

MINUTES OF THE METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21, 2000

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rod Monroe, (Chair), Bill Atherton, Ed Washington

Also Present: Peggy Coats

Chair Monroe called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to adopt the minutes of the November 8, 2000, Metro Operations Committee meeting.

Vote: There were no amendments or revisions to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 00-3008, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Extend the Termination Date of Existing Intergovernmental Agreements With Local Park Providers That Are Implementing the Local Share Component of Metro's Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure.

Charlie Ciecko, Director, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, said this resolution authorized the extension of existing intergovernmental agreements from December 31, 2000, to December 31, 2001. Over \$19 million of the \$25 million allocated for the local share projects has been expended. Twelve of the 26 local jurisdictions have expended all of their allocations. This resolution deals specifically with the remaining 14 jurisdictions, whose representatives are supportive of this extension. **Councilor Atherton** thanked the Parks Department for the clear and concise format of their documentation.

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved approval of the resolution.

Vote: The resolution passed unanimously. **Councilor Atherton** will carry Resolution No. 00-3008 to Council.

3. DRAFT Ordinance No. 00-884, For the Purpose of Amending Provisions of Metro Code Chapter 6.01 Relating to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

Chair Monroe stated that this draft ordinance is for discussion only. No action will be taken at this meeting. This legislation was drafted at the request of Councilor Ed Washington and will be presented to the full Council.

Peggy Coats, Council Analyst, explained the Staff Report accompanying Draft Ordinance No. 00-884.

Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, drafted the ordinance at Councilor Washington's request. He explained the edits as they existed on the draft ordinance. In drafting the transition provisions (number 2 in the ordains clause) Mr. Cooper lined up the current commission members with the Council districts in which they seem to reside. **Chair Monroe** asked that the language be clearer regarding the Council President taking recommendations from the district Councilor. **Councilor Atherton** suggested using the language "advise and consent" of the district Councilor to clarify the district Councilor's inclusion in the nomination. **Councilor Washington** said he has always felt consultation, not necessarily consent, was the appropriate

METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2000

Page 2

manner in which to conduct business. **Mr. Cooper** said the Charter Amendment clarified that the appointment authority was at the discretion of the Council President, subject to Council confirmation. If the Council rejected the appointment at the urging of the district Councilor, the appointment could not be made which would be consistent with the Charter. **Mr. Cooper** said he would re-draft the ordinance to add "in consultation with the district's Councilor." **Councilor Washington** said this ordinance was not drafted to create conflict, nor has conflict been indicated. The purpose is to align the districts between the Councilors and the MERC Commission. He also questioned the absence of an emergency clause. **Mr. Cooper** said the version before the Committee did not have an emergency clause, but that it could be added.

Councilor Washington asked about the possibility of relieving any concern with regard to the two January 15, 2001, appointments, since they were fast approaching. **Mr. Cooper** suggested that the terms be delayed three months. The draft was merely a continuation of the original terms of office. **Chair Monroe** asked that the draft reflect a change to those positions whose terms expire January 15, 2001 (Mr. George Bell and Ms. Alice Norris), extending them to March 15, 2001, as a one-time change only. Their replacement term would be three years and ten months. This change would eliminate the need for an emergency clause. **Councilor Atherton** supported Chair Monroe's suggestion. **Councilor Atherton** questioned the language in 2.B., as conflicting - "subject to nomination by Multnomah County." **Mr. Cooper** said he did not view it as a conflict. **Councilor Atherton** directed the Committee to the second "Whereas" on page 1. He said, in his opinion, the changes were not to increase the membership, but to recognize the special financial contributions of the City of Portland and Multnomah County. **Chair Monroe** agreed. **Councilor Atherton** asked why the economic aspect was not stated; if the economic support were to be discontinued, the positions could become non-voting positions. **Councilor Washington** said that he was politically opposed to such a statement of economic support, but rather that the City of Portland and Multnomah County included to provide good regional service. The two Metro Councilors from those districts might be aware of a future opportunity to draw their counties into convention center support. **Councilor Atherton** suggested that rather than use "to increase the membership thereof" to say instead, "to broaden the representation thereof." **Mark Williams**, General Manager of MERC was asked by Chair Monroe if he would like to testify, and he declined. **Councilor Washington** asked the Committee members if they had any concerns about the budget portion "opt-out" clause in the ordinance. There were none.

Chair Monroe opened a public hearing at 10:55 a.m. Since no one gave testimony, he closed it at 10:55 a.m.

Councilor Communications - Chair Monroe stated that the next Operations Committee meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. due to Regional Environmental Management Committee's heavy agenda.

Councilor Washington thanked the Committee for its input regarding the draft under review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter

METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2000

Page 3

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 21, 2000

Document Number	Date	Document Description	RES/ORD
112100.01	11/20/2000	Draft Ordinance No. 00-884	
112100.02	11/21/2000	Staff Report by Peggy Coats	Ordinance No. 00-884