

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHRIS THOMAS ) RESOLUTION NO. 85-555  
ADDING TO THE APPROVED LIST OF )  
HEARINGS OFFICERS ) Introduced by the  
 ) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, Section 2.05.025(a) of the Code of the Metropolitan Service District provides that the Metropolitan Service District Council may approve a list of Hearings Officers from which the Executive Officer may select a Hearings Officer for a particular case or cases, provided the names on such a list are members of the Oregon State Bar; and


WHEREAS, The Council has previously approved a list of such Hearings Officers; and

WHEREAS, Chris Thomas is qualified to conduct contested case hearings on matters relating to land use; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That Chris Thomas shall be added to list of approved Hearings Officers pursuant to Section 2.05.025 of the Code of the Metropolitan Service District.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District  
this 28th day of March, 1985.

  
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Ernie Bonner, Presiding Officer

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No. 6.2

Meeting Date March 28, 1985

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 85-555 FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ADDING CHRIS THOMAS TO THE APPROVED  
LIST OF HEARINGS OFFICERS

Date: March 15, 1985

Presented by: Jill Hinckley

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On February 28, 1985, the Council of the Metropolitan Service District (Metro) approved Resolution No. 85-550, adding Adrienne Brockman, Beth Mason and, subject to evaluation of a potential conflict, Gail Achterman to Metro's list of Hearings Officers whom the Executive Officer may appoint to hear land use cases. A mutual decision has since been made that, due to the appearance of possible conflict, Ms. Achterman should not be included on the list. At the time of Council action, full information was not yet available on several additional attorneys also being considered for addition to the list. As a result, the Council was advised that a second resolution might be forwarded to it shortly to add any of those candidates found to be qualified and available.

One was a woman who has since been offered and accepted a full-time job. Second is a minority woman, Adunni Warren, who has some background in both hearings and land use but less than is normally desirable. In the interests of affirmative action, staff reached an agreement with Ms. Warren on a strategy for assessing her skills, knowledge and abilities that may result in her recommended addition at a future date.

The remaining candidate is neither a woman nor a minority, but is recommended for addition to the list because of the quality of the skills and expertise he has to offer and to ensure that the list contains sufficient names to ensure the availability of a qualified Hearings Officer in all possible circumstances. He is Chris Thomas, former City Attorney for the City of Portland. As with the other recently added candidates, he is well versed in land use law and hearings conduct and procedures, and recommended by references contacted as superbly qualified to conduct land use hearings.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 85-555.

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