

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A) Resolution No. 90-1243
STUDY OF PERMANENT OPERATIONS) INTRODUCED BY THE
FUNDING FOR METRO ERC FACILITIES) COUNCIL CONVENTION
AND THE FEASIBILITY OF) AND VISITORS FACILITIES
CONSTRUCTING NEW SPORTS FACILITIES) COMMITTEE
AND DEFINING STUDY OBJECTIVES)

WHEREAS, In May of 1986 the Council of the Metropolitan Service District adopted the Convention, Trade, and Spectator Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, This Master Plan established the Metropolitan Service District as the lead agency for regional convention, trade, and spectator facilities; and

WHEREAS, This Master Plan contained recommendations that the District pursue development of both a new arena and and new stadium for the region; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1987, the Council of the Metropolitan Service District created the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission to operate the region's inventory of convention, trade, and spectator facilities; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1989, the Councils of the Metropolitan Service District and the City of Portland approved a Phase 1 consolidation agreement providing for the management of City Spectator and Performing Arts Facilities by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 consolidation is anticipated to lead to Metro assuming financial responsibility for the operation and maintenance of all Metro ERC facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Council needs additional information regarding new facilities and sources of revenue prior to considering Phase 2 of consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Financial studies of the consolidated system of facilities indicate that additional funding will be required within the next few years;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's proposed FY 1990-91 Budget includes a program to address the region's future spectator facility needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Council of the Metropolitan Service District authorizes the Executive Officer to undertake a planning, development and financing effort to address on-going issues related to the region's inventory of convention, trade, and spectator facilities, with the objectives stated below:

a. To develop information and foster community discussion regarding funding necessary to support the current system of Metro ERC facilities, including the Performing Arts Center, Civic Stadium, Memorial Coliseum and the Oregon Convention Center -- taking into account the impact new facilities may have on the existing facilities.

b. To develop information and foster community discussion so that the Council may evaluate interest in constructing a new arena, capable of serving as a new home for the Portland Trailblazers.

c. To develop information and foster community discussion so that the Council may evaluate interest in constructing a new stadium.


d. To develop information and foster community discussion so that the Council may evaluate interest in public funding for the arts.

2. Specific questions to be addressed in conduct of this work include:

- a. What is the long-term effect of no action?
- b. What is the public interest in additional funding for the Portland Center for the Performing Arts;
- c. What is the public interest in a new arena or stadium;
- d. What are the tangible or intangible benefits or detriments to the region from such new facilities;
- e. Will the new facilities be publicly or privately operated? What impact will new facilities - whether constructed and/or operated privately or publicly or in some public/private mix - have on the Civic Stadium and Memorial Coliseum, and on the current ability of the Coliseum to generate profits to support the Civic Stadium and Portland Center for the Performing Arts operating budgets;
- f. What is the cost to build and operate new facilities, and what is the equitable mix of public and private financing?
- g. If public funds are required for either capital or on-going operating support, what are the most equitable sources?
- h. Where should new facilities be located and what are the transportation and land use implications of alternative sites?
- i. What are the expectations of jurisdictions in the region regarding the funding of current Metro ERC facilities, as well as the funding and siting of any new facilities, and how are those expectations likely to affect support for alternative funding mechanisms.
- j. What is the recommended timing of construction of any new facilities, and what are the preconditions to construction?
- k. What legislative issues regarding financing and authority need to be addressed in the 1991 Legislature as a result of this program?

3. By subsequent resolution the Council shall establish a Task Force to advise staff in the conduct of this study and to develop recommended actions to take as a result of the study. The Task Force shall regularly report to the Convention Center Committee and the Metro ERC and shall present its final report to the Council no later than June 30, 1991. It is the Council's intent that the Task Force will represent a diversity of interests in terms of constituencies, jurisdictions, and points of view.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 24th day of May, 1990.



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

CONVENTION & VISITOR FACILITIES
COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-1243 AUTHORIZING A STUDY OF FUNDING
FOR METRO ERC FACILITIES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF
CONSTRUCTING NEW SPORTS FACILITIES AND DEFINING STUDY
OBJECTIVES

Date: May 17, 1990

Presented by: Councilor Knowles

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee at its April 4, 1990 meeting voted to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 90-1243. Councilors Buchanan and Knowles voted in favor of the motion; Councilor McFarland voted in opposition and Councilor Van Bergen abstained.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Councilor Knowles presented a draft resolution to the Committee for consideration. He indicated that the purpose of the resolution was to provide direction for the regional facilities and funding study that was included in the Executive Officer's Proposed Budget (the funds are included in the Council Approved Budget). Resolution No. 90-1243 does three things as follows:

1. Establishes the study objectives as follows: a) investigate long-term funding for the operation of the convention and spectator facility system; b) investigate the need for a new sports arena; c) investigate the need for a new stadium; d) and investigate long-term funding for the arts;
2. Sets out specific questions to be answered in the investigation to assure a comprehensive unbiased investigation so the Council and the community have adequate information on which to base any decisions which will be made on these matters; and
3. Requires an additional action by the Council to create a broad based task force to conduct the study and develop a final report to be submitted to the Council Convention and Visitor Facilities Committee and Metro ERC no later than June 30, 1991.

Councilor Knowles reiterated that there appears to be considerable interest in the community that these matters be addressed and that this resolution is an important vehicle for the Council to set the direction for the study.

Two Councilors (McFarland and Van Bergen) indicated that they were not convinced of the need to do the study at this time.

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