

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 1998

Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad (Presiding Officer) Ruth McFarland, Susan McLain, Patricia McCaig, Ed Washington, Don Morissette, Lisa Naito

Councilors Absent:

Presiding Officer Kvistad convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1.1 **Presiding Officer Kvistad** announced that the nominations for Council Presiding Officer for 1998 would be the first order of business. He explained that the presiding officer nomination would require a second and opened the floor for nominations.

Motion: **Councilor Washington** moved to nominate Councilor Kvistad for Presiding Officer.

Seconded: **Councilor Morissette** seconded the motion.

Discussion: **Councilor McFarland** asked where in the resolution was the Deputy Presiding Officer noted.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said the deputy presiding officer would be announced following the passage of the organizing resolution, it was an appointment by the presiding officer. He then called for further nominations. He called for a motion to close nominations.

Councilor Morissette asked if the first order of business was the election of the presiding officer and then the organizing resolution would be considered for council reorganization?

Presiding Officer Kvistad said that was correct. He then called for a voice vote of the council to close nominations. The council concurred. He noted the written ballot and asked the council to write their selection for presiding officer on the ballot and sign the ballot.

Councilor McLain asked to speak to the motion. She said she would be voting no on this motion. She felt that it was extremely important with the number of very crucial issues that were coming up quickly in the January to April 1998 time frame dealing with affordable housing, title 3, water quality and other issues that have to do with review of the Urban Growth Boundary that the Council needed a presiding officer willing to concentrate on Metro issues and to step up and provide leadership with local governments and regional citizens to a higher degree of clarity. Because of that the Council did have other opportunities to provide that type of leadership with other councilors who were willing to spend the time on the Metro issues so she was voting no today.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said once the votes were tallied that the Clerk to read the votes.

Councilor McCaig asked for a point of order indicating that she understood the whole reason for a written ballot was in order to make it a secret ballot. She felt that this was the point of having a written ballot, she suggested reading the results of the total.

Presiding Officer Kvistad directed the Clerk to read the total indicating that the vote became a public record following the announcement.

Councilor McFarland indicated that the secret ballot had been done several years ago. Upon the vote being taken, the record became a public record.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said the totals would be announced and the individual votes would become public record. It had been the custom of the council that the actual votes be written even though they were public record.

Councilor McCaig said regardless of whether the press liked it or not, she felt that the council was within their legal boundaries on organizing issues to take the ballots and not necessarily make them public. The council may decided to make them public but organizing issues were separate from other acts of the public body.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said the totals would be announced only.

Vote: The vote was 6 aye/ 1 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed with Councilor McLain voting nay.

Presiding Officer Kvistad thanked the council for their vote and presented the organizing resolution.

1.2 **Resolution No. 98-2595**, For the Purpose of Reorganizing the Metro Council for 1998.

Motion: **Councilor Washington** moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-2595.

Seconded: **Councilor Naito** seconded the motion.

Discussion: **Councilor Morissette** requested that Councilor McLain be alternate for the REM committee. He would like to work with his committee members to find a time suitable for Wednesday.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Kvistad announced the appointment of Councilor McFarland as his Deputy Presiding Officer for 1998.

Councilor McFarland accepted the appointment.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Art Lewellyn, 3205 SE 8th #9, Portland, OR reviewed the newest development of his LOTI plan. He believed that the South North Lightrail should remain on the east side of the river and not go into downtown Portland. There should be an electric bus system established for the mall and increase electric buses and streetcars use overall by saving the money that would be required to take the Lightrail over to the west side. He noted a drawing of an electric bus system in Kiev. He reviewed seven slides of his plan including the Lloyd Center, the Rose Quarter and the Macadam area. He showed how the overall streetcar and electric bus system could evolve. As this system would be expanded it would include PSU, OHSU, Barbur Blvd., Raleigh Hills and to the Beaverton area and north on I-5 to Kinton. The east bank alignment must be on the DEIS. He noted a regional map of his basic system including Oregon City and the airport extension.

Aleta Woodruff, Vice Chair of MCCI, 2143 NE 95th Place, Portland, OR 97221 said that MCCI's bylaws state that any nominees be approved by the Council. As Vice Chair and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee it was her hope to have these appointments confirmed hastily possibly at the Council's January 22nd meeting. If the resolution could be considered on this date this would allow only a brief four weeks before MCCI's all day retreat on February 21st at Kennedy McMenamins. At that retreat MCCI planned an orientation for the newly chosen members. MCCI regretted that this was not accomplished in December as the MCCI bylaws specified. She encouraged all haste.

