11-28-2018 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions (#1)

ITEM #7: **Approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Solid Waste and Recycling Programs and Services**

Council Question: Since we are focused on this topic, I am interested to know the latest on the efforts related to SWAG charge number 4 (page 2, 2.B of the agreement) regarding a new landfill or transfer station.

Staff Response: The most recent discussions by SWAG on this topic occurred at the SWAG meeting on June 4, 2018. SCS Engineers presented the attached PowerPoint to SWAG that included information regarding their work on the following:

- *Regional Planning;*

- *Preliminary Economic Feasibility Study for a regional Integrated Material Management Facility (IMMF); and*

- *Conceptual design for a regional IMMF.*

Council Question: Where is the C&D landfill located (per page 4, 3.A of the agreement)?

Staff Response: The Orange County Construction and Demolition Landfill is located at 1514 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516.

Council Question: It would be helpful to include - ideally as part of the agreement itself, and if not, at least as part of the presentation to Council, a chart on roles and responsibilities (maybe even a RACI chart), to clarify the roles of the MOC, the SWAG, and the respective municipal staffs. It's spread out throughout the agreement and I am not clear who has jurisdiction over which topics; when each is giving advice/guidance as opposed to being the decision maker; which topics are decided by vote, etc. Presumably both the MOC and the SWAG will be voting on some topics, given that UNC reps are non-voting, but it's not clear to me what is decided by vote and when.

Staff Response: Appendix C was included in the agreement to provide an illustration of the decision making process that applies to the agreement. Decisions illustrated by this graphic include changes to solid waste program fees and significant changes to solid waste and recycling services, programs and facilities. In this process, the MOC makes recommendations to the SWAG. The SWAG then reviews the recommendations and determines which items will be referred for consideration to their respective boards. The Town and County Boards are the ultimate decision making bodies. This same process was followed for the approval of the Interlocal Agreement.

Council Question: What differences will there be in solid waste and recycling services under this interlocal agreement than how things are currently operated?

Staff Response: There are no expected differences or planned changes to the solid waste and recycling services currently provided.

Council Question: When will/has this Interlocal Agreement be/been put to a vote in Carrboro and Hillsborough and the County?

Staff Response: In November 2018, the boards for Carrboro, Hillsborough and Orange County approved the Interlocal Agreement.

Council Question: Is SWAG a Task Force that has a time limit or is it a permanent Task Force?

Staff Response: The Interlocal Agreement provides for the continuation of the SWAG without a time limit.

Council Question: What was the impetus for this Interlocal Agreement?

Staff Response: In 2012, the prior interlocal agreement ended when Orange County decided to close the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. Since 2012, the Towns and County have worked to develop a new agreement that covers the solid waste and recycling services, facilities and programs provided by the County to the Towns.

Council Question: From my understanding of the proposed Interlocal Agreement, proposed fee increases must start with MOC… who proposes them now?

Staff Response: Currently, Orange County proposes fee changes to the Town Managers and the fees are then presented to the SWAG. The SWAG then makes a recommendation for referral to their respective boards. The current process is expected to continue under the terms of the Interlocal Agreement.