

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 94-1939
LEGAL SERVICES FOR OPINION ON	)	
COUNCIL CONTRACTING AUTHORITY	)	Introduced by Governmental
	)	Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, The lines of authority are not clear between the Council and the Executive Officer regarding approval of contracts and amendments to existing contracts; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council would like clarification of the authorities of the Council and the Executive Officer on contracting matters pursuant to the provisions of the 1992 Metro Charter; and

WHEREAS, Metro's General Counsel is normally requested to provide legal opinions for the agency, but in cases of questions involving the division of powers of the Council and the Executive Officer as established by the Metro Charter the General Counsel may be precluded from giving advice; and

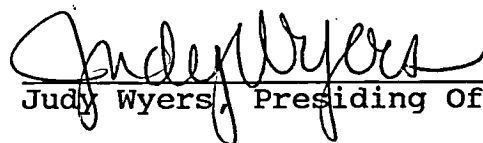
WHEREAS, The General Counsel is authorized to employ outside legal counsel on behalf of the Council; and

WHEREAS, The Council recognizes that appropriate budget adjustments will need to be made once costs are known; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council authorizes the General Counsel, pursuant to the provisions of Metro Code Section 2.08.070(b), to employ outside legal counsel acceptable to the Presiding Officer and Chairs of the Governmental Affairs and Finance Committees to advise the Council regarding its authority under the 1992 Metro Charter to control the approval of contracts and contract amendments.

Adopted by the Metro Council this 24th day of March, 1994.

  
Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer