

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) Resolution No. 05-3631
APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE FORBES TO A FOUR-)
YEAR TERM ON THE METROPOLITAN) Introduced by Council President David
EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION) Bragdon

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 6.01.030 provides that the Council confirms members of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 01-3117 appointed George Forbes to serve the remainder of the unexpired term created by the resignation of Ben Middleton, effective November 15, 2001;

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 01-3119 appointed George Forbes as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes is serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission for fiscal year 2005-06; and

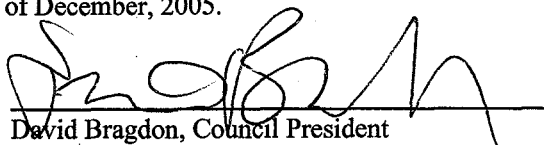
WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes' term on the Commission expires on December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Council president has nominated Mr. Forbes for a second four-year term on the Commission; and

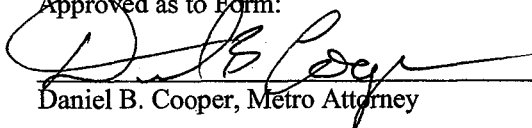
WHEREAS, the Council finds that George Forbes has served as a valuable member of the Commission, has made substantial contributions to the Commission by serving on its Executive Committee, and has the experience and expertise to make a substantial contribution to the critical work ahead of the Commission; now, therefore,

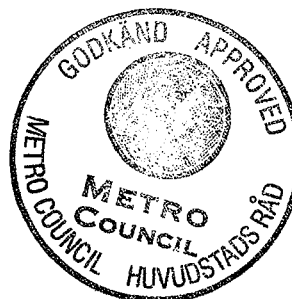
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby confirms George Forbes for appointment to a second four-year term as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, effective January 1, 2006.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of December, 2005.


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3631 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE FORBES TO A FOUR YEAR TERM ON THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: December 1, 2005

Prepared by: Jeff Miller

EXISTING LAW

Metro Code Section 6.01.030(a) gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030(d)(3) of the Code allows the Council President to appoint two candidates to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and to submit the nominees to the Council for confirmation.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Forbes has served as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, as a representative of Metro, since November 15, 2001. Metro Council President Bragdon has appointed George Forbes to serve a second membership term on the Commission. If confirmed, Mr. Forbes would serve from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.

Forbes brings valuable experience and expertise to the Commission and has made substantial contributions as a member of its Executive Committee. Mr. Forbes is currently the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission for fiscal year 2005-06 and Chair of the Commission Budget Committee. Forbes serves as Commission liaison to the Oregon Convention Center.

Forbes has more than 40 years of hospitality leadership and management experience, and his professional skills and practical knowledge help MERC accomplish its business goals. As a member of the Commission, Forbes lent his hospitality expertise to Portland Development Commission's convention headquarters hotel project by serving on the developer selection advisory committee. Mr. Forbes was also a member of the team that negotiated an innovative performance-based agreement for national sales, marketing and convention services with the Portland Oregon Visitors Association.

Mr. Forbes has been an ardent promoter of tourism and the hospitality services through his work with convention and visitors bureaus and hospitality associations. He serves in leadership roles with Oregon Lodging Association, Portland Oregon Visitors Association, Oregon Travel Information Council, Lewis & Clark Bicentennial 2005 Commission, and Washington State University's Hotel and Restaurant Advisory Board. Previous recipients of his hospitality expertise include Tri-County Lodging Association, Regional Arts & Cultural Council, and Portland Highland Games.

Analysis and Information

1. *Known Opposition* – None
2. *Legal Antecedents* – Metro Code, as referenced above.
3. *Anticipated Effects*: Reappointment of Mr. Forbes in the manner provided by Metro Code.
4. *Budget Impacts* – None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Metro Council President recommends approval of Resolution No. 05-3631 to confirm the appointment of George Forbes to a four-year term on the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission effective January 1, 2006.