

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ) RESOLUTION NO. 93-1790  
OF COMPOSITION FOR METRO POLICY )  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ) Introduced by  
 ) Councilor Jim Gardner

WHEREAS, Metro's regional planning program requires a partnership with cities, counties, and citizens in the region; and

WHEREAS, That partnership has been described in Goal I of the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives, adopted September 21, 1991; and;

WHEREAS, Implementation of that partnership was intended to occur, in large part, through the creation of an ongoing Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) to advise and recommend actions to the Metro Council on ways to address areas and activities of metropolitan significance; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Charter requires a Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC); and

WHEREAS, A majority of the initial members of MPAC have approved this change in the membership composition of MPAC as authorized by Section 27(2) of the 1992 Metro Charter; and

WHEREAS, The 1992 Metro Charter requires approval of a majority of the Metro Council to complete a change in membership for MPAC; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council hereby concurs with the majority of initial members of MPAC that the membership of MPAC shall include all initial members as stated in

Section 27(1) of the 1992 Charter with the following additional member:

- 1 Representative of the State Agency Council
2. Consistent with MPAC's adopted By-Laws, three MPAC liaison delegates from the Metro Council will be those members appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Metro Council to serve as members and alternates on the RPAC.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of May, 1993.

  
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Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer

**STAFF REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 92-1790, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE OF COMPOSITION FOR METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 27, 1993

By: John Fregonese

**BACKGROUND**

The Metro Charter has created a Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Charter stipulates the committee's membership and representation. However, the MPAC, after discussion of the probable workings of the committee, has recommended that the MPAC membership be augmented by 1 representative of the State Agency Council and 3 Metro Councilors as liaison delegates. An action of this type must be acted on by both the MPAC and the Metro Council in order to have effect. At their February 10, 1993 meeting, MPAC considered the draft resolution and recommended to the Metro Council that it be adopted. In addition, they adopted By-Laws on March 24, 1993, which include 3 Metro Councilors as liaison delegates.

The Metro Council may wish to note that Ordinance 93-499, which amends the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO) to replace the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) with MPAC, is also proposed by MPAC for the Metro Council consideration. The effect of this resolution and proposed ordinance 93-499, if adopted, would be to add Metro Councilors as delegates to MPAC, dissolve RPAC and reflect the change from a joint Metro/local jurisdiction committee (RPAC) to a local jurisdiction advisory (MPAC) committee.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution 93-1790, approving a change of composition for the Metro Policy Advisory Committee.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 93-1790, APPROVING A CHANGE OF COMPOSITION FOR THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

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Date: May 14, 1993

Presented by: Councilor Devlin

Committee Recommendation: At the May 11 meeting, the Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1790. Voting in favor: Councilors Van Bergen, Kvistad, Devlin, Monroe, and Moore. Excused: Councilor Gates.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, gave the staff report. This resolution is a companion measure to Ordinance 93-499 which amends the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGO) to substitute the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) for the Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC). This resolution adds one voting member to MPAC from the State Agency Council, as was the case previously with RPAC. Under the resolution, the three Metro Councilors currently either serving as members or alternates to RPAC would become non-voting liaison members of MPAC.

Councilor Gardner explained that approving this resolution is the second piece of what the Charter requires to change the composition of MPAC. The first piece was the approval from MPAC on April 14, 1993, which was unanimous.

Committee discussion centered on the issue of Metro Councilors being allowed a vote. Councilor Moore asked about the level of Council participation compared to that experienced with RPAC. Councilor Gardner explained that the three Councilors would be allowed to be "at the table" participating in all conversation, rather than in the audience. It will be a new and different role for Councilors and could change the nature of the relationship between the entire Council with MPAC. Formerly there was more implied advocacy on RPAC decisions with voting Council members.

Councilor McLain explained that this decision was a compromise and that setting this composition doesn't mean it can never be changed. She reported that the group of Councilors interested in MPAC issues met and will report back in writing at the next meeting. John Fregonese, Growth Management Division Manager, will write the report.

Councilor Devlin commented that this compromise could be considered a positive step, even though Metro no longer completely controls the agenda. What it does mean is that MPAC will have a different relationship in the development of regional plans than RPAC. It also means that the Council, as a whole, will become a much more active participant in the process from the beginning, rather than

just a vote at the end of the process. He added, that the Council has the prerogative to leave RPAC as it is, but that if this should occur it would probably be boycotted by the local jurisdictions in favor of MPAC. MPAC wants the transition from RPAC to MPAC to occur.

Councilor Monroe cautioned the committee in believing that this action was "just a start that could be modified later". By adopting this resolution, the Council relinquishes its only "hammer" by abolishing RPAC. He doubts that MPAC will ever allow the Council full voting privileges. That aside, the new process should work effectively because it is rare that there is a split or swing vote. If such a vote does occur, it is probably in Metro's best interest not to be the deciding vote. This provides the Council an opportunity to develop better relationships with local government "friends", by acting in this liaison role.

Councilor Devlin added an argument that he had heard from Councilor Gates. When the Council becomes a seven member body, having three "voting" members, nearly a quorum, on MPAC would shift the amount of weight to decision making.

Following the unanimous vote, Andy Cotugno informed the committee that a request has been received from Clark County, Washington, for two seats on MPAC; one for the City of Vancouver; one for Clark County. He believes this to be positive sign - that the land use interests are interested in coordinating with this region. Councilor Monroe echoed this sentiment. No decision has been made regarding allowing any additional positions. Issues surrounding this decision include: 1) how many seats should be allowed; 2) whether a vote would be allowed; and 3) whether, if a vote is allowed, it should be restricted to decisions other than Metro taking on a new service.