

Public comment report

Attachment 2 to Staff Report for Ordinance No. 19-5026



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Background

Adoption of Resolution No. 19-5026 will authorize the Chief Operating Officer to issue a renewed solid waste facility franchise for Willamette Resources Inc. for a term of five years.

On July 22, 2019, the applicant submitted to Metro a complete solid waste facility franchise application accompanied by payment of the appropriate application fee of \$500. The applicant has not requested any new authorizations, tonnage increases or changes to its current franchise provisions.

Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment

Metro posted notice and provided an opportunity for the public to review and submit comments on the renewal application. The public notice was posted on Metro's website, mailed to 77 property owners and residents within one-quarter mile of the facility and emailed to local community groups, neighborhood associations and various other parties that are generally interested in solid waste issues. The 30-day public comment period began on August 1, 2019, and closed on August 30, 2019.

Summary of written public comments on application

Metro received one comment during the public comment period from the mayor of Wilsonville in support of for Willamette Resources Inc., which can be found in full below. Mayor Knapp referred to Willamette Resources Inc. as a "good neighbor" and supported the positive contributions its operations make to the community, including the community enhancement grant which provides funds for important community projects. Mayor Knapp also noted that WRI's location provides easy access to a transfer station in the South Metro region which results in reduced vehicle miles traveled on local roadways and fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

Metro response to comments: Metro acknowledges the comment in support of this franchise renewal.

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The mayor of Wilsonville submitted this letter to Metro on August 22, 2019 as part of the public comment period.



August 21, 2019

Metro Solid Waste
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

*Submitted via email to:
SWICC@oregonmetro.gov*

**RE: Letter of Comment in Support of Willamette Resources Inc. (WRI)
application to Metro for renewal of transfer station franchise**

To whom it may concern:

The City of Wilsonville, as the local government with land-use regulatory authority for the Willamette Resources Inc. (WRI) operation in Wilsonville, supports WRI's application to Metro for renewal of the transfer station franchise.

The City and greater Wilsonville community have found WRI, a subsidiary of Republic Services of Clackamas and Washington Counties, to be a "good neighbor" that seeks to minimize disturbance and to provide community benefit.

The City's Community Development Department indicates receiving no reports of complaint from the public of WRI's operation. The City's Administration Department indicates that WRI's operation is crucial to the implementation of the Metro-Wilsonville Community Enhancement Program, which provides funds for important projects of community benefit.

The location in Wilsonville of WRI's operation provides easy access to a transfer station in the South Metro region, helping to decrease overall vehicle miles traveled on area roadways and also reducing greenhouse gas emissions if required to travel further.

In negotiating with the company for the improved Garden Acres Road that accesses the Metro-designated Coffee Creek Regionally Significant Industrial Area (RSIA) in the Wilsonville UGB area, WRI/Republic Services dedicated road right-of-way at no cost to the City.

The City is considering adding additional recycling services, including residential food-scrap collection and commercial Styrofoam and wood-pallet collection, in addition to the new Metro-mandated commercial food-scrap collection program that would be serviced by WRI.

For all these reasons, we support the franchise renewal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville

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