

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING) RESOLUTION NO. 93-1836A
MEETING TIMES FOR THE COUNCIL)
AND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES) Introduced by Governmental
) Affairs Committee

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____, 1993.

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 93-1836A, ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR THE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES.

Date: August 20, 1993

Presented by: Councilor Gardner

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its August 19, 1993 meeting the Governmental Affairs Committee voted 3-1 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1836A. Voting in favor were Councilors Gardner, Hansen, and Moore. Councilor Gates voted in opposition. Councilor Wyers was excused.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Council Analyst Casey Short presented the staff report. He said the resolution to change Council and Council Committee meeting times was drafted at the direction of the Governmental Affairs Committee. The committee outlined the resolution's content at its August 5 meeting after hearing the results of a survey conducted by the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI), pursuant to a request from the Council that MCCI make a recommendation to Council on meeting times. The resolution would change committee meeting times to start at 4:30, and have Council meetings begin at 5:30. Items of significant public interest would be scheduled to begin at least 30 minutes after the start of a meeting, with the Presiding Officer or Committee Chair determining whether items were of significant public interest. The resolution would take effect October 1, 1993.

Councilor Gates said the Presiding Officer and another Councilor had requested this item be deferred until after Council's retreat in late September. The reasons for the request were a preference that any change in meeting times be effective in January rather than October, because the current schedule has been well publicized and patterns and schedules established; and that any schedule changes should be developed in consideration of other schedules.

Councilor Gardner pointed out a redundancy in Exhibit A. A sentence in paragraph two was covered in the Be It Resolved section of the resolution, and should be stricken. Mr. Short said that was an editing error on his part, and the committee agreed that the sentence would be stricken from the final resolution.

Councilor Gardner said a delay until after September would be an example of bureaucratic inertia. If the Council waited until January to enact this change, it would be a full year for this item to be enacted. He said there had been enough discussion of this issue, and it was time to move forward with it.

Councilor Devlin said he would have a conflict between the meeting times of MPAC and the Finance Committee if the resolution

were adopted. He said he may draft an amendment relative to the Finance Committee, but he supports the rest of the resolution.

Councilor Gates said he has a conflict between the Governmental Affairs Committee and both the Oregon City Enhancement Committee and FOCUS.

Councilor Moore said this item has already been considered for a long time, with much discussion and testimony having taken place. The MCCI has completed its report, the retreat schedule is already heavy, and she didn't want to delay this issue to consider it at the retreat. She moved that the committee recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Councilor Gates asked the opinions of Councilors McFarland and Van Bergen, who were in attendance. Councilor McFarland said there's nothing wrong with considering this issue, but the problem is that others schedule around the Council and committees; a change at this time might be disruptive. She said she would prefer to take it up at the beginning of the year, but there is no reason the Council can't take it up if it chooses.

Councilor Van Bergen said he would prefer all meetings begin at 5:30 rather than 4:00 or 4:30. He prefers an early afternoon or early evening schedule over a late afternoon schedule because late afternoons disrupt both the afternoon and evening. He added that this issue should be decided with the election of the Presiding Officer in January.

Councilor Hansen said the Council could vote on this anytime, but the issue was determining the effective date. At Councilor Gates' request, she moved an amendment to have the effective date be January 1, 1994. Mr. Short pointed out that a January effective date would effectively become moot because the Council will adopt an organizing resolution in January that would supersede this resolution. The amendment failed on a 0-4 vote.

The committee then voted on the main motion. Councilor Gates explained his "no" vote, saying he thinks this ought to be done in concert with other items later. He would support a change in meeting times with a January effective date.

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