

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING ) Resolution No. 09-4065  
METRO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ) Introduced by Councilors Rod Park and  
TO EXPLORE FUTURE ) Rex Burkholder  
MANAGEMENT OF REGIONAL )  
FACILITIES )

WHEREAS , in 2000, the voters of the Portland region approved changes to Metro’s Charter that improved the efficiency and accountability of regional government by providing direct elected-official oversight of senior staff members, and;

WHEREAS, the change in governance at Metro created efficiencies, improved accountability and transparency, and;

WHEREAS, the publicly-owned, taxpayer-financed facilities currently overseen by the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission require an annual budget of approximately \$40 million, and;

WHEREAS, the value of the publicly-owned, taxpayer-financed assets under Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission management total approximately half of \$1 billion, and;

WHEREAS, the elected members of the Metro Council ultimately are responsible to the public for the fiscal management and health of the regional facilities owned by Metro and managed by the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the expertise of private citizens, working as a volunteer commission, provides valuable advice and direction on the management of enterprise-based facilities, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro code 6.01.030, Metro created the MERC Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro code 6.01.100, the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission must prepare business plans for each of its facilities as well as goals and benchmarks for each of those facilities, and these business plans, goals and benchmarks must be regularly reported to Metro Council, and;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and staff continuously strive for the most effective and efficient operations, structures, relationships and processes, and;

WHEREAS, overhead and expenses of the various components of the agency are worthy of evaluation, and;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission has entered an interim period of employment of a General Manager, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METRO COUNCIL THAT,

1. The Metro Council hereby directs the Chief Operating Officer to proceed in an inclusive and collaborative process to explore the best means of ensuring these regional facilities are managed with the highest level of efficiency, accountability, transparency and minimal duplication of overhead expenses;
2. The Metro Chief Operating Officer will forward a recommendation from this process to the Metro Council prior to August 8, 2009;
3. The Metro Chief Operating Officer will work directly with the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission and the interim General Manager to ensure continued, successful operation of the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Center for Performing Arts and the Exposition Center during this interim and evaluation period.
4. The Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission is respectfully requested to not commence a search for a new General Manager pending the conclusion of these collaborative discussions.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2009.

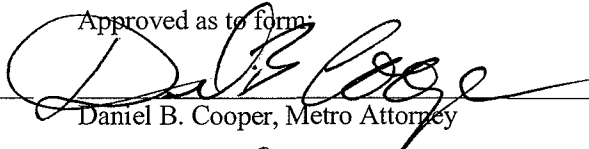
  
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