## BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING THE	) RESOLUTION NO 01-3084
PRESIDING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY TO	)
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT REGARDING	) Introduced by
COUNCIL TRANSITION	) Presiding Officer David Bragdon
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WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Executive Officer agreed that a change in Metro's structure was in the long term interest of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council passed Resolution No. 00-2929A on August 10, 2000 which submitted to the voters an amendment to the 1992 Metro Charter abolishing the Office of the Executive Officer, creating the Office of Council President and making related changes; and

WHEREAS, the voters overwhelmingly passed Measure 26-10 and endorsed structural changes at Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council passed a budget amendment in the 2001-02 fiscal year providing funds for transitional purposes; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code provides full authority of signing contracts on behalf of the Council rests with the Presiding Officer.

WHEREAS, the Presiding Officer wishes to work closely with the Council on transitional matters; now therefore

# BE IT RESOLVED:

The Metro Council endorses the Presiding Officer's authority entering into a contract regarding matters of transition.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12th day of

2001.

David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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#### STAFF REPORT

Resolution No. 01-3084: For the Purpose of endorsing the Presiding Officer's authority to enter into a contract regarding Council transition.

June 25, 2001

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## DESCRIPTION:

In a June 21st memo by Presiding Officer Bragdon and Deputy Presiding Officer McLain, a process of transition was outlined. In this four-phase process, it is the intent of the Presiding Officer to seek advice from the Council on all aspects of the transition and its implementation.

This resolution endorses the Presiding Officer's exercising the authority to enter into a contract. Phase 1 begins the transition process by examining and evaluating the Council office by an outside management team (Marjory Hamann Consulting).

### **EXISTING LAW:**

Metro Code section 2.04.020, Authority to Award and Execute Contracts, Budget Limitations, indicates that the council presiding officer is delegated authority to award and execute contracts on behalf of the council. Unless the council expressly approves a contract containing a requirement to the contrary, no contract may obligate Metro to the payment of funds not appropriated for that purpose by the Council (Ordinance No. 96-635B, Sec. 3).

# **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:**

The Metro Council set forth a manner in which dollars for transitional planning may be drawn from by passing an amendment to the Council budget (known as Council Amendment #17).

Council Amendment #17 carries forward \$71,500 of underspending in Council and Executive Office budgets from FY 2000-01 to FY 2001-02, adding this amount to the \$6,000 already budgeted for transition-related needs. This amendment was approved unanimously by the Budget & Finance Committee at its June 19, 2001, meeting, and was formally adopted by Council on June 21, 2001, as part of the budget approval process for FY 2001-02.

The amendment specifies that the \$71,500 will be allocated to Special Appropriations, Contracted Professional Services, in the General Fund, and that expenditures are for Council-authorized transition-related costs only.

Metro Code provides full authority of signing contracts on behalf of the Council rests with the Presiding Officer. While this Resolution is not technically necessary, it is the intent of the Presiding Officer to work with the council in a proactive and inclusive manner.

#### BUDGET IMPACT:

The contract to be signed by the Presiding Officer with Marjory Hamann Consulting is for \$17,600.

### **OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS:**

None