

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING)	RESOLUTION NO. 86-723
STATE OF OREGON FINANCIAL)	
PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION)	Introduced by
COSTS OF THE OREGON CONVENTION)	Councilor Mike Ragsdale
CENTER)	

WHEREAS, Oregon's economic future depends on the growth, vitality and expansion of its trade, technology, research and tourism industries; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's tourism and convention industry creates more than \$2 billion of annual economic activity in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, The tourism and convention sector of Oregon's economy is substantially underdeveloped, resulting in lost employment opportunities and tourism revenues to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, A regional convention facility has been proposed for construction in Portland and a Metropolitan Service District ballot measure approving \$65 million in General Obligation bonds for capital construction purposes passed overwhelmingly on November 4, 1986; and

WHEREAS, The bond measure was endorsed by:

Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers
Central Eastside Industrial Council
The Dome Foundation, Inc.
The Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
Portland Association of Building Owners and Managers
Portland Innkeepers Association
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Portland Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce

Washington County Visitors Association
Oregon Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Clackamas County Economic Development Commission
Clackamas County Associated Chambers of Commerce
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
Tualatin Valley Economic Development Association
Sunset Corridor Associates
Sunnyside 205 Association
Oregon AFL-CIO
Oregon Mayors Association
League of Oregon Cities
Association of Oregon Counties
Northwest Oregon Labor Council
Clackamas County Labor Council
Willamette Democratic Society
City Club of Portland
I-5 Corridor Association
Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee
Times Publications
KGW-TV
Gresham Outlook
The Skanner
KATU-TV
The Oregonian
Portland Business Today
Business Journal

WHEREAS, The Oregon Convention Center will benefit the economies of communities throughout Oregon and make Oregon an effective competitor for business, tourist and convention trade revenues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District requests the Governor-Elect to include in his recommended budget to the 1987 Oregon Legislative Assembly, a General Fund appropriation of \$15 million to assist in the development and construction of the Oregon Convention Center.

2. That the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate introduce this legislation at the request of the Council

of the Metropolitan Service District to the 1987 Oregon Legislative
Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 18th day of December, 1986.


Richard Waker, Presiding Officer

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Meeting Date December 18, 1986

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO.86-723 SUPPORTING
STATE OF OREGON FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN
CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

Date: December 18, 1986

Presented by: Tuck Wilson

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On November 4, voters in the Metro district approved a \$65 million bond measure to finance construction of the Oregon Convention Center. An additional \$20 million is needed to cover the \$85 million estimated construction cost.

The financing plan set forth in the Master Plan for Regional Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities, adopted by Metro Council in May 1986, identifies the State of Oregon as the source of \$15 million. The remaining \$5 million is to be raised through a City of Portland local improvement district from commercial properties to be specially benefitted by their location near the convention center and in downtown Portland.

Following the election, the Committee on Regional Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities (CTS) created a technical committee to carry the \$15 million request to the Oregon legislature and the Governor-elect. This committee, which includes Councilor Mike Ragdale as a member, has drafted the attached Resolution. The Resolution presents these requests:

1. Asks the Governor-elect to include a general fund appropriation of \$15 million in his recommended budget for the 1987-89 biennium.
2. Asks the Speaker of the Oregon House and the President of the Oregon Senate to introduce legislation appropriating \$15 million from the general fund.

The Resolution will be considered for adoption by CTS on December 15. At their meeting on December 11, the Metro Council Convention Center Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend adoption of the Resolution by Metro Council at its December 18 meeting.

Early action on the Resolution is advisable to impact the legislature and the Governor-elect prior to the beginning of the 1987 session.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends that the Council adopt Resolution 86-723.

the Ordinance could be amended to allow art to be installed in the surrounding community.

Presiding Officer Waker announced the second reading of the Ordinance would take place January 8, 1987.

8.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 86-717, for the Purpose of Establishing Guidelines for Metro's One Percent for Art Program

Motion: Councilor Kirkpatrick moved consideration of the Resolution be continued to January 8, 1987, and Councilor Kelley seconded the motion.

Presiding Officer Waker called a break at 7:35 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

9.5 Consideration of Resolution No. 86-723, for the Purpose of Supporting State of Oregon Financial Participation in the Construction Costs of the Oregon Convention Center

Tuck Wilson, Convention Center Project Manager, briefly explained the financing plan for the Convention Center project, adopted by the Council in May 1986, identified the State as providing \$15 million for the project. Resolution No. 86-723 would request the Governor-elect include a general fund appropriation of \$15 million in his recommended budget for the 1987-89 biennium and would ask the Speaker of the Oregon House and the President of the Oregon Senate to introduce legislation appropriating \$15 million from the general fund.

Norm Smith, member of the Convention, Trade and Spectator Facility Committee, reported the Committee recommended adoption of the Resolution.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved the Resolution be adopted and Councilor Van Bergen seconded the motion.

Councilor Collier said she supported the Resolution but wanted to make sure this action was coordinated with the rest of Metro's Legislative Program. Councilor Ragsdale, Chair of the Council Convention Center Committee, agreed coordination would occur.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all twelve Councilors voting aye.

The motion carried and Resolution No. 86-723 was adopted.