

Thank you.

Since its inception as a government 3 years ago there has been, as will happen in any government where there is an appropriate separation of powers, some disagreement between the Executive and ~~the~~ some members of the Council as to where the exact dividing line between legislative policy authority and Executive administrative authority lies. In my opinion ~~over the~~ ~~in the~~ ~~main~~ over the past 3 years that issue has resolved in the main to the advantage of the Executive.

However in the past several weeks it has become ever more apparent in my mind that this situation has not been to the advantage of the public's interest. More than ever there needs to exist a strong control over certain matters by the Council, especially in the area of fiscal policy. In keeping with that belief I will ask that the following ordinances be introduced for Council consideration:

The 1st ordinance is designed to give the Council direct authority and control over all contracts issued by metro.

Specifically:

1) Establishes a Contract Review Committee

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2) The ordinance also provides that this Committee must approve all contracts between

10-50 K

3) it also provides that all contracts over 50K receive direct Council approval

3) it also provides that ~~the~~ contracts in accumulative amounts ^{in these ranges} to a individual vendor ~~to~~ be reviewed in the same manner

i.e. = 5000 + 5000 would then receive review

4) it also requires the E.O. to report on a mo. basis all contracts by vendor, ~~at~~ amount and purpose to the Council, so that the Council review, and if it deems necessary, establish control over those contracts.

Secondly, to ^{prevent} ^{of contract control} the inadvertent or direct violation of Council intent, ^{recently} such as occurred in the event reported by the Ordinarian ..

E.O. order # 2 dated April 14, 1981 provides, among other matters that any contract of \$2500 or less cannot be approved if the cumulative total is over \$2500 to avoid Metro's requirement for ~~letting~~ ^{letting} such contracts out to bid. It is my intention to ask the Council to make this E.O. an ordinance so that violation of its procedures would constitute a violation of the law.

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Third, in May, 1979 the Council adopted a resolution which set into effect a series of budget control procedures.

While that resolution constituted ^{specific} procedures to be followed during FY 1979, the resolution provided that the provisions be reviewed by the Council and be continued hereafter if appropriate. These provisions have not been continued. I intend to ask that they ~~be~~ be continued.

They include, among other requirements, that the Executive officer:

" issue ~~forward~~ monthly financial reports to the Council to include

- Expenditures made & revenues to date
- federal and state grant status reports, including increases and/or decreases in budgeted grant revenues
- cumulative savings in ~~personal~~ ^{personal} services & materials & services resulting from vacancies in authorized staff positions

and an

- investment program report.

Finally, ~~it is~~ I will ask that the Council ~~shall~~ retain final confirmation authority over the appointment of all major department heads and the position of chief accounting officer.

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It is my hope that these measures along with those outlined by Councillor Banger, will be a preliminary steps towards insuring that the directly elected council, even though it is part-time, will have the control and thus the accountability, that the original intent of our founding legislation had for us.

As we resolve this accounting and management problem, the Council will in ~~the next~~ this next year be faced with significant decision concerning the potential energy-recovery system we are pursuing as a part of our effort to resolve the solid-waste problem of the region. To insure that the public's interest is best ~~served~~ and efficiently served in this matter, the Council must establish its legitimate role as policy setter and controller of fiscal obligations and procedures and then to work in partnership with the Executive Officer to see that these policies, procedures and obligations are properly carried out.