

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING)	RESOLUTION NO. 88-890
FISCAL POLICIES AND NEEDS, AND)	
DECLINING TO SEEK A TAX BASE FOR)	Introduced by the
THE DISTRICT IN NOVEMBER 1988)	Council Planning and
		Development Committee

WHEREAS, The Council Planning and Development Committee is charged with developing a long-range plan for additional District functions and financial proposals; and

WHEREAS, The Committee is currently reviewing the District's long-range financial policies; and

WHEREAS, The Interim Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government is currently studying the structure, functions and authority of the District, the results of which may have substantial impact on the financial needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, The District submitted a tax base measure to the voters in May 1986 for Zoo, and regional policy-making and administration purposes, which was unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Zoo operations are adequately funded through June 30, 1990, by a three-year mixed property tax serial levy approved by the voters on March 31, 1987, and enterprise revenues; and


WHEREAS, The Executive Officer has initiated a cooperative effort with other local governments in the region (Metropolitan Government Finance Advisory Committee) to identify long-term financial needs and sources of revenue available to local governments to meet these needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District will continue to review its long-range financial policies and fiscal needs in cooperation with the Interim Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government and the Metropolitan Government Finance Advisory Committee.

2. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District will not submit a tax base measure to the voters at the November 1988 General election.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 24th day of April, 1988.



Corky Kirkpatrick,
Deputy Presiding Officer

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Memorandum

Agenda Item No. 8.2

Date: April 6, 1988

Meeting Date April 14, 1988

To: Metro Councilors

From: David Knowles, Chair
Planning and Development Committee

Regarding: COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 88-890,
REVIEWING FISCAL POLICIES AND NEEDS AND
DECLINING TO SEEK A TAX BASE FOR THE DISTRICT
IN NOVEMBER 1988

The Committee met on March 22 and unanimously recommended the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-890. Councilor Bonner was absent from the meeting.

8.2 Consideration of Resolution No. 88-890, for the Purpose of Reviewing Fiscal Policies and Needs and Declining to Seek a Tax Base for the District in November 1988

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-890. Councilor Collier seconded the motion.

Councilor Knowles, Chair of the Council Planning & Development Committee, reported the Committee recommended adoption of the resolution.

Councilor Van Bergen thought Metro should seek a tax base at every available opportunity because that type of funding was necessary for general service type governments. It would always be argued that "now is not a good time to seek a tax base," he said.

Executive Officer Cusma urged the Council to support Councilor Knowles' recommendation. Elections were expensive to conduct, she explained, and Metro should work at building its credibility before seeking a tax base.

Councilor DeJardin said he was surprised to read in the newspaper the Executive's announcement she would not seek a tax base. He noted the announcement almost precluded the Council's decision. He had hoped the Executive and Council could have made that decision together, he explained.

Executive Officer Cusma said she had been discussing the tax base issue for months. The newspaper article was a result of a direct response to a reporter's direct question, she said. It was her policy, she explained, to indicate to reporters when the Council had not yet decided on an issue.

8.3 Consideration of Resolution No. 88-904, for the Purpose of Authorizing a Public Contract with Chemical Processors, Inc. to Collect, Transport, Store, Recycle, Treat and Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste from a Collection Day to be Held by Metro on May 14, 1988

Councilor Hansen, Chair of the Council Solid Waste Committee and Vice Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, explained the Solid Waste Committee had approved staff's request for proposals process. The Presiding Officer had asked the Internal Affairs Committee to review the contract on April 14 in order to accommodate the project schedule. The Internal Affairs Committee recommended Council adoption of the resolution which would award the contract to Chemical Processors, Inc. The \$133,000 recommended contract sum would be adjusted depending on the actual amount of waste handled.