

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 1998

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Jon Kvistad (Presiding Officer) - excused

Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland convened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

## 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

**Art Lewellan** reviewed his LOTI design once again at Council. He was adamant about the east bank alignment. He felt his electric bus/trolley system made good connections with light rail allowing for a broader transit system, creating a more frequent trunk line (recording unintelligible). He reiterated his commitment to light rail and to his LOTI system.

**Councilor McFarland** asked about Mr. Lewellan's basic design, did it cross the river to the west side or stay on the east side?

**Mr. Lewellan** said he lived on the east side and wanted the light rail to stay on the east side.

**Councilor McFarland** added his plan served the rest of the west side area with buses and trolleys.

**Mr. Lewellan** reiterated that the west side portion of his transit plan was served by electric buses and trolleys.

**Councilor McFarland** thanked Mr. Lewellan.

## 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## 4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## 5. MPAC COMMUNICATION

None.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration meeting minutes of the May 21, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion:** **Councilor McCaig** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of May 21, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Discussion:** **Councilor McCaig** noted that she was not on council business, she was gone for personal reasons at last week's Council meeting.

**Vote:** The vote was 5 aye/ 0 nay/ 1 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor McCaig abstaining.

## 7. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

7.1 **Ordinance No. 98-724A**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99, Making Appropriations, Creating Funds, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, Authorizing Interfund Loans and Declaring an Emergency.

**Councilor McCaig** reviewed that the budget was a \$410 million budget with 672 FTEs. The Budget Committee had spent six months on the budget with five public hearings to date. This public hearing was scheduled purposely at 7:00 p.m. in the evening to allow citizens to speak who would normally be unable to attend during the Council's normally scheduled meetings. She felt that the Council was well versed in the budget. She felt they were prepared to listen to the citizens.

**Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland** opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 98-724A.

**Aleta Woodruff**, 2143 NE 95th Place Portland OR, MCCI Vice Chair, said she wished to speak to the Council about the budget. The budget adjustment she wished to speak on had transpired since the budget was originally set forth. She wished to be assured by the Council that there would be funds available to implement the new MCCI committee structure. MCCI had been totally overhauled with new committees formed with new objectives. She did not know if the additional funds would be in the executive branch or whether MCCI funds would be available specifically. She wanted it noted that the expenses for MCCI would be more than they had been before. She did not have a copy of the budget, did not know where those funds would be coming from. With MCCI's new organization and work with the subdivisions of Metro such as Transportation and Growth, the MCCI funds needed to be available for the MCCI staff person and possibly an assistant.

**Councilor McCaig** said that the MCCI proposal should come before the Finance Committee and they would deal with it when they received it. This budget was not being amended this evening. There would be two more hearings on the budget, one would be before the TSCC Committee on June 11th, the last public hearing would be on June 25th at 2:00 p.m. for adoption. She thought it was unlikely that they would see any substantial changes to the budget between now and then. They would be happy to review MCCI's proposal if it was submitted before the Finance Committee and went through the process.

**Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland** said they would not be taking action on at this meeting, they were simply taking testimony.

**Councilor McLain** said that Mike Burton, Executive Officer, spent an entire meeting with MCCI about a month ago. This proposal was to coordinate more with executive staff. She thought that the Executive Officer should provide an explanation to the Finance Committee on what he was visualizing as the change in relationship between MCCI and his executive staff. This would clarify if there were more dollars needed or if it was simply a new relationship between staff and MCCI.

**Councilor McCaig** reminded the council that on June 11th at 12:30 p.m. in Rm. 270 there would be a TSCC hearing on the budget. She added that there needed to be a quorum of councilors there to make the presentation.

**Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland** closed the public hearing. She reiterated that this public hearing was scheduled in the evening to allow citizens to testify.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 **Resolution No. 98-2638**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter Into Washington County "Cooperative Agreements" among Service Providers.

**Motion:** **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-2638.

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

**Discussion:** **Councilor McLain** said SB 122 asked for service provider coordination processes to be developed in the counties. Washington County had followed this statutory step. They were ready with their first level of agreements. Washington County was presenting this package for approval. These agreements were important because they established the parties and the mapped areas for negotiated urban service agreements. She noted Exhibit A which indicated established partnerships. She also said that this staff report indicated that Metro's responsibilities were in coordination of these cooperative agreements. Two of the questions she had asked were how the schools were involved in this and if there were any attempts to bring the park providers into the service agreements. She noted staff response, the parks were part of the service providers although they might not have the same level of detail as some of the other service provision agreements. There were some areas that may not have parks were there were agreements for actual management. Schools didn't seem to be tied into the process as some of the other service provision were. She felt these agreements were good work, Metro should be very proud of Washington County for coming along in the SB 122 process. There were other counties who had barely gotten started. She recommended passage.

**Councilor Morissette** said his one concern was that Metro had agreed to pay for certain mailings. He assumed the notification provision, that Metro would notify, was currently in our budget.

**Councilor McLain** said that Metro had to do this, it was a statutory provision. As far as she knew they had legitimate amounts of money available for these mailings. Metro did not know yet when that notification had to take place. There may be budget amendments if these all came in one year.

**Councilor Morissette** said he supported the effort that Metro was doing with the coordination plus meeting the requirements. Was it anticipated that Metro would be impacted budgetarily by taking on the responsibility of notification?

**Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland** asked Dan Cooper to clarify.

**Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel**, clarified that the notice that was required was notice to the individual districts not to the public. Metro were already sending notices to DLCD so Metro was committing to mailing approximately another 10 copies of one letter. He did not think there was a budget impact.

**Councilor Morissette** said if it were just that group of people, he was then not concerned about the notice requirement. He was just worried what level of mailing had to be done.

**Vote:** The vote was 6 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

## 9. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

**Councilor Washington** said that several years ago, in December 1995, the Metro Council sent a letter in support to Langdon Marsh from Tom Novak dealing with the issue of oxygenated fuel. The Council all signed it. They were now asking for a continuation of this program. He was going to have Mr. Novak send a package to each councilor just to refresh each councilor. He clarified that he believed Councilor Morissette did not support this issue.

**Councilor Morissette** agreed, he was not supportive of this issue.

**Councilor Washington** said it had been enough time that each councilor might need a refresher. He would have follow up information sent to each councilor.

## 10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Presiding Officer McFarland adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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