

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING ) RESOLUTION NO 99-2863  
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN THE )  
PREPARATION OF THE 2000-2001 ) Introduced by Councilor Bragdon  
BUDGET AND CREATING A TASK )  
FORCE TO RECOMMEND )  
ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN ONE-TIME  
EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, Metro has renegotiated its solid waste, transportation and disposal contracts for a net savings to the region of approximately \$40 million over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, this money belongs to the people of the region with Metro serving as their fiduciary agent and this money is extraordinary, non-recurring revenue that should not be relied upon as a stable on-going funding source; and

WHEREAS, cutting the tipping fee would have hampered recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has ordained that the most prudent priority for these funds is within the solid waste area itself, in order to responsibly sustain the system and incentivize recycling, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that even after that, a certain sum will be left over that can be used for other purposes in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of these funds should be accounted for and explainable to the public now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Metro Council directs the Executive Officer to prepare the FY '00-'01 Proposed Budget and all subsequent budgets on a "no new revenue" basis, as if the contract renegotiations mentioned above and the savings resulting therefrom had never occurred.

2. The Metro Council directs the Executive Officer to identify these funds accruing from aforementioned savings as one lump-sum “undesigned savings revenue” in his proposed budget, along with an identical lump-sum amount labeled “Undesignated Savings Expenditure (to be allocated)”

3. The Executive Officer’s budget submission shall otherwise be balanced strictly with revenues other than those savings and shall show the calculation by which the savings in that year have been quantified.

4. The Council will create and the Presiding Officer shall name a three-member task force to report and disband no later than December 31,1999.

5. The members of that task force shall include Councilors Bragdon, Park and Washington.

6. The task force shall identify:


- principles and criteria for expenditure (if any) of these funds in a disciplined and coherent manner that is transparent to the public
- methods of tracking and explaining all expenditures from the undesigned savings line item
- evaluation of adjustments required to the 99-00 (current) fiscal year budget
- guidance to the Executive Officer on most likely “add” packages, if any to the FY ‘00-01 budget

7. Options to be evaluated by the task force are both within and without the Metro budget, and they include, but are not limited to the Dakota Option, Kvistad proposals

regarding excise tax, Atherton proposals for debt restructuring at solid waste facilities, and rebates to ratepayers. Expenditure options may include grants to local governments.

8. The task force is directed to include MPAC, local governments and the previous public comment in its deliberations.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 4th day of NOVEMBER 1999.

  
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Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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