Councilor McCaig said, for the record, the Government Affairs Committee did receive a list of recommendations of which nine were approved and adopted at the Council's last meeting in December. She thought that two had been held over.

Ms. Woodruff clarified that four nominees were held over. She asked if the committee still needed a personal interview with each candidate.

Councilor McFarland said she did not particularly need an interview. If someone felt it was important to interview the candidates she did not have a problem with this.

Presiding Officer Kvistad indicated that this issue would go to the Government Affairs Committee. They would then make a recommendation to the Council.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATION

Councilor McLain said that she had been in touch with MPAC members. One of the issues that they were concerned with was that both staff work and the Council work as well as review of issues that should go before Council and/or MPAC were done in a parallel way for expediency as well as efficiency. MPAC asked that there be a coordinating committee meeting on January 13th at 3:00 p.m. so that the 1998 agenda items could be coordinated. In the last three years, it had been done to a certain extent but MPAC had some very good ideas on how it might be improved.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration meeting minutes of the December 18, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt the meeting minutes of December 18, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded: **Councilor McFarland** seconded the motion.

Discussion: **Councilor Morissette** noted that Mr. Chandler first name was Jon not Bob as listed in the minutes.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

7. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

7.1 **Ordinance No. 98-721**, For the Purpose of Amending Ordinance No. 96-647C and 97-715B to revise Title 6 recommendations and requirements for regional accessibility.

Presiding Officer Kvistad assigned Ordinance No. 98-721 to the Growth Management Committee and Transportation Planning Committee.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 **Resolution No. 97-2589**, For the Purpose of Consenting to the Assignment by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry to the City of Portland of OMSI's Interest in the Parking Lot Adjacent to the Metro Washington Park Zoo.

Motion: **Councilor McFarland** moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-2589.

Seconded: **Councilor Morissette** seconded the motion.

Discussion: **Councilor McFarland** reviewed this resolution. OMSI had sold their building to the City of Portland. Previously OMSI, Metro and the Forestry Center all rented from the City. Now that OMSI had sold their interest to the city, they could no longer claim the parking, it automatically lapsed. Metro was agreeing to allow OMSI and City to do this. Whatever interest OMSI had in the parking would now go to the city along with the building which the city planned to use for a children's museum. She urged the Council's approval.

Councilor Morissette asked if the World Forestry Center was included in the decision.

Councilor McFarland added that they got to say yea or nay but this did not effect the amount that they owned.

Mr. Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, said that the World Forestry Center had already consented to this assignment by separate action of their board.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

9.1 **Resolution No. 98-2590**, For the Purpose of Authorizing Change Order No. 23 to the Contract for Waste Transport Services.

Presiding Officer Kvistad indicated that this resolution was taken off this agenda at the request of the REM Department. Mr. Gray still had documentation they planned to bring forward.

Councilor Morissette clarified that what the REM Committee wanted to do in bringing this before Council in a fast track fashion was to be prepared. They were not.

Councilor McFarland added that Jack Gray's words have sounded fine but the REM Committee wanted to see them written on paper and in time for the Council to review it. It was her hope that Council appreciated that the Committee said that if the paperwork was not in on time, the answer would be no if the Council was forced to vote. So they decided not to force the Council to vote.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said that this resolution would go back to REM and then come back to Council at the appropriate time.

10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Presiding Officer Kvistad announced that the Council committee times could be changed by the chairs of the committees. If there was to be a change please let Council staff know this by next week. Since there was no committees meeting prior to January 8th, there was no agenda items for January 15th, therefore the Metro Council meeting for that date was canceled. The next Council meeting would be January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. He also noted that January 29th was the fifth week of the month, therefore, the Metro Council would not have a meeting that date.

Councilor McLain invited the Councilors to the WRPAC meeting next Monday at 1:30 p.m., the third Monday of the month. They would be reviewing some of the work done by the subcommittee, work with MTAC and WRPAC on Title 3 issues and the Model Ordinance. This would be quickly upon the Council with a situation were the Council had been given notice of some of the workshops out in the Councilor's districts starting with the Hillsboro meeting on January 17th at the USA Water Treatment Plant. She encouraged the council to attend these meetings for citizen comments on review of Title 3.

Councilor Naito said she had been involved with the interviews along with the Foundation in support of the Zoo for the new Director position at the Zoo. They had had three interviews and had one more to go. She said that if the Council had any questions to please contact her. There were some excellent qualified candidates.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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