

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PUROSE OF STATING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 97-2463
COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH RESPECT)	
TO THE REGIONAL FACILITIES)	Introduced by Councilor
OPERATED BY THE METROPOLITAN)	Ruth McFarland
EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION)	

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC) is a Metro Commission created by the Metro Council under the provisions of Chapter 6.01 of the Metro Code; and

WHEREAS, MERC is charged by the Council with the operation and management of the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), the Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center (EXPO), both of which are owned by Metro, and, through a Consolidation Agreement entered into by Metro and the City of Portland, with the Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA) and Civic Stadium (Stadium), which are owned by the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, the facilities operated by MERC receive a major portion of their funding from the proceeds of the Multnomah County Transient Lodging Tax; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has, by ordinance, recently amended the provisions of the Transient Lodging Tax, so as to provide for allocation of funds in a manner that is acceptable to Metro; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County, by resolution adopted concurrent with the recent amendments to the Transient Lodging Tax, requested that the City of Portland acknowledge its responsibility for major capital investments in the PCPA and Civic Stadium, and commit a total of \$600,000 per year towards the operations of PCPA and

Stadium, including \$300,000 targeted towards establishment of a 50 cent per ticket user fee for the nonprofit principal tenants of the PCPA; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County, by the same resolution, requested that Metro plan and implement improvements in MERC's organization, and reconfirm Metro's commitment to seek future regional funding for all regional facilities operated by MERC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has, by resolution, acknowledged that it has "responsibility for capital expenditures at both the PCPA and Stadium," and indicated its intent to commit a total of \$600,000 per year towards the operations of PCPA and Stadium for a period of five years, including \$300,000 annually targeted towards establishment of a 50 cent per ticket user fee for the nonprofit principal tenants of the PCPA; and

WHEREAS, Metro has, through Ordinance No. 97-677-B, implemented improvements in the organization of MERC designed to allow MERC to operate in a more streamlined and efficient fashion, while maintaining appropriate levels of accountability to elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Metro reconfirms its commitment to continue the search for a regional funding solution for the MERC facilities and the arts;

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Metro accepts the City of Portland's acknowledgment of its capital responsibility for PCPA and Civic Stadium, and acknowledges Metro's capital responsibility for OCC and Expo.

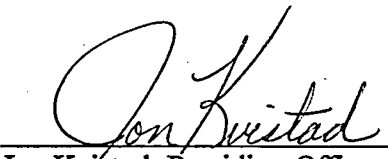
2. Metro accepts the City's proposed five year total contribution of \$3,000,000 (\$600,000 annually) for the operations of the City owned facilities.

3. Metro accepts the designation of \$300,000 of the City's annual contribution towards the establishment of a 50 cent per ticket user fee for the principal non-profit tenants of the PCPA.

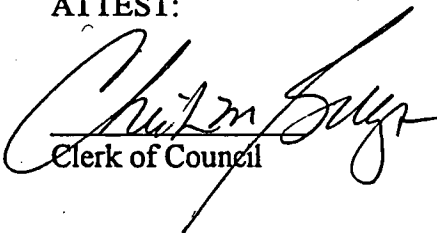
4. Metro accepts Multnomah County's allocation of the Transient Lodging Tax.

5. Metro reconfirms its commitment to the search for a regional funding solution for all regional facilities and the arts, and declares its desire to work cooperatively with Metro's regional partners with respect to these important regional assets.

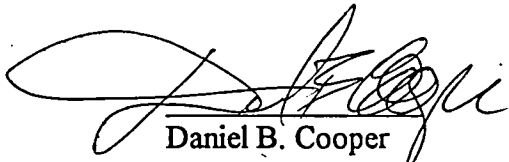
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of February, 1997.


Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel B. Cooper
Metro General Counsel