



**CITY OF SILVERTON – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Work Session**

Silverton Community Center, City Council Chambers  
421 S. Water Street  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 3:00 PM

**AGENDA**

- I. **OPENING CEREMONIES – Call To Order & Roll Call**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October Meeting (November Cancelled)  
December Meeting**
- III. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
  - 3.1 **Strategic Planning**  
Finish prioritizing list from December Meeting
- IV. **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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## EMC Draft Minutes

**CITY OF SILVERTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
*Drafted for approval; subject to changes and/or corrections*

**3:00 P.M.**

**October 16, 2018**

The Environmental Management Committee of the City of Silverton met at the Silverton Community Center, Council Chambers on October 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairperson Smith residing.

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call To Order & Roll Call**

Chairperson Smith called the Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

| Present | Absent |   |
|---------|--------|---|
| X       | _____  | Chairperson Dana Smith                      |
| X       | _____  | Vice-Chair Chris Mayou                      |
| X       | _____  | Joe Craig                                   |
| X       | _____  | Jaime Fuhrman                               |
| X       | _____  | Dawn Hemstreet                              |
| X       | _____  | Allyson Leboeuf                             |
| X       | _____  | Petra Schuetz, Public Works Director        |
| X       | _____  | Republic Services; <i>Ex-Officio Member</i> |

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 18, 2018. The motion to approve the minutes passed 6-0-1; Chris Mayou abstained citing having missed the subject meeting.

**III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Smith calls attention to City Lab article in packet as it could relate to equity in energy planning and policy.

The printing of packet was discussed. Some preferred to have packets printed for them, others prefer to use their electronic devices to view materials. No recommendations were made.

**2.1 Republic Services – Recycling Surcharge**

Terese McLain, Municipal Manager; Alison Geiger, Controller; and Drew Spainhower gave an overview presentation of the Chinese recycling market policy changes, Republic Services' revenue loss, and possible solutions including their recommended proposal of a temporary surcharge of approximately \$2/month/carton that would cease once the market changed or Chinese policy changed. It now costs Republic Services approximately \$63/ton of recycled material as opposed to previously being paid to process recycling.

Republic Services discussed trends in recycling and that there was no sunset date and emphasized that once market conditions changed, the surcharge would cease. The current per cart loss for Republic Services is \$3.61.

A series of questions from the Committee and explanation from Republic Services about supply and demand working in the waste industry were discussed. Domestic processing options were discussed and possible timeframes to adjust to a domestic market which is over two years.

Discussed what incentives were being used to reduce both trash and clearer recycling products.

Discussed potential changes to the existing franchise agreement in the future. No recommendations were made.

General frustration rose from Committee members in that raising the rate was the 'only' viable solution.

The option of eliminating recycling arose. Republic Services said recycling was still viable and environmentally, the right thing to do.

A motion was made by Joe Craig, seconded by Jaime Fuhrman:

*Move to recommend the Republic Services Recycling Surcharge to City Council with a reevaluation in June 2019 of the interim surcharge.*

The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

**Additional materials:**

**Letter from Republic Services – Surcharge**

Included a description of the Chinese policies and requested solutions

**A. Recycling Program Changes and Rate Increase - July 2018**

This was a table included in the packet materials describing different rates adopted by about 50 other Oregon jurisdictions

**B. Republic Services Silverton Rates – July 2018**

This was a table included in the packet materials describing different rates between varying sizes of residential and commercial users

**C. Recycle Right Poster**

This was the standard proper recycling reminders for residential and commercial educational purposes

**2.2 NW Natural Gas**

Northwest Natural Gas representative presented recommendations for the Energy Plan draft and an overview of the utility programs they provide

**2.3 Sustainable Silverton – Energy Plan Oct. 1, 2018**

Charles Baldwin presents an overview of the draft Energy Plan indication that comments will be accepted moving forward. He encouraged Committee members to submit comments to him in the coming weeks. Mr. Baldwin also outlined the next steps for the Plan including development of a Sustainable Silverton subcommittee to begin presenting the draft plan to various Silverton stakeholders in coming months.

**2.3 (a) Citylab.com article – Dana Smith**

Dana Smith provided this article to the Committee for general information.

