

MINUTES OF THE METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Council Chamber

Members Present: Ed Washington (Chair), Bill Atherton (Vice Chair), Jon Kvistad

Members Absent: None

Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

1. Introductions

There were none.

2. Citizen Communications

There were none.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the October 6, 1999, Metro Operations Committee Meeting

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved to adopt the minutes of the October 6, 1999, Metro Operations Committee meeting.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, Atherton, and Washington voted yes. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 99-2849, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Establishment of the Oregon Convention Center Expansion Advisory Committee

Chair Washington pulled Resolution No. 99-2849 from the agenda, citing a request from staff for time to seek additional legal advice.

5. Resolution No. 99-2846, Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between Metro and Otak, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services at Oxbow Regional Park and Howell Territorial Park

Heather Nelson Kent, Planning and Education Manager, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, presented Resolution No. 99-2846. A copy of the staff report to Resolution No. 99-2846 includes information presented by Ms. Nelson Kent, and is included in the meeting record.

Councilor Kvistad said while he would support Resolution No. 99-2846, he was concerned about having a contract of this size without direct, periodic Council review. He said his would prefer to break the project into pieces to allow for periodic review of substantial contract amendments.

Ms. Nelson Kent said they do not have the funding for the complete construction of either of the parks' improvements. Most of the money for the existing construction projects has come through the Multnomah County local share, which Metro is implementing, along with a number of grants which Metro was awarded through a competitive grant process. She said through the budget process each year, as funding is identified and becomes available for construction of these projects, Council review would be available through the budget process, and certainly through the more detailed CIP process.

Chair Washington asked if Ms. Nelson Kent meant that when those funds become available, staff will return to Council and at the minimum give an updates, and therefore can periodically address any Council concerns.

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Ms. Nelson Kent said yes. Although the contract amendment would allow the Parks and Greenspaces Department to fully implement the contract originally bid by Otak, Inc., the department cannot do it until it receives funding, and it cannot receive the funding until it has been appropriated through the budget process.

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 99-2846.

Chair Washington asked for a vote on the motion to send Resolution No. 99-2846 to the Council for approval, with the caveat mentioned by Ms. Nelson Kent.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, Atherton, and Washington voted yes. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Kvistad will carry Resolution No. 99-2846 to the full Metro Council.

Glenn Taylor, Manager of Construction Services Section, Administrative Services Department, added that staff could come back for review. He said the entire project will not be designed immediately; instead staff will negotiate scopes of work as the funding becomes available. He said staff has kept Otak, Inc. up to date within the percentages of the construction numbers on which Otak bid, and staff plans to continue to do so.

5-A. MERC/Metro Joint Support Services Study Status Report

Chair Washington added item six to the agenda as an informational item.

Jennifer Sims, Administrative Services Department Director/Chief Financial Officer, presented the MERC/Metro Joint Support Services Study, Status Report: Executive Summary. A copy of the status report includes information presented by Ms. Sims and is included in the meeting record.

David Biedermann, Director of Administration, Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC), concurred with everything Ms. Sims said. He said MERC has worked very hard at this, and one of its major goals is to find agreement and a solution to the dissonance that has occurred between Metro and MERC on this issue.

5-B. Councilor Communications

Councilor Kvistad said at the Council Transportation Planning Committee meeting, the committee came to a very positive agreement with Tri-Met on the Expo light rail stop. Tri-Met has agreed to fully engineer the secondary stop at the Expo Center that would take the line up to the front door. The final decision of which option to use will be made in one to one-and-a-half years, allowing time to see if light rail is likely to continue north to Vancouver. He said the cost will be less than the \$3 million to build it, and out of that money, Metro will take the half a million that it saved by not building the other stub. Councilor Kvistad thanked Fred Hansen, Tri-Met, and Andy Cotugno, Director of Transportation Planning, and their staffs, for their efforts. He said Tri-met's new position is not included in the Land Use Final Order (LUFO) which will come before Council, however Tri-met will submit a letter of commitment to fully engineer both options for Metro to site and evaluate.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

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The following have been included as part of the official public record.

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
MERC/Metro Joint Support Services Study Status Report	10/20/99	MERC/Metro Joint Support Services Study Status Report: Executive Study	102099mop-01