

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 1996

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Presiding Officer Jon Kvistad, Deputy Presiding Officer Susan McLain, Councilor Rod Monroe, Councilor Ed Washington, Councilor Don Morissette, Councilor Ruth McFarland

Councilors Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Kvistad at 2:03 PM.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Minutes for the February 15, 1996 Metro Council Meetings.

Councilor Washington moved for approval of the minutes.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said he had correction on page 6 but he was unable to find it. He asked that the minutes be set aside for a later meeting.

Councilor Washington agreed and withdrew his motion.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Update on Work Done at Whitaker Ponds by Students at Whitaker Middle School.

Councilor Washington introduced the presentation saying it was always a pleasure to talk about Whitaker Ponds. A group of students from Whitaker Middle School came to share what they have been doing regarding restoration of the ponds and surrounding area. The young people were accompanied by Ms. Edna Pitman, student services specialist. The students are active members of the Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement organization at Whitaker Middle School. The purpose of the organization (MESA) is to encourage minorities and young women to be aware of and learn more about opportunities in the fields of math, science, and engineering.

The students created design options for the restoration of Whitaker Ponds.

Aaron Knisley, 7th grader at Whitaker Middle School, presented his sketch. He suggested paths around the ponds, bridges between the two ponds, boat landings and removal of black berries.

Brian Slusher, 6th grader at Whitaker Middle School, shared his design ideas with the Council. He work included a play ground, soccer field, basket ball facilities, handicapped fishing dock, and bridge.

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Marsha Boyd and Destiny Thomas, both 6th graders, worked together on their plan. They included a bike path, bridge, handicapped access, rest rooms and fishing dock in their master plan.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution No. 96-2270, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Cliff Carlson to the Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved for adoption of Resolution No. 96-2270

Second: Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Councilor McFarland said Mr. Carlson is a very thoughtful and dedicated member of the Commission.

Councilor McCaig said without knowing what direction the Council is going to take in regard to the City/Metro negotiations in consolidation efforts it would be good to have a better understanding of the position of the Commission Chair and Members before reappointments are made. She made this suggestion in order to establish consistency with the Council's decision.

Councilor McFarland said the consolidation committee did not directly address what form the commission would take. Meanwhile until there is some action Metro needs a full compliment to go ahead with business. It would not preclude changes when and if the consolidation committee comes up with an approach that the Metro Council can accept. She recommended the appointment be made knowing that Mr. Carlson and all the other members may be replaced or retained after the consolidation process has been resolved.

Councilor Washington said all the present members of the MERC Commission understand that there could be some future changes depending on what happens with the consolidation.

Councilor McCaig said her questions have nothing to do with Mr. Carlson's appointment but rather the process and what the role of the Council is. It seems to her that the Council would want to hear from the Chair of the MERC Commission on his reappointment about his vision of where MERC and the Metro Council should be going. She feels the time when the reappointment is up is the appropriate time for that communication to take place.

Councilor McFarland said Councilor McCaig was making a very good point; appointees will be requested to appear before the Council. She also explained the Mr. Carlson was Chair of the commission last year but would not serve in that capacity this year.

Councilor McLain suggested a work session for the Council to discuss the consolidation issue.

Councilor McCaig said she agreed that there is a need for a Council work session to engage in a discussion about the recommendations of the consolidation committee.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said that he will schedule a work session for this issue within the next 30 days. He continued to say that when appointments are made in the future a request to have the individual being appointed be present when Council considers the issue.

Councilor McFarland said that two groups that really have to make the decision on the consolidation is the Metro Council and the Portland City Council.

Vote: 7 to 0 yes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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6.2 Resolution No. 96-2276, For the Purpose of Authorizing Issuance of the Request for Proposals for Design Services for the Peninsula Crossing Trail and Authorizing the Execution of the Resulting Contract.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved for adoption of Resolution No. 96-2276

Second: Councilor McLain seconded the motion.

Berit Stevenson, Project Manager in the Development Services Section, said this is a straight forward RFP for design services for the trail. The cost will be between \$150,000 to \$200,000. The process will take about a year. They plan to involve a lot of citizens and many agencies and bureaus in the City of Portland that will also be involved. The trial will be completed November 97.

Councilor Morissette asked Councilor McCaig if this was on the original list.

Councilor McCaig answered in the affirmative.

Charlie Ciecko, Director of Parks and Greenspaces, added that operation and maintenance responsibility is being negotiated between the City of Portland Parks Department and Metro to share the responsibility and having them assume the operation and maintenance responsibilities. Metro's role is limited to design and construction.

Vote: 7 to 0 yes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

9.4 Resolution No. 96-2283, For the Purpose of providing an Exemption from the Sealed Bidding Requirement for the Request for Proposals for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Expo Expansion Project.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved for adoption of Resolution No. 96-2283

Second: Councilor Monroe seconded the motion.

Berit Stevenson, Project Manager in the Development Services Section, explained there are three methods for procuring construction services. The typical method is a design, bid, build method like the method used for the Convention Center, for example. Another method is the design/build method which was used when the Metro Regional Center was built. The third method is the Construction Manager/General Contractor method. Both the second and third methods require an exemption from the sealed bid low bid public procurement process. The involve a proposal process instead. The selection process looks at factors besides costs. Performance based factors will be looked at as well as costs. It provides for a fast track or accelerated building process. The Expo expansion involves building a large exhibit hall and has been speeded up to accommodate the Smithsonian event planned in March of 1997. Budget certainty is also a positive aspect of using the CMGC method.

Councilor Morissette said his opposition to the proposal has to do with if Metro should be managing the Multnomah County Parks system. Metro is currently in negotiation as to if Metro will be taking these building over and commitment at this point, since Metro does not own the facility, we should not be proposing spending money to enhance the Convention Center.

Vote: 6 yes to 1 no. Councilor Morissette voted no.

6.4 Resolution No. 96-2250, For the Purpose of Confirming Nominations to fill Vacancies on the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee

Motion: Councilor McCaig moved for adoption of Resolution No. 96-2250

Second: Councilor McFarland seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 to 0 yes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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12. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None

There being no further issues before the Council Presiding Officer Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 2:52 PM.

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