

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING ) RESOLUTION NO. 88-875  
APPOINTMENT OF GREG MC MURDO TO )  
THE POSITION OF GOVERNMENT RELA- ) Introduced by Rena Cusma,  
TIONS MANAGER ) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District has a need to have a person designated to represent Metro before the Legislative Task Force examining Metro's operations; and


WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District has a need to fill the position of Government Relations Manager for the purpose of preparing Metro's legislative program for the 1989 session of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Officer has, after consultation with the Council, appointed Greg McMurdo to fill the position of Government Relations Manager; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the appointment of Greg McMurdo to the position of Government Relations Manager is confirmed by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 25th day of February, 1988.

  
Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer

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# Memorandum

Agenda Item No. 5.1

Meeting Date Feb. 25, 1988

Date: February 17, 1988  
To: Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer  
From: Rena Cusma, Executive Officer *Rena Cusma*  
Regarding: GOVERNMENT RELATIONS POSITION

This will confirm our discussion regarding my efforts to fill the vacancy in the Government Relations position. This position is budgeted in the appropriation for the operation of my office -- Executive Management.

As you know, this position has been vacant since the start of this fiscal year. We now must move expeditiously to fill this position in order to successfully work with the Legislative Task Force examining Metro's operations. It is my understanding that the Task Force has requested that we provide them with a great deal of information pertaining to policy matters related to the operations of this agency.

Furthermore, we must start preparing our legislative program for the 1989 session of the Legislative Assembly. I can think of nothing as important to this agency, following our several recent successes, than a well prepared legislative program. Such a program will go far toward reinforcing all of our efforts to be a responsible governmental agency in this region.

I have given a great deal of thought about the credentials of the person filling this position. I believe it is critical that Metro has the person in place who can knowledgeably assist us with the preparation of a sound legislative program as well as possess the skills to effectively communicate our agency's policies to the Legislative Assembly. In addition, since we are vitrually rewriting our "laws," it is my opinion that it would be most helpful if the Government Relations person is an attorney who has both experience and a solid working relationship with the legislative process.

I have approached several persons over the past few months regarding the Government Relations position. I did so in order to recruit a person with the type of profile described above. Since the Government Relations position was provided in my office's budget, I believe that the position is exempt from the competitive hiring process. Accordingly, I have asked Greg McMurdo to join Metro and serve as it Government Relations person. I will provide you with a copy of Mr. McMurdo's resume.

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Before I actually bring the person on board as a full-time employee, however, I also believe that it is important that you discuss with the candidate the expectancies of the Council. I am very sensitive to the fact that our Government Relations person will be representing Metro. I know that after you have met and discussed our legislative needs with my candidate, you will be satisfied that we have found the person we need for our work with the Task Force and the Legislative Assembly.

While this position being exempt does not require confirmation, I understand the Council's concern regarding the fact that this person will be representing all of us. Accordingly, I am forwarding to you for confirmation the name of Greg McMurdo.

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C. GREGORY McMURDO  
1275 Elser Court, S.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97302  
(503) 363-5742

OBJECTIVE: Private practice or government position with emphasis on government law and government relations

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Oct. 1987  
to Present

Referee Pro Tem

Worker's Compensation Board, Salem, Oregon 97310

\*Appointed by the Board to serve as an administrative law judge in cases involving injured workers and inmates at penal institutions; and violations of the Oregon Safe Employment Act.

1985 to  
Oct. 1987

Board Member (Public Representative)

Worker's Compensation Board, Salem, Oregon 97310

\*One of three Board members appointed by the Governor to administer the Worker's Compensation Act, Inmate Injury Act and the Crime Victims Act.

- Exercised appellate review over the Hearings Division decisions involving injured worker's or inmates of penal institutions--average of 137 order per month
- Exercised original "Own Motion" jurisdiction in certain injured worker's cases--average of 64 orders per month
- Exercised final review authority under the Victims of Crime Compensation Act.
- Supervised 102 employees including 32 Referees (attorneys) with a \$10 million biennial budget
- Registered lobbyist for the Board

1976 to  
1985

Deputy Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon 97310

\*Appointed by the Secretary of State as chief deputy to supervise the day-to-day operations of the Department of State and its operating Divisions (Audits, Archives, Elections and Public Records) and to perform any other act or duty of the Secretary of State

- Supervised 135 employees including 37 accountants with a biennial budget of \$13 million

C. GREGORY McMURDO/2

- Assistant to the Oregon State Land Board
- Ex officio Vice-chair, Public Contract Review Board
- Chief lobbyist for the Secretary of State.
- Responsible for drafting and/or reviewing Department administrative rules
- News media representative for the Secretary of State

1972 to  
1976

Legal Counsel to the House of Representatives  
Office of the Minority Leader, Salem, Oregon 97310

\*Appointed by the House Minority to provide legal assistance to members of the House Minority caucus and to assist their constituents with problems with federal, state and local governments

- Administrator of the House of Representatives Minority Office
- Provided legal opinions on legislation and proposed legislation for members of the Legislature
- Drafted and lobbied for and against proposed legislation on behalf of members of the Legislature

#### EDUCATION

Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon  
1972 - J.D.

