5 Appointee.

Absent were; Mark Grossman, District 1 Appointee (unexcused).

Also present were Commissioner Liaison Joseph Flescher; and IRC staff: Erik Olson, Director, IRC Utilities; Himanshu Mehta, Solid Waste Disposal District; Jason Brown, Director, IRC Budget Department; Marian Fells, Assistant County Attorney, IRC Attorney's Office; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4.

****The written minutes will only consist of the motions and decisions requiring action. An audio copy of the meeting will be provided upon request.***

Call to Order

Chairman Allocco called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2008

Chairman Allocco asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Miller pointed out the meeting of May 7, 2008 was in the Administration Building A and not the Administration Building B.

00:03:05 **ON MOTION BY Dr. Faherty, SECONDED BY Mr. Miller, the members voted unanimously (6-0), to approve the minutes of May 7, 2008, with corrections.**

SWDD Customer Convenience Center Proposal Summary

Mr. Erik Olson, IRC Utilities Director, prefaced the discussion with a brief summary of the details included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operations of the Customers' Convenience Centers. He stated they asked for an all inclusive bid for three consecutive years and if the company would consider the possibility of hiring current employees. Mr. Olson explained only two companies responded, those being Waste Management and All Haul. He added both companies stated they would accept applications from current employees but made no promises to that effect.

Discussion ensued regarding hiring requirements specified in the RFP.

Mr. Himanshu Mehta, IRC Solid Waste Disposal District Managing Director, explained the selection committee made a side by side comparison of the proposals from Waste Management and All Haul. He said they took into consideration various elements including: general qualifications; experience in similar types of operations; financial capabilities; business proposal; and costs.

Mr. Mehta presented Waste Management proposal and pointed out the following information:

- 25 years of hauling experience.
- It will have a local office in Vero Beach.
- Will accept applications for existing positions.
- Proposed the use of roll-off containers instead of walking floor containers.
- Addressed the safety and reporting requirements in detail.
- Adequately addressed the operations, maintenance, transportation, and disposal issues.
- Proposed the use of a manager, 12 attendants, and 7 drivers.
- Provided the company's 2007 Annual Report which described their financial capabilities.

- Their estimated three year annual service fee was \$7,501,330.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Waste Management's proposal.

Mr. Mehta then provided a summary of All Haul's proposal, which included the following:

- Company has been in business for 4 years;
- It will have a local office in Fort Pierce;
- Indicated they would attempt to retain current employees and working wages;
- They had no qualified references for experience operating transfer stations;
- Proposed using roll-off containers instead of walking floor containers;
- Requested a baseline environmental study;
- Proposed the use of a manager, twelve attendants, and seven drivers.
- The proposal had insufficient details regarding operations, maintenance, safety, and reporting.
- Their estimated three year annual service fee was \$4,963,200.
- The company used a unit price basis and not a lump sum price for estimating the annual service fees.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Waste Management and All Haul proposals and how they compared with the county's budget to run the facilities.

Chairman Allocco inquired when the Item would be scheduled to go before the commission. Mr. Mehta said it was going to be presented to the Board of County Commission at their June 17th meeting.

01:17:16 **ON MOTION BY Dr. Faherty, SECONDED BY Mr. Miller, the members voted unanimously (6-0), to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commission to leave the operations of the Customers' Convenience Center at status quo, incorporating the suggestion from employees, and to not privatize the Customers' Convenience Centers.**

Other Matters

Committee members discussed various aspects of the SWDD recycling program including: contamination of plastics; recycling of plastic bags; advertisement possibilities; and future plans for the program.

Next Meeting

The next Utility Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for September 4th, 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.