

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL
STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 13, 2000
Council Chamber

Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Rod Park (Vice Chair), Bill Atherton

Also Present: Doug Riggs, Michael Morrissey, Dan Cooper, Nancy Goss Duran

Members Absent:

Chair McLain called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2000 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2000 State & Federal Legislative Agenda Committee meeting.

Vote: The vote was 3/0 and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously. The minutes were adopted without revision.

2. THE ROLE OF STAFF, PROCEDURES FOR WORKING THROUGH LEGISLATION WITH PAC/WEST, AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL.

Chair McLain wanted the full council to be aware of the process for the State & Federal Legislative Agenda Committee. She asked Mr. Stone to speak about the system and the quick emergency response for Pac/West or others working on legislation.

Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff, distributed a flow chart showing how state and federal legislation had been filtered through the Metro legislative team who looked at which issues affected Metro. He said they worked with the Presiding Officer and the Executive Officer to provide constant briefings to the council. He commented that when Lisa Naito was on the council, they had utilized a model that he wished to use again this year: the legislative team briefed the committee about big issues coming forward. He said there was an emergency action group available if something happened that needed immediate attention, at the state or the federal level. He said the quick response team included the chair of the committee, the Presiding Officer and the Executive Officer. The councilors were briefed individually about such emergency action. He added that it was his hope that no councilor would feel in the dark about the legislative session. He said he and Mr. Cooper would like to continue the practice of presenting updates at the council meetings during the session.

Dan Cooper, General Counsel, said one of the things the council had done in the past was to adopt by resolution a set of priorities and guiding principals, subject area specific, for the legislative team to follow.

Chair McLain added that she wanted each councilor to have the chance to fill out an interest area sheet so the lobbyist would know if one of them wanted to speak to an issue in Salem.

Mr. Stone said they had done that last year. Nancy Goss Duran said she had the form on her computer. Mr. Stone said he would get it from her.

Chair McLain asked the committee to critique the outlined process and make any suggestions they might have.

Councilor Park said he was comfortable with the concept and knew they had to have the ability to act quickly sometimes.

Councilor Atherton commented that it was a workable outline for the reactive phase of their work. He was looking forward to a proactive way to communicate their agenda.

Michael Morrissey, Senior Council Analyst, said the matrix was beginning to build the potential list of bills and issues.

Chair McLain felt it would be appropriate to have the legislative team on the agenda for the next meeting so they could relate their thinking about upcoming hot spots and what they wanted to tell the lobbyists. She agreed with Councilor Park that the last portion of the session was where most of the work was done, but felt they had a chance to mold it all the way through the process. She commented that some items seemed to take on a life of their own, like the pool chlorine and pesticides issue. She said Councilor Park was helping with that one and they would work through it.

Mr. Riggs, Pac/West Communications, felt confident in the process from the last session, weekly conference calls and attending council meetings on a regular basis, at least until the last couple of weeks of the session when they were so busy at the session. He thought that process worked quite well. He thought the flowchart made sense as a process, and that it, combined with the list of guidelines Mr. Cooper had mentioned earlier, would be very helpful.

3. METRO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & KEEPING THE COUNCIL INFORMED

Mr. Riggs reported that he had attended a hearing in Salem last Monday of the joint Stream Restoration and Salmon Recovery committees on the topic of the 4(d) process. He noted it was a lengthy hearing and he had not stayed to the end. He said he was pulled aside by several members of the committee to talk about Metro's role in the 4(d) process. He mentioned to them the concept of working to put together a half-day informational conference to explain what they meant by 4(d) and sit down with local partners to talk about how they all interpret the process. He commented that Councilor Washington had come up with a good idea when they discussed it. That was that the outcome of this potential conference could be about the timeline and the process of working with Metro on the outcome. He said members of the legislature were very interested in working with Metro on this one.

Chair McLain said in a conversation with Presiding Officer Bragdon, they had talked about the fact that they had visualized a broader agenda than just one topic for the conference because it seemed they should take advantage of having the legislators in one place to talk to. They had talked about a list of Metro issues of interest and thoughts for the conference, perhaps having the 4(d) issue as a centerpiece. She wanted to get with Presiding Officer Bragdon and Mr. Riggs to talk about ideas.

Mr. Riggs said he had hoped to have a report on the outcome of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation regarding transportation allocations, but they were still in session. He said the outcome may not be available until tomorrow although his conversations with Senator Smith's and Senator Wyden's staffs had been positive. They felt strongly that IMAX funding would be significantly higher than the House and commuter rail would be funded at the \$1 million level.

Chair McLain asked Mr. Cooper to report on the lobbyist contract process.

Mr. Cooper said a Request for Proposal (RFP) for lobbyist services for the next fiscal year had been issued and had gone out this day to interested parties. He said after it went through a process, it would be brought to council in the form of a resolution. He said the closing date was June 28, 2000, so shortly after that they would go through the responses and make recommendations. He was hopeful they could wrap it up by the middle of July.

Chair McLain concluded that she would like Mr. Riggs to start working with the legislative team and report any changes or hot spots. She asked about the updated matrix.

Mr. Riggs hoped it would be ready by tomorrow. He noted two issues to be added, transportation appropriations and HR 701, a federal land acquisition bill that had passed the House. He said there had been a number of efforts to communicate Metro's interests in this with the Northwest Senate delegation.

Chair McLain asked him to work with Mr. Morrissey to get the matrix to the committee and the council as soon as possible.

She asked Mr. Cooper to work with Mr. Morrissey on the internal committee review and said she wanted to have a conversation with them about it before it went on the agenda. She reported she had talked to MCCI and they had shown interest in reviewing it as well. She felt all the advisory committee chairs should have a chance to look at it as it impacted their processes. She asked Mr. Morrissey to work with Ms. Goss Duran to make sure that happened. She noted she had made a personal pledge to bring it to them personally for review. She said she planned to invite them to this committee for comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 5:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
Council Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2000

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

| Document Number | Document Date | Document Description | TO/FROM |
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| 061300leg-01 | 6/13/2000 | Flowchart for Council State & Legislative Agenda Committee | |