**IV. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Aly Leboeuf discussed Silverton High School recycling options. Chris Mayou mentioned the evolving DEQ Materials Management program. Petra Schuetz was going to talk about the HEAL Cities status, but defers to a future meeting due to time constraints.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – Work Session**  
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**3:00 P.M.**

**December 18, 2018**

The Environmental Management Committee of the City of Silverton met at the Silverton Community Center, Council Chambers on December 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairperson Smith residing.

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call To Order & Roll Call**

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 16, 2018 – to be included in January agenda packet

**III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Status of Polystyrene ban – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance will be at the January 7, 2019 Council Meeting

**3.1 Strategic Planning**

Members provided areas and goals each would like the committee to work on in the coming year. Petra Schuetz will create a matrix with the ideas and include city comments to send out and have members rank in order of importance or consideration (See Attached).

Bailey Payne, Marion County, provided a list of ideas he would like the committee to consider implementing in 2019, including a composting program between Republic Services and the Silver Falls School District.

A motion was made by Chris Mayou and seconded by Jaime Fuhrman that the Environmental Management Committee will let the City Council know it supports Republic Services coming up with a special rate for the Silver Falls School District to implement a food composting program.

**IV. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Ally Leboeuf discussed the high school's Environment Club activities including the monitoring of stream health in Silver Creek. The club has applied for a MAPS Education Grant to assist with their monitoring streams.

Jaime Fuhrman discussed Earth Day in April; Petra added an annual Arbor Day will be celebrated by the City in April as part of the Tree USA program.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.  
 Respectfully submitted,

/s/Kathy Franz, Public Works Administrative Assistant

## EMC 2019 Strategic Planning

**Strategic Planning  
2019**

| EMC Brainstorm   | City Comments   | Rank 0-3 |
|--|---|----------|
| Adopt a storm drain program                                    | City Water Quality is developing new Design Standards now             |          |
| Allow front yard edible gardens                                | These are allowed   |          |
| Allow mixed use/'small commercial' zoning in residential       | This is allowed e.g. Home Occupation                                  |          |
| Apply for TD Green Streets grant                               | City does not have authority to regulate                              |          |
| Investigate 5G technology                                      | City does not have authority to regulate                              |          |
| Change Development Code to reduce required comm. parking       |   |          |
| City to use minority/women businesses                          |   |          |
| Clear invasive vegetation in Silver Creek by High School class | Class 1 Water Bodies of the State have some restrictions              |          |
| Combination waste bins   | A Republic Services franchise question. Franchise expires 11.19.      |          |
| Convert City fleet to electric                                 |   |          |
| Convert City to 100% renewable energy                          | Utilities are interested in this                                      |          |
| Convert residents to renewable energy                          | Utilities are interested in this                                      |          |
| Decrease pesticide use in public parks/ROW                     |   |          |
| Develop Bylaws   | Boring topic, but would help organize & elevate Committee             |          |
| Electric charging stations downtown                            |   |          |
| Eliminate parking strips                                       |   |          |
| Employ more bioswales (Low Impact Devl. stormwater)            | New Design Standards will encourage this                              |          |
| Encourage smaller, energy efficient houses                     |   |          |
| Energy Plan  |   |          |
| Freshwater disaster preparedness                               | Petra will contact Fire District on status of their system            |          |
| Get solid waste analysis for Republic Services                 | Need to contact Republic Services                                     |          |
| Incentivize water conservation                                 |   |          |
| Incorporate environmental issues into Comp Plan/Master Plans   | Comp Plan was not funded this Fiscal Year                             |          |
| Collect data on air quality monitoring                         |   |          |
| Joint Session with City Council                                | Possible March or April meeting                                       |          |
| Meet with Environmental Biology class                          | Likely adopted in January   |          |
| Pass plastic bag ban   | Likely adopted in January   |          |
| Pass polystyrene ban   | Likely adopted in January   |          |
| Provide low interest loans to residents- energy conservation   | Maintenance Div. not in favor; people sleeping in, locking others out |          |
| Public bathroom access 24/7                                    | A project in the existing and pending Transportation System Plan      |          |
| Sidewalk infill to connect neighborhoods                       | City Council has endorsed this  |          |
| Support Tree City application                                  | Statutory constraints to implement that                               |          |
| Tiered systems development charges                             |   |          |