

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING) RESOLUTION NO. 87-731
METRO COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE)
LEGISLATIVE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE) Introduced by
OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL) Councilor Mike Ragsdale
CONVENTION, TRADE AND SPECTATOR)
FACILITIES)

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District (Metro) is the managing governmental agency for the development and construction of the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Metro received tri-county voter approval on November 4, 1986, to issue \$65 million in General Obligation bonds for the development and construction of the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, The complete funding formula for the Oregon Convention Center has been predicated on a grant of \$15 million from the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, The community-based Committee on Regional Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities (CTS) has provided important, nonpartisan leadership for the Oregon Convention Center project, in conjunction with Metro; and

WHEREAS, CTS has established a Legislative Technical Committee to coordinate efforts of public and private organizations throughout the region to secure the state's participation; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Mike Ragsdale is a member of the CTS Legislative Technical Committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District fully supports and encourages the efforts of the CTS Legislative Technical Committee to secure the state's financial participation in the Oregon Convention Center.

2. That the Council receive periodic reports from the CTS Legislative Technical Committee through committee members and Metro Councilor Mike Ragsdale.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 22nd day of January, 1987.



Presiding Officer

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 87-731, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING METRO COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR
THE LEGISLATIVE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL CONVENTION, TRADE AND
SPECTATOR FACILITIES

Date: January 6, 1987

Presented by: Tuck Wilson

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The bond measure approved by voters on November 4, 1986, will provide \$65 million toward construction of the Oregon Convention Center. An additional \$20 million is needed to cover the \$85 million total 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 come through a local improvement district affecting commercial properties near the convention center and downtown.)

Robert Ridgley, chairman of the Committee on Regional Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities (CTS), has appointed a Legislative Technical Committee to oversee procurement of the state's \$15 million. The Committee's creation is predicated on the need for broad-based support from citizens, government and business leaders to secure funding participation from the state. The Legislative Technical Committee will coordinate efforts of legislative specialists from private and public organizations throughout the region who wish to help in this cause.

Councilor Mike Ragsdale is a member of the Legislative Technical Committee representing Metro. Other members include Mike Hereford (United Food and Commercial Workers), Craig Honeyman (Northwest Natural Gas), Ed Lindquist (Clackamas County Commissioner), Steve Morris (Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Association), and Bill Robertson (Pacific Power & Light). Chairman is Norm Smith (AT&T).

At its meeting on December 18, the Metro Council Convention Center Committee, chaired by Mike Ragsdale, moved unanimously to request Metro Council endorsement of the CTS Legislative Technical Committee. The Council committee has drafted the attached Resolution for this purpose.

COUNCIL CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The Council Convention Center Committee recommends adoption of Resolution No. 87-731.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 87-731.

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Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Collier, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Kelley

The motion carried.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 87-717, for the Purpose of Establishing Guidelines for Metro's One Percent fo Art Program

Motion: Councilor Van Bergen moved, seconded by Councilor Collier, to refer the Resolution to the Management Committee for discussions related to the same issues as for Ordinance No. 87-215, and for the Committee to report its findings to the Council on February 26, 1987.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Collier, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Kelley

The motion carried.

8.2 Consideration of Resolution No. 87-731, for the Purpose of Establishing Metro Council Support for the Legislative Technical Committee of the Committee on Regional Convention, Trade and Spectator Facilities

Tuck Wilson, Convention Center Project Director, reviewed staff's written report. Councilor Ragsdale, Chair of the Council's Convention Center Committee, recommended the Council adopt the Resolution as a show of support for the proposed actions.

Motion: Councilor Ragsdale moved the Council adopt Resolution No. 87-731 and Councilor Van Bergen seconded the motion.

In response to Councilor Kirkpatrick's question, Councilor Ragsdale reported the legislative programs proposed by the Legislative Technical Committee would require staff support from Kim Duncan. Mr. Wilson added that Ms. Duncan would coordinate her efforts with the Council and key staff.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Bonner, Collier, DeJardin, Gardner, Hansen, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Waker

Absent: Councilors Cooper and Kelley

The motion carried and Resolution No. 87-731 was adopted.

Mr. Wilson reported that the convention center architect selection team would recommend the Council approve a contract with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca to design the Oregon Convention Center. The Council would be asked to consider that contract on February 26.

Presiding Officer Waker noted as a member of the contract selection team, he had traveled to several convention center facilities and had learned much about why selecting the right architect was integral to the success of a convention center.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Gardner, Chair of the Council Solid Waste Committee, reported the Committee met to discuss which alternative technology method would be recommended to the Legislature. The Committee decided to give the Executive Officer time to review the history of the project and proposed recommendations before making a formal recommendation.

Councilor Hansen said the Committee also recommended the State not add yard debris to its list of recyclable materials at this time because sufficient markets for that material did not exist.

PERSONNEL AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Presiding Officer Waker requested the issues be set over to February 12 rather than discussing them at this time. He explained the Executive Officer had left the meeting due to illness and two Councilors were not in attendance at the meeting.

After a brief discussion, it was generally agreed the personnel and legislative issues should be addressed at a special meeting to be held as soon as possible. Councilors Kirkpatrick and Collier also expressed concern about the Executive's proposed lobbying efforts the following day in Salem. Councilor Collier pointed out that according to Metro's Code, parties other than the Executive could only lobby on policies that had been adopted by the Council.