

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A TASK) RESOLUTION NO. 88-1017
FORCE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CONVENTION,)
TRADE AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES) Introduced by Presiding
) Officer Ragsdale and
) Councilor Knowles

WHEREAS, The Metro Council has adopted the Convention,
Trade and Spectator Facilities Master Plan which declares its intent
to establish a regional convention, trade and spectator facilities
governance system in part as follows:

"As a matter of regional policy there should be only one
operating commission for the regional inventory of major
public convention, stadium, arena and related trade
facilities. That commission will be responsible for
operating these facilities and will be directly
accountable to the Council of the Metropolitan Service
District."

WHEREAS, The Metro Council created the Metropolitan
Exposition-Recreation Commission (Commission) to operate the Oregon
Convention Center and gave it an initial charge in part to:

"make recommendations to the Council of appropriate action
regarding negotiations with local governments within the
district for the transfer of appropriate facilities or
operations to the Commission. The negotiations may
include but are not limited to the transfer of assets and
liabilities and operational responsibilities; transfer of
employees; revenue and expenditure requirements; and
schedules and charges and methods of determining charges."

WHEREAS, The City of Portland has expressed interest in
discussing the consolidation of convention, trade and spectator
facilities by preparing draft policies on consolidating the City's
Exposition-Recreation Commission operations with the Convention
Center; and

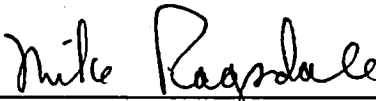
WHEREAS, The Metro Council supports discussion of consolidation of convention, trade and spectator facilities under the operation of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the metro Council creates a task force on consolidation of convention, trade and spectator facilities consisting of Mike Ragsdale (Chairman), Rena Cusma, David Knowles, Ted Runstein and Tom Walsh.

2. That the purpose of the task force is to assist the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission in the preparation of a consolidation plan and to guide the negotiations with other jurisdictions on consolidation.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 22nd day of November, 1988.



Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer

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Mr. Ted Runstein, Chair
Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission
707 S. W. Washington St., Suite 1330
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Dear Ted,

We have reviewed the chronology of consolidation issues prepared by Chris Thomas for the City of Portland. The events and communications described in the chronology create the impression that MERC has been relieved of its charge from the Council to lead the consolidation effort. We are writing to assure you that the policy of Metro, as stated in the Code provisions which establish MERC, is that the MERC is responsible for making recommendations to the Council on consolidation issues for Council approval.

The ordinance is very specific:

"6.01.090 Initial Charge to Commission: Following appointment of its members and during the time prior to the completion of construction of the convention center, the Commission shall do the following . . .

(b) Not later than September 1, 1988, report to the Council on the progress of, and make recommendations to the Council of appropriate action regarding negotiations with local governments within the district for the transfer of appropriate facilities or operations to the Commission. The negotiations may include but are not limited to the transfer of assets and liabilities and operational responsibilities; transfer of employees; revenue and expenditure requirements; and schedules and charges and methods of determining charges."

The Executive Officer's statements, including some we had no knowledge of, may have left the impression that MERC had been relieved of the responsibility set forth in Section 6.01.090. The Council has not acted to

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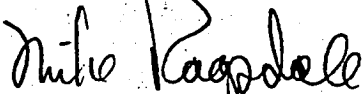
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rescind or amend this or any other provision of the MERC Code. Although the September 1, 1988, date has passed, consolidation remains a matter of the highest priority for the Council, and we urge the Commission to take an active role in making it happen.

To assist the Commission with its consolidation responsibility, the Council has appointed a task force consisting of Presiding Officer Ragsdale, Executive Officer Cusma, Councilor Knowles, Tom Walsh and you. The task force will assist MERC and its staff with the preparation of the recommendations and will guide the negotiations with other jurisdictions.

Please contact either of us if you would like to discuss these matters at greater length.

Sincerely,



Mike Ragsdale
Presiding Officer



Councilor David Knowles, Chair
Convention Center Committee

cc: Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission
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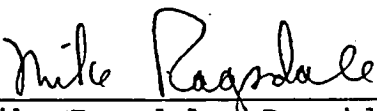
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