

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 1997

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad (Presiding Officer), Don Morissette, Susan McLain, Ruth McFarland, Patricia McCaig, Lisa Naito, Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: None

Presiding Officer Jon Kvistad called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Presiding Officer Kvistad stated this meeting would be a little different that it would be a swearing in for Councilors that were elected in 1996 for four year terms as well as the re-organization of the Metro Council. Following the Council there would be a reception and he invited all present to attend. Presiding Officer Kvistad introduced Judge Clifford Freeman who would be performing the swearing in ceremony. He asked for Councilors Naito and Washington to join him for the swearing in process.

Judge Clifford Freeman swore in Councilors Kvistad, Naito and Washington.

Councilor Naito addressed the Council and thanked her supporters, well wishers and family that were inattendance. When she first ran for Metro a lot of people asked what Metro exactly did. When mentioning the Zoo everyone's eyes would light up saying it was such a wonderful place. When talking about Solid Waste it was understood that was something that needed to be done and that garbage needed to be picked up. She stated she had previously took a few moments to read the Metro Charter and it was the plan and policy to "preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations". Planning for the future and protecting livability were the vital issues at Metro. Another question she was asked when she ran for Metro Councilor was where would she look to for the model of what should be done at Metro. No other place or city in the United States was attempting to do what was being done here which was to plan for growth. In this time of unprecedented growth in the region it was like trying to put a bicycle together, put the handle bars on and steer while riding it down a street at a hundred miles an hour. If Metro failed, there would be catastrophic results and Portland would become known as many other cities were known for its smog, traffic congestion and expensive housing. The region wanted to keep its reputation for livable neighborhoods and a quality environment. To do this was a balancing act, to protect farmland and prevent sprawled growth. Metro needed to protect and link transportation with landuse and provide for an urban mobility both for the economic base but also the livability in the community. There needed to be greenspaces, protect environmentally sensitive lands and protect the quality of life in the existing neighborhoods. Air quality issues were also vital to this area and people needed to live near their jobs so they didn't spend hours in their cars polluting the air. Water supply and water quality were also critical issues. At Metro they needed to be mindful of what was happening outside of Metro's jurisdictions in terms of Vancouver and outlying cities because their growth planning would also effect what would happen in this region. She stated developers and homebuilders should be viewed as partners, they were aware of what the market would bear and what people would buy. As Portland became one of the most expensive markets in the country, Metro needed to be sure there was a range of housing for different income levels. She further thanked the staff, Jeff Stone and Chris Billington and all the other members of the Council for making her feel welcomed and she looked forward to serving with them. She stated she knew the Council all had different views in the balancing act of what the appropriate balance was and that each Councilor would advocate strongly for their particular views. In closing she quoted from a book by Dr. Suess, "So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact and remember that life's a great balancing act."

Councilor Washington thanked all of those in attendance especially his wife Jean. He commented this was his third swearing in ceremony and he looked forward to the new year and looked forward to working with Councilor Naito.

Presiding Officer Kvistad stated he would like to thank the constituents in his district for their long term commitment and support. He further thanked his family for their support in his endeavors.

Nominations for Presiding Officer

Motion: **Councilor McFarland** nominated Councilor Kvistad for Presiding Officer.

Seconded: **Councilor Morissette** seconded the nomination.

Presiding Officer Kvistad asked if there were any further nominations for the position of Presiding Officer.

Motion: **Councilor McFarland** moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Councilor Kvistad for Presiding Officer.

Seconded: **Councilor McLain** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The vote was unanimous and Councilor Kvistad was appointed the job of Presiding Officer for 1997.

2. RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Resolution No. 97-2444, For the Purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council

Presiding Officer Kvistad explained that this resolution was always presented following the election of the Presiding Officer.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved for the approval of Resolution No. 97-2444.

Seconded: **Councilor Washington** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 6 aye/ 1 nay/ 0 abstain. Resolution No. 97-2444 was adopted with Councilor McCaig voting nay.

Presiding Officer Kvistad declared the following assignments. For 1997 he appointed Councilor McFarland to be his Deputy Presiding Officer. The Finance Committee would be chaired by Councilor McCaig, vice chaired by Councilor McFarland. The Growth Management Committee would be chaired by Councilor McLain and vice chaired by Councilor McCaig. The Regional Facilities Committee would be chaired by Councilor McFarland and vice chaired by Councilor Naito. The Regional Environmental Management Committee would be chaired by Councilor Morissette and vice chaired by Councilor McFarland. The Transportation Committee would be chaired by Councilor Washington and vice chaired by Councilor McLain. The Governmental Affairs Committee would be chaired by Councilor Naito and vice chaired and by Councilor Morissette. He further stated these were announced for the record and if any were missed they were documented in the resolution.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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