

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 20, 2007

**SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: No</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A. Resolution</b></li><li><b>B. Letter dated February 8, 2007 from chairman of Orange County Board of Commissioners.</b></li><li><b>C. Transfer Station – Site Evaluation Summary</b></li><li><b>D. Meeting Summary – Landfill Neighborhood Community Meeting – January 18, 2007</b></li><li><b>E. Report: Eubanks Road Community Information Meeting – February 6, 2007</b></li><li><b>F. Map showing sites</b></li></ul>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> George Seiz                      918-7427

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen an opportunity discuss two possible sites identified by Orange County for a solid waste transfer station. The Orange County Board of Commissioners has requested that the Board of Aldermen provide comment and feedback on these two sites by February 23, 2007.

### INFORMATION

As noted in the letter from the Chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners (OCBC) (Attachment B) the County is reviewing possible locations for a transfer station that will be utilized to sort solid waste for transport to a facility (ies) outside of the County. The OCBC is soliciting input from the Town of Carrboro on two potential transfer station sites - one on the existing landfill property on Eubanks Road, and the other located along Highway 70 East in the eastern central portion of the County. More specifically the OCBC is requesting the Board of Alderman provide any thoughts on the following question:

Does the Town of Carrboro wish to have the County consider the Highway 70 East site in eastern central Orange County based on the additional costs and other potential issues that it will create for the Town?

Along with the letter from the OCBC was a Transfer Station – Site Evaluation Summary (Attachment C) that shows site evaluation information for each of the two potential sites. This site evaluation information was provided by Orange County staff. Town staff has also included two other documents with this abstract that were provided by Orange County Solid Waste Management staff. They are - Meeting Summary, Landfill Neighborhood Community Meeting, January 18, 2007 (Attachment D) and Proposed Transfer Station Site: Eubanks Road Community Information Meeting (Attachment E) which is a report that summarizes various community concerns along with County responses and additional alternatives posed for consideration.

Orange County Solid Waste Management staff previously asked Town staff to provide an estimate of anticipated additional costs related to delivering waste to the site on Highway 70 East. A relatively quick and rough estimate was put together. The additional mileage and resulting additional time required to drive to the Highway 70 site would certainly impact the current operation by potentially requiring the need for additional equipment and labor in order to maintain the same level of service. Fuel costs and subsequent emissions would also increase. The total of these additional annual costs for the Town of Carrboro are estimated to be \$142,000 and is shown on Attachment C. A breakdown for the Carrboro costs is as follows:

Estimated Annual Increased Costs:

Fuel -	\$24,000
Labor -	\$38,000
Two trucks -	<u>\$80,000</u> (1 or possibly 2 trucks, amortization and maintenance)
Total	\$142,000

The current FY 06/07 budget for the Solid Waste Division less Capital Outlay is about \$803,000.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated annual increase would be approximately \$142,000 which would equate to about \$0.01 on the tax rate. Also, with the option of going to the Highway 70 site we do not know the County's expectation on the acquisition of the property.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen accept the report and direct staff on input to be provided to the Orange County Board of Commissioners.