\*Graduated in upper one-quarter of class; associate editor of law review; participant in the legal aid clinic

- Received the Bancroft-Whitney (American Jurisprudence) awards for excellence in Legal Research and Writing and Administrative Law
- Clerked full-time for the General Counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad Company while attending law school

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon  
1968 - B.A. History with minor in Political Science

#### BAR STATUS

Admitted in Oregon in 1972; U.S. District Court, Oregon; U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court

Member - Government Law Section; Worker's Compensation Section

Founding Member - Board of Governor's Ad Hoc Committee on Election Law Reform

- Lobbyist for the Committee during the 1987 Legislature

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
February 25, 1988

Councilors Present: Tanya Collier, Larry Cooper, Tom DeJardin,  
Jim Gardner, Gary Hansen, Sharron Kelley,  
Corky Kirkpatrick, David Knowles, Mike  
Ragsdale, George Van Bergen and Richard  
Waker

Councilors Absent: Mike Bonner

Presiding Officer Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 88-875, for the Purpose of  
Confirming the Appointment of Greg McMurdo to the Position of  
Government Relations Manager

Councilor Knowles reported that at the meeting earlier in the evening, the Council Internal Affairs Committee recommended the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-875. The Committee had interviewed Mr. McMurdo, had reviewed his resume and were confident in his ability to perform the work.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Councilor Waker, to adopt Resolution No. 88-875.

Councilor Van Bergen noted that Mr. McMurdo had formerly supervised referees employed by the Worker's Compensation Board and said he was

not satisfied with the performance of some referees. Mr. McMurdo explained that state law limited the extent of his supervision over hearings referees. He had been allowed to comment on whether cases were conducted properly but not on case decisions made by referees. He had lobbied, however, to change the law relating to supervision of the referees.

In response to Councilor Van Bergen's questions, Councilor Knowles reviewed the candidate's extensive work history in working with the state legislature.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern the Council was not given enough time to evaluate the candidate's qualifications. Presiding Officer Ragsdale said when he first received notice from the Executive Officer of her wishes to hire Mr. McMurdo, he had set up the process for committee review of the confirmation. The Committee, as a part of that process, was now forwarding its recommendation for Council consideration. A discussion followed about whether the Council committee process had adequately involved all Councilors in the decision making processes. Councilor Kirkpatrick agreed with Councilor Van Bergen that in the case of confirming this position, the matter had moved too quickly for all Councilors to be involved.

Councilor Gardner said he would not support the resolution because of concerns about how the position would best serve both the Council and Executive Management Departments. He thought confirmation of the position should be required, rather than voluntary, and voting for Resolution No. 88-875 would ratify a system he did not support. He explained his position was no reflection of Mr. McMurdo's capabilities.

Presiding Officer Ragsdale reported that Councilor Kirkpatrick would soon introduce a resolution that would address Councilor Gardner's concerns.

Councilor Van Bergen said he would support the resolution because of his confidence in the Councilors who had reviewed the candidate's qualifications.

Vote: A vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 88-875 resulted in:

Ayes: Councilors Collier, Cooper, DeJardin, Hansen, Kelley, Knowles, Ragsdale, Van Bergen and Waker

Nays: Councilors Gardner and Kirkpatrick

Absent: Councilor Bonner

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 1988. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all nine Councilors present voting aye. Councilor Bonner, Cooper and Van Bergen were absent.

The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

7. CONSIDERATION OF CONTESTED CASE NO. 87-2: ANGEL PROPERTY

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Councilor Collier, to defer the matter to March 10, 1988.

Councilor Knowles explained when he learned Councilor Bonner would not be attending this meeting, he had determined there would not be enough votes to adopt an order in support of the hearings officer's findings or to adopt an ordinance in support of findings to amend the Urban Growth Boundary.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in all eleven Councilors present voting aye. Councilor Bonner was absent.

The motion carried.

8. RESOLUTIONS

REFERRED FROM THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

8.1 Consideration of Resolution No. 88-870, for the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Public Contracting Procedure Set Out in Metro Code Section 2.04.010 et seq. for the Purpose of Requesting Proposals from Hazardous Waste Management Firms to Handle the Recycling, Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes from a Metro-Sponsored Regional Collection Day

Presiding Officer Ragsdale, Chair of the Council Internal Affairs Committee, reported that at their meeting of February 25, the Committee had unanimously recommended the Council adopt the resolution. Vickie Rucker, Public Affairs Director, then summarized staff's written report.